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FROM THE EDITOR

This is really something. Two issues in one month. I thought it is about time that I catch up and bring the Masonic Stamp Collector to date. For the time being things have slowed down some and I am taking advantage of it. In addition to catching up with the MSC I have as many other things to do such as work on my collections. Maybe I will have the time to prepare an exhibit for the San Antonio show in August.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

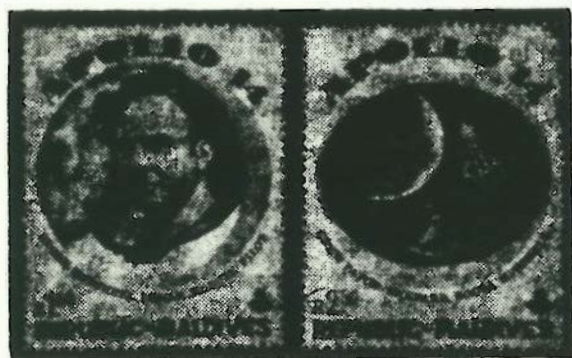
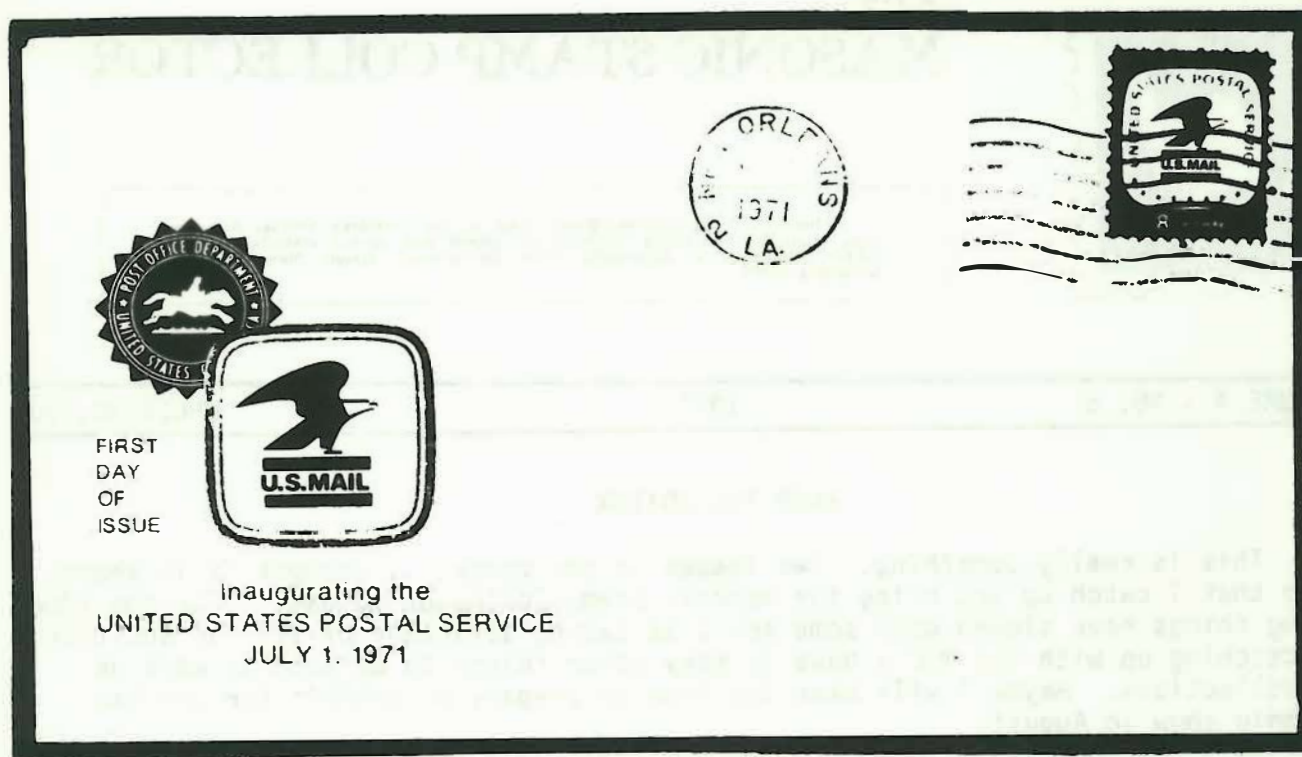
July 1, 1971, saw the beginning of a new era for our postal system. The United States Post Office department faded into history after nearly 200 years of service. The United States Postal Service, an independent establishment of the government formed to meet the changing needs of our growing society. Let's hope that the service of the postal service, which has been deteriorating during the past years, will improve considerably.

To celebrate the inauguration of the new organization, the USPS issued an 8¢ postage stamp on July 1 and provided with a free First Day Cachet cover for the event with first day issue in every Post Office in the United States. Many celebrations took place in the larger post offices throughout the country as well.

The cover shown on the next page is a typical first day of issue cover (cancelled at New Orleans). Your editor is trying to obtain as many first day of issue cancellations from different cities as possible. He will exchange with anyone who has first day covers of this issue from his hometown. It is not necessary that the cover be a Post Office issue. Plain envelope with the USPS stamp and first day town cancel (July 1) will be sufficient. If you have a first day cover from your city and would like to exchange with one from New Orleans please let me know. Sure would like to have some different town cancellations. Your help will be appreciated.

NEED NEW MEMBERS

The nucleus of an organization is its membership. The same applies to the Masonic Stamp Unit. We must have enough members on the rolls in order to meet the everyday rising in printing costs and postage rates. Please help. If every member gets a member just think how nice it would be. Your cooperation in getting a new member in our Unit will be appreciated.



EDGAR MITCHELL

The Maldives Islands will salute Apollo 14 sometime during July by adding the above illustrations. The set includes four values. Besides Edgar Mitchell the other two astronauts are included as well. It was reported in last issue that Edgar Mitchell is also shown on stamps of Romania, Hungary and Togo. Scott numbers on above issues will be published when available.

Edgar Mitchell is a member of Artesia Lodge No. 28, Artesia, New Mexico.

PAUL REVERE

Pau Revere was a metalsmith and Revolutionary patriot. b. Jan. 1, 1735 in Boston, the son of a French Huguenot refugee and silversmith. His father died when Paul was 19, but he had already learned the trade as an apprentice and continued his father's business. Served in French and Indian Wars as a lieutenant of artillery In 1776 when the British evacuated Boston, he joined a regiment of artillery raised to protect that city. He took part in the famous Boston Tea Party of 1773, which seemed to have been promulgated by his own lodge, St. Andrews of Boston. He was appointed official courier for the Mass. Provincial Assembly in 1774,



PAUL REVERE
Patriot - Metalsmith
Grand Master of Masons

In 1776 when the British evacuated Boston, he joined a regiment of artillery raised to protect that city. He took part in the famous Boston Tea Party of 1773. Was the first to roll sheet copper in America. He designed and printed the first Continental bills.

He was raised in St. Andrews Lodge, Boston, Mass., Sept. 24, 1769; serving Master in 1770, 1777-79 and 1780-82. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 1794-97.

MASONIC FIRST DAY COVER
—KOUTROULIS—
No. 20



This postcard was issued, in Boston, Mass., on May 15, 1971, to meet the demand for the new postal rate increases. It was also issued with a reply postcard. It is a real gem for a Masonic item. Members in the Cover Club already received this item.

As a cartoonist and pamphleteer, his series of political cartoons, printed from plates etched on copper, did much to hasten the final break with England. In 1778 he was in command of the forts in Boston harbor as a lieutenant colonel of artillery, when, ill-advisedly, he accepted a command and a responsible place in the disastrous expedition to the Penobscot. This defeat deprived him of any glory as a military leader, but as a cannon founder and powder manufacturer he continued to perform invaluable service to the colonies. He was the first to roll sheet copper in America, and he contracted for and furnished the bolts, spikes, pumps, sheathing, and anchors for U.S.S. Constitution and other vessels. At times he did fine silver work and engraving, among other things, making seals and jewels for several Masonic lodges. He designed and printed the first Continental bills; designed and engraved the first official seal for the colonies, and the state seal for Mass. He made a denture for his friend, Joseph Warren, grand Master of Mass., who was killed at Bunker Hill, and this very metal work was the key to positive identification of the body when it was recovered a year later and reburied.

Revere was raised in St. Andrews Lodge, Boston, Sept. 24, 1760, becoming secretary of the lodge in 1769, and master in 1770, succeeding Joseph Warren in that office. He served as master again from 1777-79, and from 1780-82. This lodge met at the "Green Dragon Tavern" and plans for the famous tea party were undoubtedly made in this lodge. In 1783 he was a founding member of Rising States Lodge, and was its first master. He was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1794-97. A Royal Arch Mason, he received the degrees, Dec. 11, 1769, in St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter. In 1795, as grand master, he laid the cornerstone of State House in Boston. Many lodges have charters or certificates signed by Revere while he was grand master. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has an urn designed

by him, in which is a lock of Washington's hair, secured by Revere for this purpose from Mrs. Washington. d. May 10, 1818 at Boston.

Paul Revere is depicted also on U.S. 1048, 25¢ regular series, issued in 1958. Also on a coil stamp of same design issued in 1965.

SIR WALTER SCOTT

Scottish poet, novelist, historian, and biographer. Known as "The Border Minstrel", "The Wizard of the North", and "The Great Magician". His father, of the same name, was a medical professor at Edinburgh University. In his early years he published under various pseudonyms. His literary output was vast, including 'The Lay of the Last Minstrel'; Marmion; The Lady of the Lake; Life and Works of Swift; Waverley; Lord of the Isles; Guy Mannering; The Black Dwarf; Rob Roy; Tales of the Crusaders; The Talisman; and many others.

He was called to the bar in 1792, and was sheriff of Selkirk in 1799. Became a principal clerk to Court of Session, but withdrew from the bar to devote himself to writing and publishing. An unfortunate publishing partnership left him with debts amounting to £130,000, which he paid in full before his death.

He was initiated, passed, and raised at an emergency meeting of Lodge St. David No. 36 of Edinburgh on Monday, March 2, 1801. His father had been initiated in the same lodge in January, 1754, and his elder brother was also a member of this lodge. Later his son was initiated in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, on November 29, 1826. On June 4, 1816, he laid the foundation stone of a new lodgeroom at Selkirk in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Lothian, and was elected an honorary member of that lodge on the occasion (now St. John No. 32.) He was created a baronet in 1820. In 1823 he was offered the Grandmastership of the Royal Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Scotland, but declined because of 'age and health not permitting me to undertake the duties which whether convivial or charitable, a person undertaking such an office ought to be in readiness to perform when called upon.' He attended lodge frequently, as was attested by the secretary in 1841, when proposing that the name of St. David Lodge be altered to "Sir Walter Scott's Lodge". The proposal, however, was defeated. St. David Lodge subscribed to the monument to Sir Walter in Princes Street, Edinburgh, and attended the laying of the cornerstone with Masonic honours by the Grand Master in 1840.

Submitted by Bro. George Gillberry, Nottingham, England.

(Editor's note: A stamp honoring Sir Walter Scott will be issued in July by Great Britain. Special arrangements have been made between Bro. Gillberry and the editor for a Masonic First Day Cover. This will probably be No. 21 in the series of Masonic First Day Covers. Members in the Masonic Cover Club will receive this cover automatically. Others on a first come first served basis.

ARGENTINE MASONS

PART V, CONTINUED

LEOPOLDO LUGONES, 1874-1938

Poet, literary man and educator. Born in Villa de Maria del Rio Seco, Cordoba, June 13, 1874. His first book was published when he was only nineteen

years old. He and Ruben Dario were clerks of the Post and Telegraph when the latter first came to Buenos Aires; they remained fast friends. From 1900-1906 Lugones was Inspector of Secondary Education. He traveled in Europe 1911-1914. He was awarded the First National Literary Prize in 1926. He died, by suicide, in Tigre, Province of Buenos Aires, February 19, 1938.

Lugones was initiated in the Lodge "Libertad Rivadavia" No. 51 on November 13, 1899 and became Master of this Lodge April 10, 1900. He became a member of Lodge "Confraternidad Argentina" No. 2, October 1, 1902. In 1905 he was a member of the General Committee of the Grand Lodge and, among other things, Deputy Grand Master. Also a 33rd degree Mason.

Stamp: (1965) #777.

RUBEN DARIO, 1867-1916

His real name was Felix Ruben Garcia y Sarmiento, while Dario was just a family nickname. He was born January 18, 1867 at Metapa, Department of Segovia, Nicaragua. He began writing verses at the age of five or six. He studied at the Jesuit secondary school and at the National Institute in Leon, Nicaragua.

Dario became the greatest Spanish-speaking poet of modern times. He started his literary career as a newspaperman, working in Santiago, Valparaiso and Buenos Aires. In Chile he edited the journal "La Epoca". In 1892 he went to Spain, then to Paris and New York and back to Buenos Aires where he held diplomatic and journalistic positions, one of which being correspondent to "La Nacion". Also in Buenos Aires he was consul for Colombia. He resided temporarily in various Latin American cities and in Paris and Madrid. While in New York in 1914 he had an attack of pneumonia. After recovering somewhat, he returned to Nicaragua where he died in Leon on February 6, 1916.

Ruben Dario was initiated January 24, 1907 in Lodge "Progreso" No. 1 at Managua, Nicaragua.

Stamps: (1965) #788; also Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua

(Editor's note: This concludes the series, in five parts, of Argentine Masons on stamps. These series were compiled and submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke. We are grateful and indeed fortunate to have such a person to contribute so much to Masonic Philately. Thanks again Bro. Loke.)

SPECIAL MASONIC EVENTS COVERS

Check List

<u>Event or Person</u>	<u>Cachet name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
A.A.S.R. Temple Dedication	Unknown	Sep. 20, 1929	Indianapolis
Washington Masonic Memorial	Alex. C of C	May 12, 1932	Temple Sta.
Pataskala (OH) Centennial	MAHDEEN	Mar. 3, 1951	Pataskala OH
National Sojourners, Ft. Belvoir	Chap. #276	May 11, 1949	Alexandria, Va.
Newark Oh Sesqui.	Mahdeen	Jan. 11, 1952	Newark, Oh.
Tall Cedars of Lebanon	TCL Research	May 25, 1952	Atl. City NJ
Ohio State Flag 50th anniv.	Mahdeen	May 9, 1952	Lancaster Oh
Washington's 200th Ann. Initiatn	Mahdeen	Nov. 4, 1952	Fred'burg Va
" " " "	MSCNY Ch. 1	Nov. 4, 1952	"
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Chillicothe, Ohio's first capiton	Mahdeen	Jan. 1,1953	Chillicothe Oh
Washington's 200th ann. Passed	MSCNY Ch 1	Mar. 3,1953	Fred'burg Va
Washington's 200th ann. Raised	MSCNY Ch.1	Aug. 4,1953	"
Ohio University Sesqui.	Mahdeen	Jan. 1,1954	Athens Oh
Grand Lodge NY 175th anniversary	Fleetwood	May 1,1956	Mas.Hall Sta.
"	"	"	"
Ohio's B.I.S. Centennial	Mahdeen	Sep. 7,1957	Lancaster Oh
Grand Lodge of Ohio	"	Jan. 7,1958	Chillicothe Oh
Master's Chair (Alexandria Lodge)	MSCNY Ch.1	Feb.22,1958	Alexandria Va
Capitol Cornerstone Laying	MSCNY	Jul. 4,1959	D.C.
Masonic National Memorial 50th Ann.	MSCNY Ch.1	Feb.22,1960	Alexandria Va.
Ted Roosevelt Cent. of birth	MSCNY	Aug.26,1960	Balboa, CZ
George Washington Gavel	GWMSC	Feb.22,1962	Alexandria,Va
A.A.S.R. 50th Ann.Bloomington Il	Scottish Rt	Aug. 6,1962	Bloomington Il
Leroy Gordon Cooper, Astronaut	MSCNY	May 16,1963	Cape Canaveral
Washington's Masonic Apron	GWMSC	Feb.22,1965	Alexandria Va
K.T. of Iowa, 101st Annual Conclave	Lewell Holmes	Jun.20,1965	Spirit Lk Ia.
Euroka Lodge (PH) Cornerstone	Eureka Ldg	Nov.21,1965	Montclair NJ
Washington arriving at Fred'burg			
Lodge to receive E.A. degree	GWMSC	Feb.22,1967	Fred'burg Va
Imperial Shrine Sessions	GWMSC	Jul.10,1967	D.C.
Washington at Prayer	GWMSC	Feb.22,1968	Valley Forge
Grand Master's Jewel of va. made for			
Brother Washington	GWMSC	Mar.18,1969	Kansas City Mo
Order of DeMolay Founding	Mahdeen	Mar.18,1969	Kansas City Mo
"	"	Mar.18,1969	" "
First Day in Office of High Priest	Mahdeen	Jun.24,1969	Lancaster, Oh
First Day in Office of Commander	Mahdeen	Jun.13,1961	"
Marietta, Oh 175th ann.of founding	"	Apr. 7,1963	Marietta Oh
Supreme Council 33rd deg.N.J.150th	"	Aug. 5,1963	New York
Grand Encampment K.T. Sesqui	"	Jun.20,1966	New York
American Bible Society Sesqui.	"	Mar. 1966	New York
Grand Lodge of Indiana Sesqui	Ind.G.L.	Jan.12,1968	Madison, Ind
Ohio Grand Chapter Sesqui	Mahdeen	Oct.24,1966	Worthington Oh
K.T. Centennial Conclave of La.	LMSC	Apr. 8,1963	New Orleans La
K.T. Sesqui. of NY	Huntington	June.14,1963	Troy, N.Y.
Dedication of Wing at Mas.home	L.V.Holmes	Aug.24,1968	Perry Ia
Moon landing, Edwin Aldrin Jr.	Montclair Lg	Jul.20,1969	Houston Tex
Inauguration of R. M. Nixon	GWMSC	Jan.20,1969	D. C.
Wm. McKinley Lodge #431 centenary	McKinley Lg	Oct.20,1969	Canton Oh
Masonic Medal for Gen. G.M.	GWMSC	Feb.22,1970	Alexandria Va.
H. S. Truman 25th ann.of suc.to office	GWMSC	Apr. 2,1970	D. C.
" 86th birthday	"	May 8,1970	D. C.
" 25th ann. V.E. Day	"	May 8,1970	Independence Mo
" 86th birthday	"	"	"
" succession to Presid.	"	Apr.12,1970	Wash. D.C.
Naval Lodge #4 centennial	"	Jun. 4,1970	D. C.
Andrew Jackson	"	Jul. 6,1966	D. C.

Compiled and submitted by Bro. Richard M. Needham, Lancaster, Ohio.

TRUMAN WILL NOT AUTOGRAPH COVERS

The editor send a cover of the recent Missouri statehood stamp, Masonic, to be

autographed by Pres. Harry S. Truman. A few weeks later the cover was returned to him from the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Mo. without the autograph and with a notation that Mr. Truman expresses his regret that it will not be possible for him to do so. Your editor has in his possession the autograph of Mr. Truman on other covers but thought it might be nice to have it on the Missouri cover. Perhaps the request for autographing the Missouri Statehood covers were too voluminous for him to handle. I am mentioning this so you won't waste your time.

MASONIC FILMSTARS

Bro. Marshall Loke reports that Umm al Qiwayn has issued a set of "stamps" (labels, is a better word) for a whole troupe of filmstars. He adds that "The stamps are ugly, but they belong together".

The persons are: Humphrey Bogart, Alec Guinness, Clark Gable, Jack Hawkins, Charlton Heston, William Holden, Alan Ladd, Charles Laughton, Karl Malden, George Sanders, Al Jolson, Jean Simmons, Peter Ustinov and Brandon de Wilde.

We know that Clark Gable and Al Jolson were Masons, he adds. "I have been checking with Jerry R. Erikson, a member of the MSU, the expert on 'Freemasons in the Entertainment World', to see if any of the others were members of the Craft, but none appear to be. In the case of the British actors, he says it is almost impossible to find out if they are Masons, since they do not publicize it."

CLARK GABLE

William Clark Gable was born in 1907 in Cadiz, Ohio. Attended Akron Univ. He began as a worker in rubber plants and oil fields. He first won recognition as an actor in The Last Mile, and made his film debut in The Painted Desert. He has appeared in many films including Hell Divers; Strange Interlude; It Happened One Night; Mutiny on the Bounty; Strange Cargo; Gone With the Wind; The Hucksters; The Wide Missouri; Lone Star; Mogambo; Soldier of Fortune; and Idiot's Delight. He received the award (Oscar) of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his role in It Happened One Night, in 1934. In WWII he was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 8th Air Force, resigning with the rank of major.

He was raised in Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528, Oct. 31, 1933, having received his other degrees on Sept. 19, Oct. 17 of same year. d. Nov. 16, 1960.

AL JOLSON

Jolson was an actor and a singer. b. May 26, 1888 in St. Petersburg, Russia, as Asa Yoelson. He first appeared on the stage as a member of the mob, in The Children of the Ghetto, at Herald Square Theatre in N.Y.C. on Oct. 16, 1899. Later, he traveled with circuses, vaudeville, and Dockstader's Minstrels. He was particularly noted for his blackface minstrel songs. On the stage he played in LaBelle Parée; The Honeymoon Express; Robinson Crusoe, Jr.; Sinbad, etc. He started in the first talking pictures The Jazz Singer; The Singing Fool and Say It With Songs. In 1940-41 he starred in his own production Hold On to Your Hat.

Jolson was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York City, he was raised, July 1, 1913. He died Oct. 23, 1950, in San Francisco after returning from entertaining American troops in Japan and Korea.

MASONIC SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



Liberty Bell

Issued in 1926 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Scott No.627

Out of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence at least twenty-eight were members of the Masonic Fraternity. Although on some of them there is no documentary proof that they were made Masons, because during the Revolutionary war at that period many Lodges became dormant and their records have been lost or destroyed. There is, however, other evidence to substantiate their Masonic affiliations. These brethren are listed below in the order in which they signed the document.

✓ John Hancock, members St. Andrews Lodge, Boston, Mass.

✓ Josiah Bartlett, Lodge unknown.

✓ William Whipple, member St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N.H.

✓ Matthew Thornton, lodge unknown.

→ Samuel Adams, member St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass.

✓ Robert Paine, member Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, Mass.

✓ Elbridge Gerry, member Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead, Mass.

✓ William Ellery, member St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass.

✓ Roger Sherman, member Lodge No. 1

→ Philip Livingston, member Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Poughkeepsie, New York

→ Francis Lewis, Lodge unknown. ✓ Richard Stockton, St. John's Lodge, Princeton, NJ

✓ John Witherspoon, Lodge unknown. → Francis Hopkinson, Lodge unknown.

✓ Robert Morris, member One of the Old Pennsylvania Lodge.

✓ Benjamin Franklin, member St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, Penn.

✓ James Smith, member Lodge No. 2 or No. 3, Philadelphia, Penn.

→ George Ross, Lodge unknown. ✓ George Read, member Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.

✓ Thomas McKean, Lodge unknown. → Richard Henry Lee, Hiram No. 59, Westmoreland Co. Va.

✓ Thomas Jefferson, Lodge unknown. ✓ Thomas Nelson, Jr., Williamsburgh No. 6, Va.

✓ William Hooper, member Hanover Lodge, Maronboro, N.C.

✓ Joseph Hewes, Lodge unknown. ✓ John Penn, Lodge unknown.

✓ Lyman Hall, Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Ga. ✓ George Walton, Solomon's No.1, Sav.

Often the question has been asked, "What happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?"

Paul Harvey, noted writer and radio commentator, looked the record up and here is what he found:

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. One of the signers had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died of wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

But what kind of men were they, these men who boldly wrote their names to the Declaration that lit the fires of liberty in souls of men throughout the world?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated.

Their security, their incomes, their worldly possessions made them substantially well off. But they signed the Declaration of Independence, even though they knew that the penalty would be death on the gallows, if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes ... and their sacred honor. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and his properties to pay his debts and died in rags. Thomas McKean (Mason) was so hounded by the enemy British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both looted the properties of Ellery (Mason), Clymer, Hall (Mason), Walton (Mason), Gwinnett, Hayward, Rutledge and Middleton (Mason). At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. His grave is unmarked and unknown.

Francis Lewis (Mason) had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives and his grist mill was laid waste. For more than a year he lived in the forest and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead. His children had vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston (Mason) suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed rabble-rousing ruffians. These were soft-spoken men of means, wealth and education! They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

(Your editor is preparing this issue on July 4 and was so much impressed by this explanation on the lives of the Signers that he thought it appropriate to share it with you. Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence will make an excellent page in a Masonic Stamp Collection. The Signers are depicted on U.S. No. 120, issued in 1869, however, the price of this stamps, mint or used, is a bit beyond the means of most of us and that is why it is suggested the Liberty Bell stamp shown on opposite page. It will serve the purpose just nicely. We will see many stamps between now and 1976 commemorating the American Revolution to be issued by U.S. Postal Service. It is certain that many of those will fit in very nicely in our Masonic albums.)

MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION NEEDED

Your editor cannot do it alone. Please help by providing material on Masonry connected with philately. Surely, there must be several of our members who can help our Unit. Your editor is working in compiling an up to date Masonic checklist of all U.S. and Foreign stamps. It is a slow process and time consuming task but he hopes same to be ready for publication, in parts, starting this Fall. It will be quite an extensive list. A separate list is prepared for Masonic events and symbol

UNITED STATES STAMP BOOK

"Postage Stamps of the United States", the Post Office Department's perennially best-selling reference publication, has been updated and is now available in loose-leaf form. The publication contains detailed data on stamps issued from 1847 to the Natural History quartet of May 1970.

Price of the publication, with flexible 3-ring binder is \$3.75. It is available without binder for \$2.00. Mail orders should be directed to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20420.

The publication may also be purchased over the counter at the Philatelic Exhibition room, U.S. Postal Service Building, 12th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington

The illustrated text is 241 pages. Additionally there is an appendix of philatelic statistics which lists date and place of issue, designer, engravers, covers canceled, quantity printed and plate numbers. Supplements to be issued annually.

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