

Casey Jones - An American Hero
By Mathias W. Benward

Casey Jones started his railroading career as a cub operator on the M&O Railroad at Columbus, Kentucky. A few months later he transferred and became a brakeman on the lines between Columbus and Jackson, Tennessee. Later he became brakeman on the M&O line between Jackson, Tennessee and Mobile, Alabama.

Finally in March 1888 he moved to the Illinois Central as a fireman on the Water Valley, Mississippi and Jackson, Tennessee Districts. Later he achieved his dream and became an engineer.

As a newly promoted engineer Casey worked in extra road and yard service until he could get a regular engine. Then his big break came. In 1893 the Chicago World's Fair was being held. This taxed the Illinois Central and a call went out for engineers. Casey responded and spent the Summer of 1893 in Chicago.

It was there he met No. 638. Together with his fireman, John Wesley McKinnie, the three of them spent the next few years together running the passenger route from Water Valley to Jackson. In February 1900 Casey transferred to Memphis.

On the night of April 29, 1900 Casey was out of Memphis on the No.382 with his fireman Sim Webb. At 4 o'clock on April 30 they entered Vaughn, Mississippi. There was a freight on the siding, but Casey figured he could pass it. When they got within 100 feet of the end of the siding they saw it was blocked. Casey told Sim to jump, and he reversed the engine and applied the air breaks, but it was too late. When they found him one had was on the whistle cord and the other on the air break lever. Why didn't he jump? He had to warn the freight conductor. A true hero - a man who puts others before himself.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2000. Our theme for the show is the 100th anniversary of Casey Jones heroic deed. Our symbol is the portrait of that famous railroad engineer. This year we have eleven stamp dealers from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stamps. The dealers are always ready to help and answer any of your questions. The stamp club maintains a table at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems, or just stop by and chat. Also, stop and look at the exhibits. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at the stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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A Few Words about a
Wonderful Club Member
By Edward Saunders

Mr. Hinson in my mind is my favorite philatelist. He is usually the first person who people meet who really makes an immediate impact on their philatelic hobby. My little editorial is in tribute to this humble, gentle, yet a philatelic juggernaut that is Mr. Hinson.

He has always been cheerful and ever kind at the club meetings with his arsenal of stamps and his impressive philatelic knowledge. He never said anything mean about anybody, even the USPS when they would always make mistakes as it occurs with philately.... He so enjoyed putting together stamp packets for children and was always quick to give children packets of stamps to give them a gentle philatelic nudge in the right direction! I remember many instances where a new member is full of the "philatelic excitement", and found Mr. Hinson's collections a wonderful resource immediately! It just warmed my heart to see children and also adults light up when they found stamps in the subject they were interested in! Many times before the club meeting started, I found myself over at his table going through things and finding little "gems" that made my day! I always left his table and the club meeting feeling happy about my purchases.

I also remember the Christmas party and Mr. Hinson handing out covers and calendars..... When we would also sponsor the Stamp Show, his covers always generated GREAT interest among members and the general public! His printing skills were legendary and he always helped raise money for the club with his covers. I think that his collection of covers for the stamp show should be a very collectible subject for years to come!

Mr. Hinson was always a Lighthouse in the crazy storm of life where I knew I could go for help. He will be greatly missed.

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:45 p.m., and Program at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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Patricia Roberts Harris
official bio taken from USPS.

Patricia Harris was born on May 31, 1924, in Mattoon, IL. She graduated, summa cum laude, with a B.A. degree from Howard University in 1945. While at Howard, she was elected Phi Beta Kappa. She did postgraduate work at the University of Chicago and at American University in 1949. Until 1953, she worked as Assistant Director of the American Council on Human Rights.

While at Howard, she met William Beasley Harris, a member of the Howard law faculty; they were married in 1955. She earned a law degree with honors from George Washington University in 1960. Graduating number one out of a class of 94, she was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Attorney Harris worked briefly for the U.S. Department of Justice before returning, in 1961, to Howard University as an associate dean of students and law lecturer at Howard's law school. In 1963, she was elevated to a full professorship and, in 1969, she was named Dean of Howard University's School of Law.

Her first position with the U.S. government was as an attorney in the appeals and research section of the criminal division of the Department of Justice in 1960. There she met and struck up a friendship with Robert Kennedy, the new attorney general. In 1963, President John F. Kennedy appointed her co-chairman of the National Women's Committee for Civil Rights.

In 1964, Patricia Harris was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the District of Columbia. She worked in Lyndon Johnson's presidential campaign and seconded his nomination at the 1964 Democratic Convention. Soon after his victory, President Johnson appointed her Ambassador to Luxembourg from 1965 to 1967. Following her service as Dean of Howard's School of Law from 1969 to 1972, she joined one of Washington, D.C.'s most prestigious law firms.

She continued making an impact on the Democratic Party when, in 1972, she was appointed chairman of the credentials committee and a member-at-large of the Democratic National Committee in 1973. A testimony to her effectiveness and her commitment to excellence came when President Jimmy Carter appointed her to two cabinet level posts during his administration.

In 1982, Patricia Harris was appointed a full-time professor at the George Washington National Law Center, a position she served in until her death on March 23, 1985. She had always been aware of her roots and was well known for her feistiness. At the Senate confirmation committee to approve her cabinet appointment, one senator tried to suggest that Mrs. Harris' position might make her ill-qualified to represent the underclass. To this, she shot back, "I am one of them. You do not seem to understand who I am. I am a Black woman, the daughter of a dining-car worker. I am a Black woman who could not buy a house eight years ago in parts of the District of Columbia!"

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