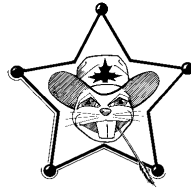


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LORDY, LORDY, LOOK WHO'S 40

The Prairie Beaver Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society and Chapter of the Texas Philatelic Association celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2012. Founded by Ed Richardson and a group of Texas collectors of BNA material, the PBs still include original member Jeff Switt.

MARCH 10 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Church 603 Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, room to be determined, but should be easy to find. Map p.2

DR. NICK ESCOTT TO HIGHLIGHT MARCH 10 MEETING

Dr. Nick Escott, Prairie Beaver member since the early 1980s but for many years a distance member in Thunder Bay, Ontario, will make a presentation on *Early postal history of NW Ontario*, an area Nick has focused on for many years, living in that part of Canada. This exhibit recently received a gold award at the 2011 BNAPEX show in North Bay.

OBITUARY

REV. ELWOOD SPENCER POORE



Rev. Woody Poore transferred to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from Denton Regional Hospital, Denton, TX at the age of 89. Woody was born in Haverhill, MA on February 12, 1922 to Edwin and Lucy (Brown) Poore. He graduated from Cornell College and then from Bangor Theological Seminary. He married Ruth Grace Webster on September 3, 1948. He served churches in Maine, Iowa, and Texas. He graduated with advanced degrees in Music History and Sacred Music from SMU.

Woody was Pastor Emeritus at First United Methodist Church, Gainesville, Texas. His service in the ministry spanned over 60 years, touching the lives of hundreds of families.

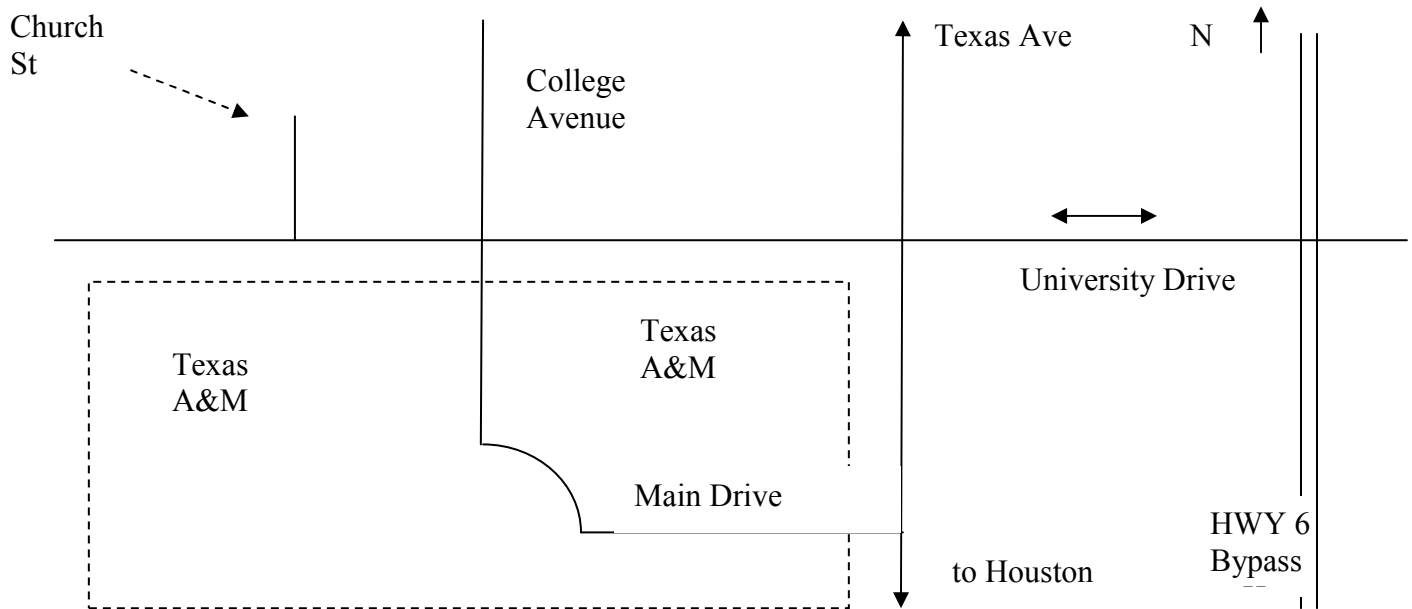
Rev. Poore is survived by his son, Prairie Beaver member Ralph Spencer Poore and his wife, Patty (McLeroy) of Arlington, Texas, and his daughter, Nancy Poore Lockhart of Gainesville; grandchildren, Anthony Wayne Bahnick of Arlington, Susan Diane Poore and her husband Brian Carrell of Arlington, Amanda Grace Poore of Oak Cliff, and Sybil Lockhart of Arlington; great grandchildren, Shelby and Nicholas Bahnick of Gun Barrel City; daughter-in-law, Debra (Smelcer) Poore of Gainesville.

He was preceded by his parents, Edwin and Lucy Poore, his siblings, Melissa, Malcolm, and Havden Poore, his wife, Ruth Webster Poore, and his son Charles

PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, March 10, 2012
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| 8:45 - 9:00 | Coffee, donuts, informal |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | Introductions |
| 9:15 - 9:30 | Book reviews- new BNAPS books |
| 9:30 - 9:45 | Internet review (new sites, Auctions, including Cantor etc.) |
| 9:45 - 10:15 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | Presentation: <i>EARLY POSTAL HISTORY OF NORTHWEST ONTARIO</i> - Nick Escott |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 12:00 - 1:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 - 2:00 | Clothesline Exhibit I: BNA-related |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | Business meeting and BNAPS info |
| 2:15 - 2:45 | Presentation: First Ten Years of United States Commercial Airmail- Jay Stotts |
| 2:45 - 3:30 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 3:30 - 4:00 | Presentation: Canada Short Paid Mail during the Edward Period: George Dresser |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Swap, Sell, Buy Trade |
| Wrapup 5:20 | Dinner at local restaurant |

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



KEMPTVILLE MONEY LETTER CANCEL

Victor Willson

I purchased a 6d cover in the recent Cantor sale that had two MONEY LETTER strikes on it, both in red. The cover, not complete, was sent from Kemptville, UC, Sep. 17, 1852, to Montreal, a red ink cancel in the same shade as one of the money letter strikes. The heavier inked strike is consistent with the U.K.-supplied cancellers reported by Harrison (2002) issued to Montreal. The Kemptville money letter strike, as I assert it is, has not previously been reported. It is 61mm by 6mm, and is consistent with the example shown in Harrison from Niagara, even though he lists the length as 63mm. This would be the 13th town using this North America-made handstamp.

Harrison, H. W. (2002). *Canada's Registered Mail 1802 – 1909*. Chicago: The Collector's Club of Chicago.



MONEY LETTER Cancel Towns
63mm x 6mm handstamp

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|--------------|--------------|
| Upper Canada | Lower Canada |
| Belleville | Batiscan |
| Brockville | Carillon |
| Hawkesbury | Hemmingford |
| Newmarket | Phillipsburg |
| Niagara | |
| Prescott | |
| Simcoe | |

UK MONEY LETTER handstamp

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|--------------|---------------|
| Upper Canada | Lower Canada |
| Adelaide | Berthier |
| Bond Head | Danville |
| Brantford | La Prairie |
| Bytown | Montreal |
| Chatham | Nicolet |
| Chippewa | Phillipsburg |
| Cornwall | St. Hyacinthe |
| Dunnville | Stanstead |
| Hamilton | |
| Ingersoll | London |
| Oxford | Paris |
| Queenston | Toronto |

Gothic MONEY LETTER handstamp

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Upper Canada | Lower Canada |
| Ancaster Barrie Brockville | Danville Lennoxville |
| Kingston Lanark Mosa | Montreal Quebec |
| Napanee Orillia Owen Sound | St. Johns |
| Perth Picton Port Hope | |
| Toronto | |

Vic Willson

I recently acquired four special delivery covers all sent from BC towns to Vancouver with red handstamps I have not previously seen on SD covers. These are

| Handstamp | Originating town | Sent Date | RCV DATE |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2 | ...RT BAY BC | JAN 24 59 | JAN 26 59 |
| "S" | PORT McNEIL BC | DEC 11 59 | DEC 15 59 |
| "S" | VANCOUVER? | -E 2 59 | -E 2 59 |
| 33 | THOMPSON SOUND BC | ND | -E 15 59 |



Perhaps a knowledgeable BC collector who sees this can tell if these are Vancouver sorting marks, and if they were associated only with SD or more generally used. I have an extensive SD cover accumulation with no similar marks either from Vancouver or other BC towns.

Prepayment of Special Delivery with Stamps

The requirement that special delivery be prepaid using the 10¢ SD stamp E1 was eliminated in a circular dated Aug. 22, 1907, that permitted use of ordinary postage stamps to pay the fee. The cover below, undated from Warner, ALTA, received a St. Paul & Portal RPO cancel dated OCT 27, 1911, on its way to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where the appropriate FEE CLAIMED... handstamp was applied. The postal stationery cover EN17 paid the 2¢ letter rate for 1oz, and two 5¢ Edward definitives paid the SD fee. I have not found this method of payment to be as common as use of the 10¢ SD stamp in this 1907-1912 Edward period, especially to the U.S.



EARLY DATES FOR 1ST POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF CANADA

Acquisition of the pair of covers shown below from the same correspondence from England, shortpaid for first class postage, has led me to begin to document early dates of use of the first postage due stamps of Canada. Stamps issued on July 1, 1906, even first year of use covers are elusive. The earlier of the two below was posted June 27 in London, and with 1d postage was apparently shortpaid for weight over 1 oz., with a hexagon with T in it, applied in London; the 1d due equaled 2¢, with double deficiency equal to 4¢, denoted with both a black handstamp 4 and crayon 4, one likely applied at Montreal upon arrival of the ship, the other at London, Ont., the receiving town, which applied a pair of 2¢ postage due stamps and canceled them July 9. This is the earliest date I have located so far for any postage due stamp on cover. The second cover was sent July 16, same conditions, PD stamps canceled July 25. Any further information, dates for this or other denominations, will be appreciated and acknowledged when sufficient material has been assembled for an article.



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