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WHOLE NO. 20

MacArthur First Day Jan. 26 At Norfolk



The U. S. Postal Service will issue the General Douglas MacArthur commemorative stamp January 26, 1971 in Norfolk, Va. The announcement is made by Postmaster General Winton M. Elount who previously revealed plans to issue the six-cent comm. January 26 marks the 91st birthday anniversary of General MacArthur who is buried in Norfolk where a MacArthur Memorial Foundation has been established.

The MacArthur regular size commemorative is vertical and was printed on the Giori press in red, blue and black with the portrait based on a Wide World photo that was taken in 1944 aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress during an inspection trip over New Guinea.

The stamp was engraved by Arthur W. Dintaman (vignette) and Kenneth C. Wiram (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The portrait is black and white with "6c US" in right in red, and across the bottom in blue "Douglas MacArthur." The MacArthur commemorative was designed by Paul Calle.

The issuance of the MacArthur stamp was announced in the Masonic Stamp Collector in whole No. 17. The Masonic information of General MacArthur can also be found in that issue.

The Masonic Cover Club will issue two covers. The cachet on one of the covers is illustrated on the front page. The other cover will be the regular series of a write-up cachet.

GOD ON STAMPS

In a recent issue of Linn's Stamp News there appeared an item entitled "God on United States Stamps, 1928-1969." This item was prepared by Waldo Emriok of Houston, Texas. His research of God on United States postage stamps shows eight stamps have been issued from 1928 to 1969, and all eight were issued during spring and summer, all of the mottoes consist of four words, except one, and that one is a 4-cent stamp. He also observes that the Apollo 8 commemorative is the eighth stamp and was issued eight years after the last one using the name of God in its design. It is an interesting item and one that could be included in ones Masonic collection.

"The motto "In God We Trust" was first inscribed on a U. S. coin in 1864. 64 years later this same statement was declared the first time on a United States postage stamp.

"A beautiful commemorative postage stamp was unveiled in Houston in impressive ceremonies. Called APOLLO 8, it is the 8th United States stamp on which the Name of God has appeared. The first was the Valley Forge commemorative of 1928; the second was the Telegraph Centenary commemorative which proclaimed 'What Hath God Wrought!'



"Today we are thankful, not only for the scientific knowledge which has been gained by the flight of Apollo 8, but we are grateful that men of courage who have deep faith in God, made that journey in space and shared with us the most magnificent moment of our lifetime. As they read from the Book of Genesis on Christmas eve, 69 miles beyond the moon, we were dramatically reminded of the profound fact of the ages: In the beginning God ..."

BASEBALL STAMPS - AJMAN ISSUE

Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York, advised that in 1969, Ajman issued a set of 5 "stamps" and one "airpost" to commemorate the All-time Greats of Baseball featuring the game's greatest sluggers: Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner, George Sisler, Stan Musial and Joe DiMaggio. Cobb, Wagner and Sisler were all Masons. There will be no numbers available as they are not recognized by Scott's as most of Ajman stamps do not have postal use but rather to exploit collectors. Nevertheless, since three Masons are depicted thereon, for the record we list them.

TYRUS R. "TY" COBB - Member of Baseball Hall of Fame. b. Dec. 18, 1886 in Narrows, Banks Co., Ga. Played with the Detroit American League team from 1905 until 1926 and with Philadelphia from 1927-28. He led the American League in batting 12 times and created or equalled more major league records than any other ball player. He retired with 419 major league hits. His all-time high batting average for lifetime is .369. He was one of the first four elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame. He is a member of Royston Lodge No. 426 (now No. 52), joining in 1907 at the age of 21. He received his 32nd AASR (NJ) in Detroit on Jan. 25, 1912. He was elected honorary life member of City of Straights Lodge No. 452, Detroit, on May 7, 1921. Joined Mos lem Shrine Temple, Detroit, in 1912. A Shrine class was named for him in Newark, N. J. in Dec. 1955. His father, Wm. H. Cobb, was master of Royston Lodge No. 426 from 1899 to 1903 and organized a fine fellow-craft team that traveled over Georgia.

JOHN "HONUS" WAGNER - Original member of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Coopers-town, N. Y. b. Feb. 24, 1874 at Carnegie, Pa. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Pirate National League team from 1900-17. Previous to that he had played three years with the Louisville team. He was probably the greatest shortstop in baseball history, and some claim him to be the greatest player. He was known as "Honus", "Hans" and "The Flying Dutchman." When he retired in 1917, he had scored more runs, made more hits and stolen more bases than any other player in the history of his league. A life member of Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie, Pa., he received the degrees on March 17, April 21, May 19, 1919. d. Dec. 6, 1955.

G. H. "GEORGE" SISLER - Member of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Coopers-town, N. Y. He was a member of Lodge No. 550 in Missouri.

HONORE IV OF MONACO

Honore' IV of Monaco was born in 1758 and died in 1810. In France he served as a captain in the "Cent Suisses", the crack regiment of 100 Swiss forming the bodyguard of Louis XVI which played such a dramatic role in the riotous days of the French Revolution.

In 1793 the Grimaldi dynasty was deprived of its rights and the Principality of Monaco was annexed to France. In 1814 Honore' V was rehabilitated.

Honore' IV was a Mason and was in 1786, one of the founders of the "La Bonne Union Lodge" in Rethel-Mazarin, a place in the north of France, presumably one of the many military Lodges.

Stamp: Monaco, Scott #B70.

Submitted by Wessel M. Ians, The Netherlands and appeared in The Masonic Philatelist.

CHECKLIST OF MASONIC FIRST DAY COVERS

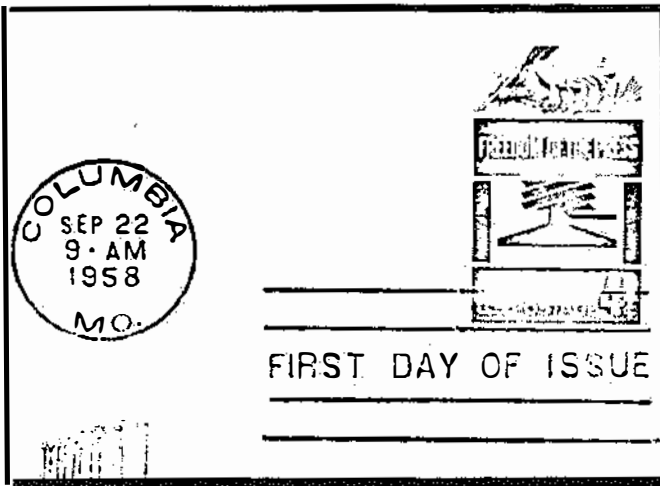
The following is a checklist of Masonic first day covers as compiled by Bro. Richard M. Needham, Lancaster, Ohio. It is an excellent reference for your Masonic cover collection. Many of our members collect Masonic first day covers and this list will enable them to determine the covers missing from their collection.

Scott #	Person or Event	Cachet Name	Postmark Date	Place
778	IIIrd Internat'l Phil. Exh. (TIPEX)	MSCNY	May 9, 1936	NYC
854	Sesqui Geo. Washington taking Oath of Office of President	MSCNY	Apr 30, 1939	NYC
947	IVth International Phil. Ex. (CIPEX)	"	May 17, 1947	NYC
948	Same - Souvenir Sheet	"	May 19, 1947	NYC
UC17	Same - Embossed airmail	"	May 21, 1947	NYC
C40	Bi-centennial, Alexandria, Va.	"	May 11, 1949	Alex. Va.
988	Samuel Gompers	MAHDEEN	Jan 27, 1950	D.C.
989	Statue of Freedom (D.C. Sesqui.)	"	Apr 20, 1950	D.C.
994	Kansas City, Mo. Centenary	"	Jun 3, 1950	K.C. Mo.
990	The White House (D.C. Sesqui.)	"	Jun 12, 1950	D.C.
995	Dan C. Beard (Boy Scouts 40th)	"	June 30, 1950	Valley F.
991	Supreme Court (D.C. Sesqui.)	"	Aug 2, 1950	D.C.
992	National Capitol Bldg. (D.C. Sesqui.)	"	Nov 22, 1950	D.C.
998/85	UCV Final Encampment/GAR Final	"	May 30, 1951	Norfolk
999	Nevada Terr. Settlement	"	Jul 14, 1951	Genoa
1000	Detroit, 250th ann. founding	"	Jul 24, 1951	Detroit
1001	Colorado Statehood, 75th ann.	"	Aug 1, 1951	Minturn
1002	American Chemical Society (75th)	"	Sep 4, 1951	NYC
1003	Battle of Brooklyn (175th Ann.)	"	Dec 10, 1951	Brooklyn
UX38	First Day of 2¢ rate (B. Franklin)	"	Jan 1, 1952	Lancaster, O.
1004	Betsy Ross (Bi-centennial of birth)	"	Jan 2, 1952	Phila.
1005	The 4-H Clubs (Albert B. Graham)	"	Jan 15, 1952	Springf. O.
1006	B. & O. RR. (125th ann.)	"	Feb 28, 1952	Baltimore
1007	A.A.A. (Golden ann.)	"	Mar 4, 1952	Chicago
1008	N. A. T. O.	"	Apr 4, 1952	D.C.
1009	Grand Coulee Dam	"	May 15, 1952	G. Coulee
1010	Marquis de Lafayette	"	Jun 13, 1952	G'town, SC
1011	Mt. Rushmore (25th ann.)	"	Aug 11, 1952	Keystone, SD
1014	Holy Bible (500th ann. printing)	"	Sep 30, 1952	D.C.
1016/702	International Red Cross (J. Dunant)	"	Nov 21, 1952	NYC
1016/967	Same with Clara Barton (O.E.S.)	"	Nov 21, 1952	NYC
1017	National Guard (Lafayette)	"	Feb 23, 1953	D.C.
1018	Ohio Statehood (Sesqui.) (Sciote Lodge)	"	Mar 2, 1953	Chillicothe
1018	Ohio Statehood (Masonic Bodies, Lan.)	"	Mar 2, 1953	Chillicothe
1018	Ohio Statehood (M. Z. Kreider)	"	Mar 2, 1953	Chillicothe
1019	Washington Territory Centenary	"	Mar 2, 1953	Olympia
1020	Louisiana Purchase (Rob't Livingston)	"	Apr 30, 1953	St. Louis
C47	Powered Flight ("Hap" Arnold)	"	May 29, 1953	Dayton, O.
1022	American Bar Ass'n (75th ann.)	"	Aug 4, 1953	Boston
1023	Sagamore Hill (Ted Roosevelt)	"	Sep 14, 1953	Oyster Bay
1027	NYC Tercentenary (R. Livingston)	"	Nov 20, 1953	NYC
1028	Gadsden Purchase Centennial	"	Dec 30, 1953	Tucson, Ar
1029	Columbia University Bi-centennial	"	Jan 4, 1954	NYC
1041	Statue of Liberty (Bartholdi 8¢)	"	Apr 9, 1954	D.C.
1060	Nebraska Terr. centennial (Chivington)	"	May 7, 1954	Nebr. City
1061	Kansas Terr. centennial (R.R. Rees)	"	May 31, 1954	Ft. Leaven.

1035	Statue of Liberty 3¢ regular	MARDEN	June 24, 1954	Albany, NY
1063	Lewis & Clark Sesqui.	"	July 28, 1954	Sioux City
1031	Washington 1¢ regular	"	Aug. 26, 1954	Chicago
1038	Monroe 5¢ regular	"	Dec. 2, 1954	Fredericksb.
1064	Chas. W. Peale	"	Jan. 15, 1955	Phila.
1066	Rotary International 50th ann.	"	Feb. 23, 1955	Chicago
1068	Great Stone Face Sesqui. (Sullivan)	"	Jun. 21, 1955	Franconia
1069	Soo Locks Centennial (Lewis Cass)	"	June 28, 1955	Soo, Mich.
1050	John Marshall 40¢ regular	"	Sep. 24, 1955	Richmond, Va
1031	Ben Franklin 1/2¢ regular	"	Oct. 20, 1955	D.C.
1039	Theodore Roosevelt (6¢ Regular)	"	Nov. 18, 1955	N.Y.C.
1039	Theodore Roosevelt (6¢ regular)	"	Nov. 18, 1955	A.S.D.A.Sta.
1072	Andrew Mellon (birth centenary)	"	Dec. 20, 1955	D.C.
1073	Ben Franklin 250th ann. birth	"	Jan. 17, 1956	Phila.
1032	Mount Vernon (1 1/2¢ regular)	"	Feb. 22, 1956	Mt. Vernon
1074	75th Anniv. Tuskegee Inst. (B.T. Washington)	"	Apr. 5, 1956	Va.
1075	Vth Internat'l Philatelic Exh. (FIPEX)	"	Apr. 28, 1956	NYC
1043	The Alamo (Travis & Crockett) 9¢ reg.	"	Jun. 14, 1956	San Antonio
1044	Independence Hall 10¢ regular	"	Jul. 4, 1956	Phila.
1081	Wheatland (Buchanan Home)	"	Aug. 5, 1956	Lancas. Pa.
1082	Labor Day (Sam Gompers)	"	Sep. 3, 1956	Camden, NJ
1083	Nassau Hall (J. Belcher)	"	Sep. 30, 1956	Princeton
1084	Devil's Tower (Thos. Patterson)	"	Sep. 24, 1956	D.T. Wyo.
1086	Alexander Hamilton	"	Jan. 11, 1957	NYC
1089	American Inst. of Architects (Inscho)	"	Feb. 23, 1957	NYC
1092	Oklahoma Statehood 50th anniv.	"	June 14, 1957	Okl. City
1094	"Old Glory" (Washington) 1st 4¢ cstamp	"	July 4, 1957	D.C.
C49	U.S. Air Force 50th anniv.	"	Aug. 1, 1957	D.C.
1097	Lafayette birth bi-centenary	"	Sep. 6, 1957	Fayetteville
"	"	"	"	Eston, Pa.
"	"	"	"	L'ville, Ky.
1100	Gardening & Horticultural Clubs (Bailey)	"	Mar. 15, 1958	Ithaca, NY
1048	Paul Revere 25¢ regular	"	Apr. 18, 1958	Boston
1105	James Monroe birth bi-centenary	"	Apr. 28, 1958	Montross, Va.
1115	Lincoln-Douglas Debate	"	Aug. 27, 1958	Freeport, Ill
1110	Champion of Liberty (Simon Bolivar) 4¢	"	Jul. 24, 1958	D.C.
1111	Champion of Liberty (Simon Bolivar) 8¢	"	Jul. 24, 1958	D.C.
1117	Champion of Liberty (Lajos Kossuth) 4¢	"	Sep. 18, 1958	D.C.
1118	Champion of Liberty (Lajos Kossuth) 8¢	"	Sep. 18, 1958	D.C.
1119	Freedom of Press (Walter Williams)	"	Sep. 22, 1958	Columbia, Mo.
1120	Overland Mail (Wm. F. Cody)	"	Oct. 10, 1958	Frisco, Ca.
1122	Forest Conservation (T. Roosevelt)	"	Oct. 27, 1958	Tucson, Ar.
1114/13	Cooper Union Centenary (G. Borglum)	"	Feb. 27, 1959	NYC
1124	Oregon Statehood Centenary	"	Feb. 14, 1959	Astoria, Or.
1124	Oregon Statehood Centenary	"	Feb. 14, 1959	Lancas. Or.
1125	Champion Liberty (Jose deSan Martin) 4¢	"	Feb. 25, 1959	D.C.
1126	Champion Liberty (Jose deSan Martin) 8¢	"	Feb. 25, 1959	D.C.
1037	The Hermitage (Andy Jackson) 4 1/2¢ reg.	"	Mar. 16, 1959	Hermitage, Tn
1128	Arctic Explorations (Bob Peary)	"	Apr. 6, 1959	Cresson, Pa.
1059	The Hermitage, 4 1/2¢ coil line pair	"	May 1, 1959	Denver, Colo
1034	Bunker Hill (Joseph Warren) 2 1/2¢ reg.	"	June 17, 1959	Boston
1132	49-star Flag (Alaska-Jim Wickersham)	"	July 4, 1959	Auburn, NY
1132/800	49-star Flag " "	"	July 4, 1959	"
1134	Oil Industry centenary (Ed. Drake)	"	Aug. 27, 1959	Titusville, F
1056	Bunker Hill (Warren) 2 1/2¢ coil reg.	"	Sep. 9, 1959	Los Angeles
1145	Boy Scouts 50th anniversary (Dan Beard)	"	Feb. 8, 1960	D.C.

(To be continued)

WALTER WILLIAMS



Freedom of Press Issue
Scott #1119

In 1958 the U.S. Post Office Dept. issued this stamp, Scott #1119, in honor of Journalism and freedom of the press in connection with the 50th anniversary of the first School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. The founder in 1908 of this famous Journalism School was Walter Williams.

Although he never received an academic degree, he was President of the University of Missouri, 1931-35. b. July 2, 1864 in Boonville, Mo., he learned the printer's trade following high school. He was editor and part owner of the Boonville Advertiser, 1884-89; editor of the Columbia Herald, 1890-98; established The Country Editor (monthly) in 1895; editor of the St. Louis Presbyterian, 1897-99; Daily State Tribune, Jefferson

City, 1898-1902. He became dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri and professor of history and principles of journalism in 1908. He was president of Missouri Press Assn. in 1889; president of National Editorial Assn., 1895; president for North America of the International Press Congress, 1902; organizer and secretary of World's Press Parliament, St. Louis, 1904; first president of Press Congress of the World, 1915-25; chairman of World's Press Council; first president of American Assn. Schools and Depts. Journalism, 1916. He is the author of many standard books on Missouri history and history of journalism in particular.

Walter Williams was a member of Twilight Lodge No. 114, Columbia Chapter No. 17, R.A.M. and St. Graal Commandery No. 12, K.T. all of Columbia, Mo. He was 33° AASR (SJ). d. July 29, 1935.

THE ARMY STAMP



The army commemorative stamp issued in 1945, Scott #934, has a design consisting of a procession of United States troops passing by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris with an escort of six large bombers overhead. It is a matter of record that the soldiers shown in this design were members of the 28th Infantry Division commonly called the "Keystone Division." The commanding general of the 28th division was Major General NORMAN D. COTA.

Gen. Cota was born May 30, 1893 at Chelsea, Mass. Graduated U.S. Military Academy in 1917 and advanced through grades to major general. In October 24, 1917, he was raised in Robert Lash Lodge of Chelsea, Mass, and received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Army Bodies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

When the 28th Division marched through Paris, it was reviewed by Lieutenant General OMAR BRADLEY.

General Bradley became a 5-star General. b. Feb. 12, 1893 at Clark, Mo.

Graduated from West Point in 1915; Infantry School, 1925; Command and General Staff School, 1929; and Army War College, 1934; He has since received honorary LL.B. and other degrees from 20 institutions of higher learning. Advanced from 2nd Lieut. in 1915 to brigadier general, 1941; major general, 1942; lieut. general, 1943; general, 1945 and general of the army, 1950. In WW2 he commanded the 2nd Corps in the Northern Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns; the 1st U.S. Army in the Normandy campaign and the 12th Army Group in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany. He was chief of staff, U.S. Army 1948-49 and chairman U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1949-53. In 1945-47 he was administrator of Veterans Affairs. Since 1953 he was chairman of the board of Bulova Research and Development Labs., Inc.

General Oman Bradley was raised in West Point Lodge No. 877, Highland Falls, N. Y. in 1923.

THE ALEXANDRIA STAMP

In 1949 the Post Office Dept. issued a 6¢ airmail stamp, Scott #C40, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Alexandria, Virginia.



The city of Alexandria has many places of interest to Masons, such as the Masonic Lodge of which George Washington was the first Master; the homes of "Light Horse" Harry Lee and Dr. James Craik, both Masons.

Washington was its representative in the House of Burgesses, founded its fire department and first free school, owned a pew and attended services in its Episcopal Church. Here he held his last military review, cast his last vote and gave his last military command. Alexandria physicians ministered to his last wants, and Alexandria Masons performed his funeral service.

Here stands the magnificent marble memorial building erected by the Craft to perpetuate the importance of this city in the minds of all Masons whithersoever dispersed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

300 Clifford G. Battey, 166 Rifle Range Road, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
301 George N. Ricks, 3117 Beaulieu St., Metairie, La. 70001

NEW ISSUES

U.S., Scott No. 1411, United Nations issue (Arthur H. Vanderberg)
Argentina, Scott No. 927, Gen. Manuel Belgrano
Central African Republic, Scott No. C78, Franklin D. Roosevelt
Dahomey, Scott No. C129-130, Ludwig van Beethoven bicentenary of birth
Greece, Scott No. 1001, Ludwig van Beethoven
Liberia, Scott Nos. 525-530, Paintings of Napoleon

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

BE IT REMEMBERED that at a Grand Annual Communication of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, begun and holden at the City of New-Orleans, on *Monday, the 15th day of January A. D. 1832.* the following Brethren who had been duly elected and appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, were installed and proclaimed as such, to wit:—

M. W.	<i>John Henry Holland,</i>	Grand Master,
R. W.	<i>Auguste Douce,</i>	Deputy Grand Master,
W.	<i>Seth W. Nye,</i>	Senior Grand Warden,
	<i>Thomas Bliss,</i>	Junior Grand Warden,
	<i>Francis Dissard,</i>	Grand Secretary,
	<i>Alexander Philips,</i>	Grand Treasurer,
	<i>Peter Houle,</i>	Grand Chaplain,
	<i>Ferdinand Gayarré,</i>	} Grand Intendants or Stewards,
	<i>Acme Perdreauville,</i>	
	<i>J. J. Morier,</i>	Grand Master of Ceremonies,
	<i>Robert Proulx,</i>	Grand Marshall,
	<i>Balthazar Plauche,</i>	Senior Grand Deacon,
	<i>Daniel Goodman,</i>	Junior Grand Deacon,
	<i>J. B. F. Gignel,</i>	Grand Pursuivant.

And that the signatures here under-written, are the proper hand writing of the respective officers subscribing the same.

Signature of the M. W. Grand Master,

Signature of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master,

Signature of the W. Senior Grand Warden,

Signature of the Junior Grand Warden,

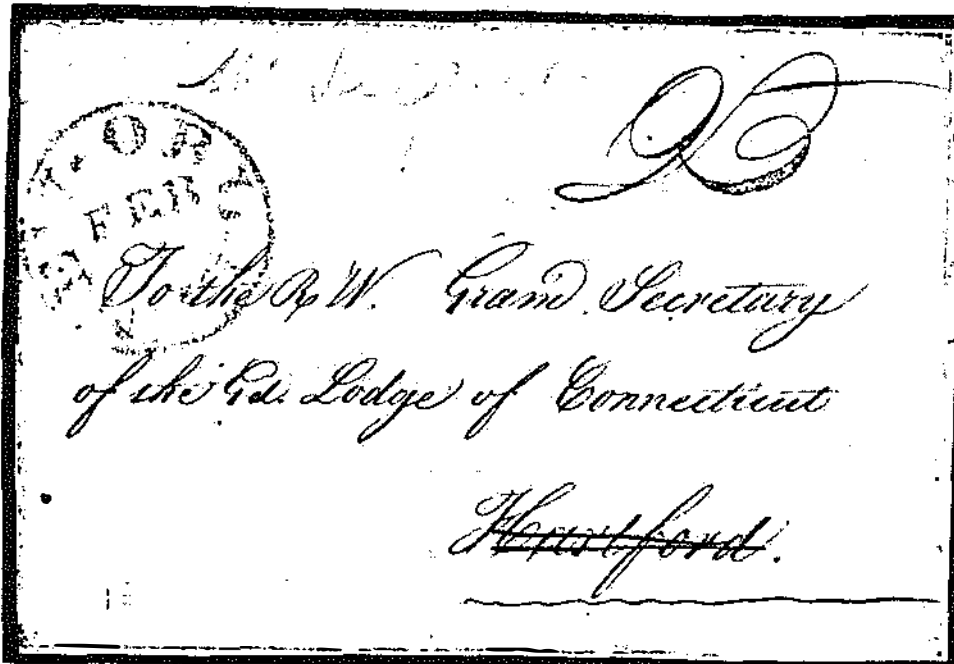
Signature of the Grand Treasurer,

John Henry Holland
Auguste Douce
Seth W. Nye
Thomas Bliss
Alexander Philips

In Testimony Whereof, I have signed these presents, and affixed the seal of the said Grand Lodge, at New-Orleans, Louisiana, this *18th day of January A. D. 1832, O. A. D. 1832*

Dissard
 GRAND SECRETARY.

JOHN HENRY HOLLAND
GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA



The opposite page depicts the inside of the above folded stampless cover containing the annual communication pertaining to the new elective Grand Officers, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, January 15, 1832.

This cover is addressed to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at Hartford in error instead to New Haven, Conn. where the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was located. The cancellation measures 32 mm. and was used from 1826 to 1832. 25¢ postage was the rate per single letter over 400 miles.

You will note the Grand Secretary's office completed all the names of the new Grand Officers on the upper part of the communication, however, the actual signatures of the first five Grand Officers appearing on the lower part. The Grand Master elected was M.W. Bro. John Henry Holland, often called the "Father of Louisiana Masonry."

John Holland was a Louisiana lawyer, who as grand master of Louisiana received General Lafayette in that grand lodge. b. May 23, 1785 in Hartford, Conn., he settled in New Orleans early in life, and practiced law in that city. He was active in every branch and rite. He became grand master of Louisiana in 1825, and, by virtue of that office, was also grand high priest, serving in both capacities for 12 years. He presided at the convention which organized the Grand Council R. & S. M. of La. in 1856, and was the first grand master, holding that office the remainder of his life. For many years he was commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, K.T., and under proxy from Benjamin French organized the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, and became its first grand prelate. He was grand commander of the consistory established by the Cerneau group, and through his efforts, it was enrolled under the Mother Supreme Council at Charleston. He issued the charter for the establishment of first Lodge in Texas, January 27, 1836, which bears his name, Holland Lodge No. 36 (now No. 1) and two other lodges. From these the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed April 6, 1838. d. March 29, 1864.

The above cover is the proud possession in the Masonic Postal History collection of Nicholas G. Koutroulis.

MASONIC POSTAL HISTORY

WEATHERS LODGE NO. 390, WHEELERVILLE, ALABAMA

July 21, 1882

Manuscript Cancellation on 1870 - 3c Issue

Weathers Lodge.
Wesobulga Clay County

Wheelerville Ala.
7-21

To Dan
Gran

This is
William
Sand
how to
Brother

356
Alabama

1876

Weathers Lodge

289

To Daniel Sayre
Grand Secy
Montgomery

Thomas

St. James Montg.
off in 75

James M. Miller
Mps - 1865

\$17.00

Charter no. 309 men

Representation, they wish
Lodge, By Order of
Samu

The 3c postage rate per 1/2 oz. was in effect until Oct. 1, 1883. The Post Office of Wheelerville no longer exists. Backstamped Montgomery, July 25.

Letter addressed to Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama. Secretary of Weathers Lodge inquiries how three members of another lodge whose charter was forfeited in 1876, could affiliate with this lodge. Notations on the cover are by the Grand Secretary as to the standing of the three members with the Grand Lodge.

Weathers Lodge No. 390 is still in existence. The town of Wheelerville was changed to Cragford and the name of the Wesobulga Clay County was changed to Clay County.

From the collection of Nicholas G. Koutroulis.