

A Brief History of Early Nashville
By Matt Benward

The first permanent settlement on the current location of Nashville was known as Fort Nashboro. James Robertson leading a party of men from eastern Tennessee established this settlement in 1779. After traveling overland for two months they arrived on Christmas day. Land was cleared and a log stockade was constructed. It was named in honor of General Francis Nash, an acclaimed figure in the Revolutionary War.

Another group of 60 families, led by John Donelson reached Fort Nashboro on April 23, 1780. They traveled on 30 flat boats down the Tennessee River from eastern Tennessee (or central North Carolina at that time) to where it met the Cumberland River and then up that river to the new fort. The new community was soon established and in 1784 it was incorporated into the town of Nashville by the North Carolina legislature.

In 1790 the State of North Carolina seeded all the land east of Mississippi River and west of the Allegheny Mountains to the Federal government. The State of Tennessee was admitted as the sixteenth state to Union on June 1, 1796. At that time Nashville was very small town in the vast wilderness that was western Tennessee.

On July 28, 1806 Nashville was incorporated into a city by second session of the sixth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee meeting in the Knoxville. The first election was held on October 1, 1804 and Joseph Coleman was elected the first Mayor holding the office for the next three years.

After the Capitol of Tennessee had been moved four times from 1796 Nashville was selected to be the permanent capitol of the state on October 7, 1843. This selection was passed by the state legislature by only 1 vote. The city of Nashville purchased Campbell's Hill for the new location of the state house. On July 4, 1845 the corner stone was laid and construction was begun on the new building only being completed in 1855.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2007. Our theme for our show is the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Nashville. This year we have 15 stamp and 3 post card dealers from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps and post cards from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stocks. The dealers are always ready to help and answer your questions.

Our stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems, or just stop by and chat. Please stop and look at the stamp exhibits. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at our stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2007

Our annual stamp show is being held this year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as last it was last year. I must thank all who have helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job! Second, I must thank the staff of the Valley Expo for working so hard to get the venue ready. Lastly, to all the collectors attending our show - have fun !!!

Our Annual Christmas Party

The party was held on December 11th and was well attended by member and guest alike. Music of the season played, Marie brought her now famous warm apple cider, and everyone else brought eats and drinks. People sat, ate, talked, and just enjoyed each others company. Once the food was eaten and everyone content the party reluctantly broke up. The room was quickly put back into shape with everyone's help. Goodbyes were said and everyone made their ways home.

2009 APS Spring Show in Nashville

As you may remember the APS Board voted to hold the their annual spring stamp show here in Nashville in 2009. They are currently having problems securing hotel rooms with convention center for a reasonable price. So now the decision to hold the show here is currently under review.

Marie Farmer

Marie has had surgery in the last few weeks and is currently in rehabilitation. Please keep her in your thoughts and Marie please get well soon!!!

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

Meetings are held at the Madison Branch Library, 610 South 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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Minutes Review for June 2006 - September 2006

The NPS had its 6/12/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 5/22/06 meeting were read and approved. Nick Munn's Application for NPS Membership received second reading. Richard Smith won the door prize. Jim Callahan was drawn for the Participation Award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reviewed the Huntsville Show. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt mentioned that the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Stamp Shows would be held at the same location as the 2006 Show. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide presentation on "Alaska and the Mails".

The NPS held its 6/26/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-five members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 6/12/06 meeting were read and approved. Nick Munn's Application for NPS Membership received second reading and approval and he was welcomed to the club. Ben Price won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ben Price donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2007 Stamp Show theme. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 7/10/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 6/26/06 meeting were read and approved. Milburn Davis won the door prize. Forrest Wise won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Mrs. Smith presented a recommendation for the 2007 Stamp Show theme. Thank you! The business session then adjourned for a presentation by Matt and Tom Tribke on their personal collections.

The NPS had its 7/24/06 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 7/10/06 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Ben Price and Gary Wolfsburg donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/14/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 7/24/06 meeting were read and approved. Patricia Jackson's application for NPS membership received first reading. Karl Schwabe won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award again! Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the second quarter 2006 that was approved by the NPS membership. The business session then adjourned for an APS slideshow on "Civil War Stamps".

The NPS had its 8/28/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/14/06 meeting were read and approved. Patricia Jackson's application for NPS membership received second reading and approval and she was welcomed into the NPS membership. Bill Winstead won the door prize. Bob Becker's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Frank Riley. Thank you! Matt asked that the NPS Officers meet at 5:30 pm before the next club meeting. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

As requested at the previous meeting, a NPS Officers Meeting was held at 5:30 pm prior to the regular 9/11/06 NPS meeting to discuss preparations for the 2007 Nashville Stamp Show. Assignment and responsibilities for Show preparation were made. These include developing an official USPS cancel for Show covers, preparing/using an individual sign-in card instead of the sign-in log, providing a Theme Selection Ballot for member voting, improvements to Show publicity and assignment for cover and cancel development.

The NPS had its 9/11/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/28/06 meeting were read and approved. Ellie Eads won the door prize. Matt Benward won the Participation Award. Jason Spavins' name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt announced that NPS Officer selection was coming due and that he would appoint a committee to develop a slate of Officers. Ora Eads suggested "the 200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Nashville" as a 2007 Show theme. The business session then adjourned for a preparation of stamp packets and exhibits for the October Stamp Collector Month displays in the Nashville public libraries.

The NPS had its 9/25/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/11/06 meeting were read and approved. Ellie Eads won the door prize again. Robert Hall won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Stamps were received from Frank Riley, Patricia Jackson and Mrs. Swift for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt announced the 2007 Officer Selection Committee selection and that Theme Selection voting would be held for the next two club meetings. Dave Bodkin advised that seven dealers had committed for the 2007 Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Minutes Review for October 2006 - February 2007

The NPS held its 10/9/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/25/06 meeting were read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Robert Hall's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the third quarter 2006 that was approved by the NPS membership. Matt announced that nine dealers had committed for the 2007 Stamp Show. The Smiths suggested "the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow" as a 2007 Show theme. Thank you! Theme Selection ballots were distributed for theme selection. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide show on "the National Philatelic Museum".

The NPS had its 10/23/06 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members were present. Minutes of the 10/9/06 meeting were read and approved. Ben Price won the door prize. Milburn Davis' name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt noted that our show was now listed in Linn's Stamp Journal. After voting on the 2007 Show theme during this and the previous club meetings, the "200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Nashville" was selected as our Show theme. Matt announced that NPS Officer elections would be held during next meeting. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/13/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 10/23/06 meeting were read and approved. Jerry Vasser won the door prize. Jason Spavins' name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Matt Benward. Thank you! Matt reported that twelve stamp dealers had committed to the 2007 Stamp Show. NPS Officer Election ballots were distributed and after counting votes, the Officer slate continued as before. It was also noted that due to Jason Spavins' pending departure in 2007 that he would have to be replaced next year. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide show on "Hawaiian Stamp Collecting".

The NPS had its 11/27/06 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/13/06 meeting were read and approved. Jim Young won the door prize. Robert Becker's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Matt Benward. Thank you! Matt reported that sixteen stamp dealers had committed to the 2007 Stamp Show. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/11/06 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/11/06 at the Madison Branch Library. No business session was held. Approximately fifteen members and guests joined together for fellowship and good food!!!

The NPS held its 1/8/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/27/06 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 11, 2006. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Nancy Hiehle was drawn for the Participation Award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows and the new postage rates were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2006 Annual Report. Matt reported that fifteen stamp dealers were committed for the NPS 2007 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk titled "Philatelic Research Exposed" regarding French Colonial Postage Rates by Bob Picirilli.

The NPS had its 1/22/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Dave Bodkin recorded minutes of the meeting. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported that seventeen dealers committed for the show. Bob Picirilli said that 20 frames were committed so far and that more exhibits were needed. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 2/12/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 1/8/07 and 1/22/07 meeting were read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. David Scutt was drawn for the Participation Award, but was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Show committees. Matt reported that 17 stamp dealers plus three postcard dealers were committed for the NPS 2007 Stamp Show. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Matt asked for help for setup and takedown of the NPS Stamp Show. Matt advised that Ricky Wright had not been able to get help from the USPS for a Stamp Show cover cancel. The business session then adjourned for talks by Ruse Tucker, Dave Bodkin, Matt Benward and Tom Tribke on "Post and Postal Cards".

The NPS held its 2/26/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 2/12/07 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyers won the door prize. Wesley Lepter's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli reported that approximately 38 frames of exhibits had been received for the show. Tom Tribke presented sample cacheted show covers representing the 2007 Show theme. Matt asked for help with the setup and take down of the 2007 Stamp Show. Bill Vance offered boxes of free stamp envelopes for use in club member's collections. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Grading of Postage Stamps
By Bob Allen

The most widely accepted terms in the grading of stamps are: Very Good, Fine, Fine to Very Fine, and Extremely Fine.

Centering is probably the most generally accepted criteria used in the grading stamps. The following would apply:

Very Good - Perforations cut the design.

Fine - Perforations are very close to design on 1 side or reasonably close on 2 sides.

Fine to Very Fine - Fairly close only on one side.

Very Fine - Very well centered with no sides being close and reasonably balanced.

Extremely Fine - Almost perfectly centered.

Color is another factor to be considered in the grading of stamps. Any fading, oxidation, or chemically altered colors should be considered. Anything short of the fresh color in which it was issued detracts from the grade.

Perforations are still another considerations in the grading of stamps. A pulled perf detracts more from the grade than a short perf. An Extremely Fine centered stamp with one pulled perf any be graded as fine. A single Extremely Fine entered stamp with only one short perf would still be Extremely Fine, but the stamp with several short perfs fall into the same grade as those with pulled perfs would be graded in the Very Fine to Fine range.

On the lighter side maybe the following grading systems could be used:

Superb (forget this one as someone will always find a fault).

Very Fine and Fine (lets keep these grades).

OK (Just that, not too good, not too bad).

PB (Pretty Bad - much more realistic than very good).

And, if you are real honest, RL (Real Lousy).

A Philatelist's Psalm
by Herman Herst, Jr.

Stamp collecting is my hobby, I shall not be bored.
It maketh me to do research on far places.
It causeth me to correspond with odd people.
It keepeth me alert.
It leadeth me into areas of understanding for curiosity's sake.
Yea, though I live through a winter of inclement weather.
I will feel no boredom, for my stamps are with me.
They provideth me a means of escaping from the tensions of my responsibilities.
They filleth my house with books.
My cash runneth lower.
Sureth interest and knowledge shall follow me all the days of my life and
I will be listed in the ranks of Philatelists forever.

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of Pittsburgh.

**Notes on the 3 cent "Stuart" Washington
By Louis E. Repeta**

Continued from the last issue

When you see material mounted in the exhibition frames, it truly makes you feel good whether it is for the first time or the tenth. Just step back and get an overall view. The large white spaces and balance will be evident. Each page should be able to stand-alone and equally important, each frame should have balance. Once your material is organized you can spot the gaps or weak points in your presentation. Your most important material should be positioned on eye level, not high or low in the frames where it might be overlooked.

I have redone many of my pages five or six times. This is normal so do not be discouraged. The exhibit is constantly growing and maturing. To monitor progress, I photocopy my exhibit pages and review the pages over time. I can see the positive development as experience, material, and knowledge are gained.

I have had help from many sources building this collection. In the beginning I obtained material as a result of personal visits to dealers and via the mail. Help in the form of knowledge has come from other collectors, as a result of joining several specialist societies and through correspondence. Since I started to exhibit four years ago I have received counsel from two very fine judges who shared their time with me. Exhibiting has given me some good publicity. As a result, it has alerted people to what I collect. Armed with this knowledge, several full time and two part time dealers have helped me immensely with material for my exhibit.

There are many single stamps and short series that have the potential to offer both a collecting challenge and exhibit reward. For example, the U.S. 1 1/2 cent side-faced Harding, the usage of the 5-cent Monroe of the Presidential Series, the 1, 2, and 3 cent National Defense issue, and the usage of the 5 cent Teddy Roosevelt, all seem to be good candidates.

Editors note: Mr. Repeta's "3 cent 'Stuart' Washington" was exhibited at Nashpex '88. It was a very interesting exhibit and won the grand award and a gold medal.

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