



Philately South Africa: Stamping with Adél

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Stamp collecting, also known as philately, has been a cherished hobby for over a century. Each stamp holds a piece of history art and culture.

Stamping Spotlight:

Ian Matheson showing the
*Cayes of Belize and
Penalty Stamps*

From my Desk:

Native Tax - Durban

Stockport Railway Parcel Stamp

My UK trip has come to an end. I want to thank everyone who shared a meal or a cuppa with me. The best part were the collections that I got to see, so many of you opened your homes to me and shared your most prized collections. I am in awe of you guys, and I am inspired to get myself into gear and improve my own collection. A special thanks to Jamie and Nomvula for hosting me and all your love and support, I am truly grateful for the opportunity.

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Philatelic Calendar

Internationals

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRON AGE	LINK
Great American Stamp Show Illinois	14-17 August 2025	APS	GASS 2025
National Stamp Show 2025 Paarl	3-6 Sep 2025	PFSA	PFSA
NORDIA 2025 Sweden	12-14 Sep 2025	FEPA	Nordia 2025
PHILAKOREA 2025	17-21 Sep 2025	FIP	Korea 2025
DUBAI 2026 WSE	4-8 February 2026	FIP	Dubai 2026
BOSTON 2026	23-30 May 2026	FEPA	Boston 2026
MACAU 2026	26 June – 1 July 2026	FIAP	Macau 2026

Virtual

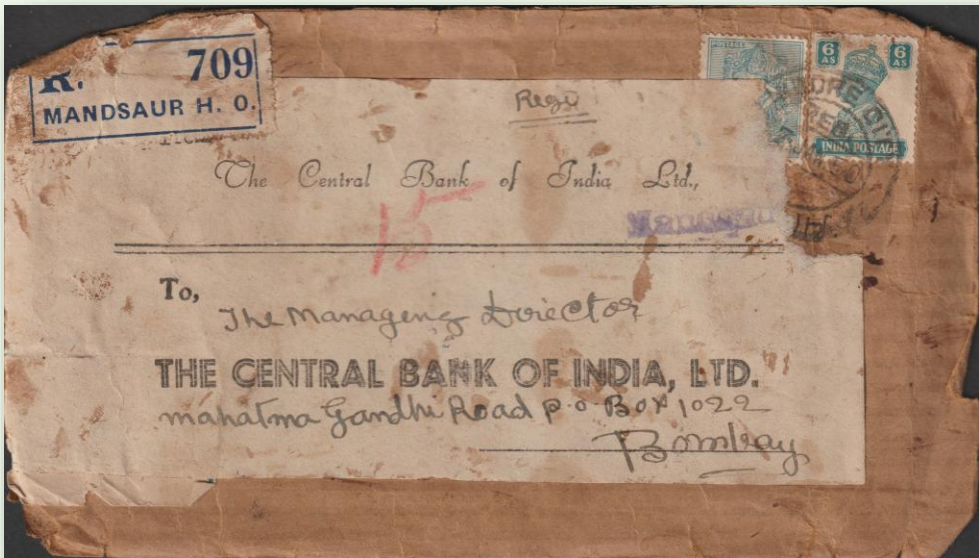
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SAVPEX 2025	June 2025	PFSA	PFSA
AUSVIPEX	Start 27 Nov 2025	APF	Ausvipex 2025

Stockport Fair

This fair was the one fair I didn't need to travel to, as it was on my doorstep. They filled 2 halls and there was something for every kind of collector, be it novice or specialised. I managed to buy a few items at least.



Jamie Smith front and centre as always



This item is for my Banking collection

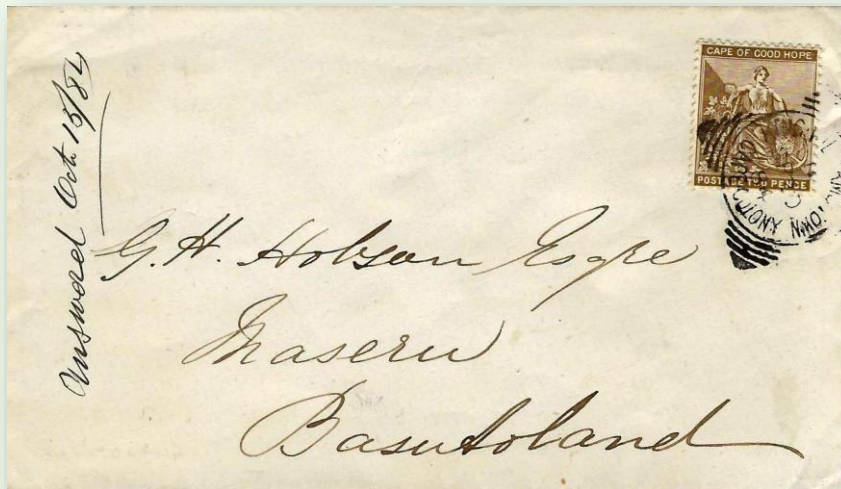
Reader Submission

Basutoland via Aliwal North

Richard Stroud RDPSA

In 1872, the Government Agent in Maseru established a regular weekly post between Maseru and Aliwal North. This involved transiting OFS territory on the Rouxville-Wepener-Ladybrand road. There were two branches, one for the District of Berea and Leribe, and one for the Makhaleng District. The expenses of carrying the post were paid from the Hut Tax. In 1877, “a postage stamp of the proper value affixed in Basutoland shall cover postage to all parts of the Cape Colony and beyond, and vice versa” – ex Proclamation of Sir Henry Barkly.

Following the 1883 Post Convention, the basic rate for mail from the Cape Colony to the OFS was reduced to 2d per half ounce, the same as the rate between Cape Colony and Basutoland.



Cover at the inter-territorial rate, from King Williams Town to Maseru via Aliwal North, subsequent to the 1883 Postal Convention. A 2d CGH adhesive pays the rate and is cancelled KING WILLIAMS TOWN SP 24 84. The transit backstamp is that of ALIWAL NORTH SP 24 84.

The reply was sent by a weekly post following that on which the item was received – “Answered Oct 15 84”.

Several covers in the G.H. Hobson correspondence are known, between 1883 and 1887, all from the same writer. Mr Hobson has not yet been identified. Little mail to/from Basutoland, from this period, exists.

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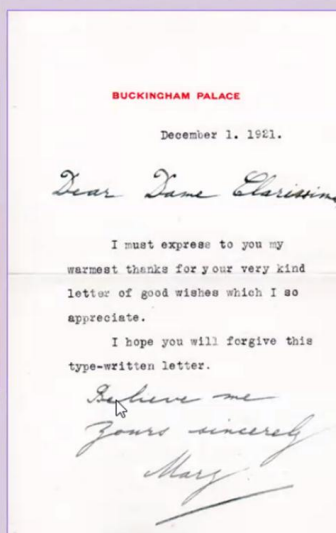
Last months ZOOM Experiences

August was a quiet month as well due to the summer break, but we still enjoyed a few meetings and had a fair or two.

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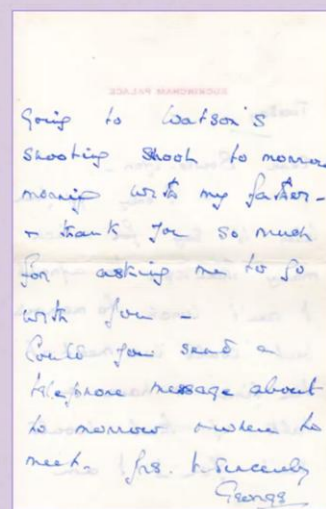
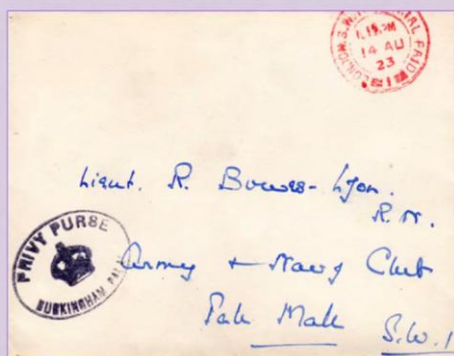
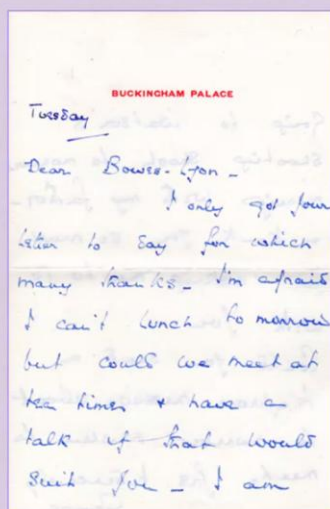
Hosted by **Stephen Parkin**; the theme for this meeting was anything to do with 20's and this meeting turned out to be very interesting.

H.R.H. Princess Mary was betrothed to Viscount Lascelles on 20th November 1921
Their wedding took place on February 28th 1922



Daphne McMillan showed items from the 20s related to the Royal family

Letter from Prince George, Later Duke of Kent, to Lieutenant R. Bowes-Lyon



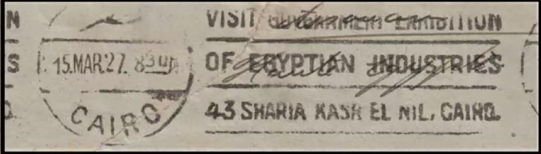
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Cataract Hotel – Aswan – 14/3/1927.

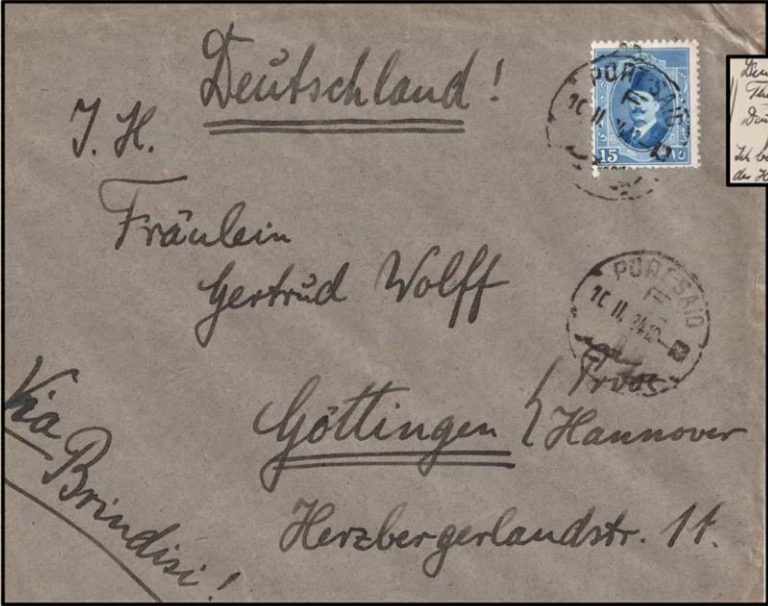


Machine Cancellation – Cairo -1/3/1927.
‘VISIT GOVERNMENT EXHIBITION OF EGYPTIAN INDUSTRIES.
43 SHARIM KASR, EL NIL. CAIRO’.

15 Milliemes to pay the Foreign Letter Rate on Cover from Aswan to Zurich, Switzerland.

Jamie Smith showed items from the 20s from his Egypt collection

Definitive stamps bearing the image of King Fuad I – Issued 16/4/1923.



British Coaling Company in Port-Said.

Port-Said.
10/11/1924.

Gottingen – Germany.
Receiving strike.

15 Milliemes Foreign Letter Rate on a Cover from Port-Said to Gottingen, Germany directed via Brindisi, Italy.

STOCKPORT

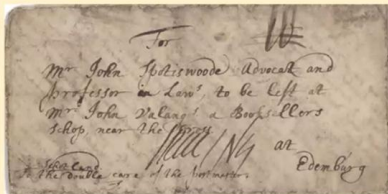
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8 April 1724: Letter from Middelburg to Amsterdam; on back 5st Zeeuwse Beurvaart mark placed upon arrival.



1722: cover from Middelburg to Amsterdam; red crayon "6"stuivers & Zeeuwse Beurvaart arrival mark.



13 May 1726: letter from The Hague to Amsterdam; two 3st marks (type H3a) for double weight letter.



7 July 1722: letter from J vd Burch in Dordrecht to J Spottiswoode in Edinburgh; "10"d packet tariff and "in all 1N4" (1s/4d) total to be paid; on back London Bishop's mark "IV/30" (= 11 July Gregorian); contained 3 repeated earlier letters.



Philip Longbottom went back in time to 1720's and the 1820's



26 July 1823(London transit mark): cover from Brielle to Stellenbosch via London; red boxed "10/12/12" applied in London; "4"d ship letter fee to be paid. The sender had to pre-pay 4 stuivers fee ($\frac{1}{3}$ x normal tariff to a Dutch colony = $\frac{1}{3}$ x 12st = 4st)



1827?: cover from London to Amsterdam; red "1oz" and "red 5(s)/4(d) quadruple packet fee pre-paid; on back framed "Brielle Eng. Corresp." mark; Dutch tariff of "95"(cents) for a Letter weighing 22.5-30 gms. Cents introduced from 1 January 1827.



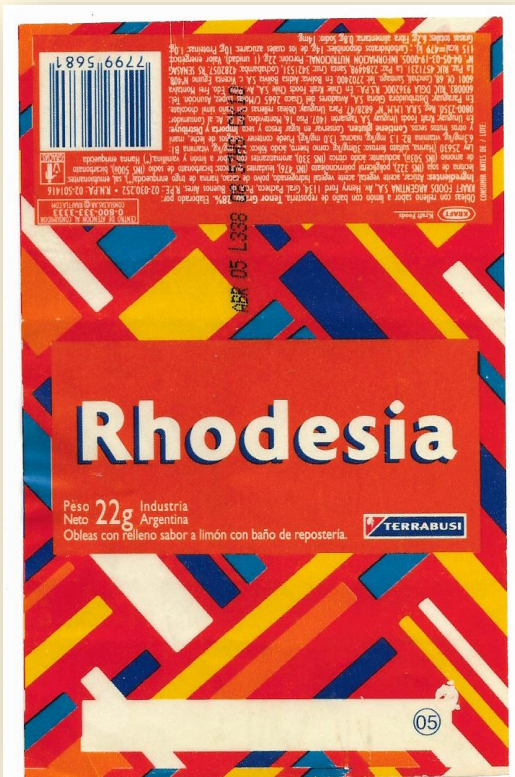
15 June 1824: Cover from Rotterdam to London endorsed "Per Steamship King of Netherlands"; ROTTERDAM undated postmark; LONDON crowned SHIP LETTER mark dated 17 June; "8"(d) ship letter fee.

Steamships were first used regularly used to The Netherlands in 1824.

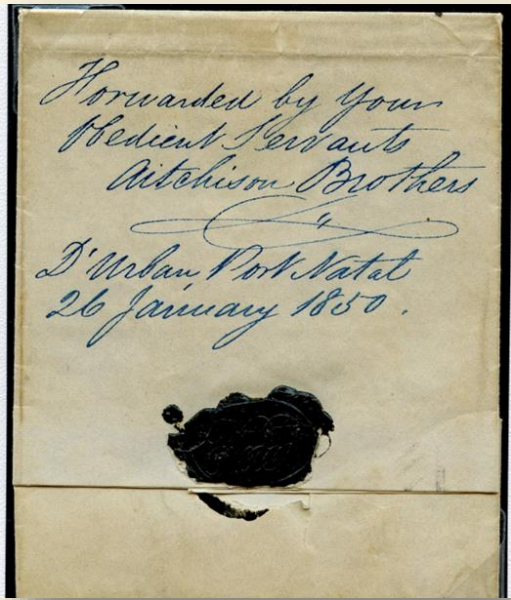
PHILATELY SOUTH AFRICA: Stamping with Adél

This was a well attended and fun meeting. Many different items were shown. The letters for the meeting was F or C or a theme of Food

Derek Lambert– A chocolate wrapper with Rhodesia on it, produced in Argentina, but bought in Ibiza



Keith Klugman – Victorian mail of Natal



Aug 1881. Unique letter from G Steilan of the Hermannsberg Missionary Society endorsed on reverse Ehlomohlomo, Zulu Country, care of Rev Witt, Rorkes Drift who cancelled the DLR 6^d & 1^d plus inverted overprint 1/2^d paying 7 1/2^d rate to Germany with Greytown 6th Aug transit, PMBurg, London and Braunschweig arrival on 8th Sept. Only recorded use of this manuscript cancel. PFSA & BMPB certs 2001.

STOCKPORT PS

A firm favourite and one of the longer running zoom meetings, well worth a visit.

Jamie Smith– ‘South African Cinderellas WWII’ this is one of my favourite presentations of Jamie’s – I just can’t resist a Cinderella.



2d (Sailor - Clive Peter) Inland Letter Rate, Pretoria to Marquard, re-directed with same 2d rate to East London.
With stamp on reverse, depicting the wartime Prime Minister, Jan Smuts, ‘OUR MAN” SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT’
Stamp issued by the United Party, Head Office in Pretoria.



Johannesburg.
28/11/40.



3d surface on censored cover from Johannesburg to Chicago U.S.A. with ‘LOOK OUT FOR THE ENEMY IN OUR MIDST’ on reverse.

Jamie Smith– ‘South African Cinderellas WWII’ this is one of my favourite presentations of Jamie’s – I just can’t resist a Cinderella.



Point Natal.
10/7/42.

Afrikaans version,
**‘WE MUST GO ALL-OUT TO WIN THIS ALL-IN WAR
PULL YOUR WEIGHT!’.**
With brush bristle? in paper causing an ink flaw.



5½d on Censored Cover being 4d registration Fee plus 1½d
Printed Paper Rate from Point Natal to London.
There is a registration number but there appears to be no
Registration Label.



Johannesburg.
5/7/41.

3d Foreign Rate on Censored Cover to California, U.S.A. with
‘1d ISSUED BY THE S.A. GIFTS & COMFORTS COMMITTEE’ Cinderella stamp on buff paper..

WITWATERSRAND PS

This is a hybrid meeting with members in the room as well as attendees via zoom, OBVIOUSLY this is my favourite meeting as it is my home society. We are attracting more online attendees who participate as well, that makes me happy.

Ian Matheson – This time he showed how Poster Display Tax worked in France. An in depth study well worth seeing and the material is exquisite .



14 April 1873

Poster size:
41cm X 30.5cm = 12.5dm²

Tax = 5c + 20% = 6c.

DÉSIGNATION.

1re parcelle. — Sur la rue, en la grande rue, il suit :

REMENT. — Sur la rue, un corps de cochère, composée de :

- une porte cochère, grande
- au-dessus de la porte cochère, grand
- chambre avec alcôve; grande cham
- bre à feu; un cabinet au-dessus de
- chambres au deuxième étage.
- er sur ces chambres.
- uite, dans la cour, une salle de b
- intérieur de l'habitation.
- e l'autre côté de la porte coch

My Latest Acquisitions

These documents were a gift from **Giovanni Pallazzo** who is recovering well from the stroke he had a few months ago. Note the denomination to help translate the decimal currency.

Proclaimed Area of Durban
DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION
BULK/GROOTMAAT

DBN. CORPN. N.B.174

N.I. No./ 3389345

This form acknowledges receipt of Registration Fees to the value of Stamps affixed in respect of Native.
Hierdie vorm erken ontvangs van Registrasiegelde ter waarde van die aangehegte seels ten opsigte van Naturel.

NAME Phudan Soda
SURNAME Gumede
VAN

GRANTED LEAVE FROM _____ TO _____
VERLOF TOEGESTAAN VAN _____ TOT _____

Gepronkies gebied, Durban
DEPARTMENT VAN BANTOE-ADMINISTRASIE

EMPLOYED BY PARKS Ree + Beaches
IN DIENS VAN Botaniese Gedeelte
ADDRESS Durban

DATE OF ENGAGEMENT 20-2-61
DATUM VAN INDIENSNEMING
DATE OF DISCHARGE 11-7-72
DATUM VAN ONTSLAG

EMPLOYER'S SIGNATURE
HANDTEKENING VAN WERKGEWER

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS:
1. The Native mentioned hereon should be in possession of a Reference Book which now replaces all passes. To complete registration the employer must enter his name and address and the date of engagement thereon in Section "B." Within the first seven days of each month the Reference Book must be signed to indicate continuance of employment.
2. A monthly registration fee of 20c is payable in respect of this Native on or before the seventh day of each month he is in your employ.
3. Special books of registration vouchers may be purchased in advance from the Bulk Payment Office, 132 Ordinance Road. The Vouchers and counterfoils must be sent with the notification of engagement to the Registration Office.
4. All cheques to be made payable to "City Treasurer" but forwarded to: The Director, Department of Bantu Administration, P.O. Box 154, Durban.
5. When an employee proceeds on leave the details should be endorsed hereon and this document delivered or posted to the Registration Office within three days. The Reference Book should be similarly endorsed.

KENNISGEWING AAN WERKGEWERS:
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2. 'n Maandelikse registrasiegeld van 20c is betaalbaar ten opsigte van die Naturel op of voor die sewende dag van elke maand wat hy in u diens is.
3. Spesiale boeke van registrasiebewyse kan vooruit van die Kantoor vir Groot-maatbetaling, Ordinanceweg 132, gekoop word. Die bewyse en teenblaie moet saam met die aanmelding van indiensneming aan die Registrasiekantoor gestuur word.
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5. Wanneer 'n werknemer met verlof gaan, moet die besonderhede hierop geëndosseer word en hierdie dokument moet binne drie dae aan die Registrasiekantoor gestuur of gepos word. Die bewysboek moet op soortgelyke wyse geëndosseer word.

Prescribed Area of Durban
DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION
BULK/GROOTMAAT

N.I. No./ 1817835

This form acknowledges receipt of prescribed monthly fees to the value of Stamps affixed in respect of Bantu.
Hierdie vorm erken ontvangs van die voorgeskrewe maandelikse gelde ter waarde van die seels wat ten opsigte van die Bantoe aangeheg is.

NAME Ngulizana
SURNAME Ngulizana
VAN

GRANTED LEAVE FROM _____ TO _____
VERLOF TOEGESTAAN VAN _____ TOT _____

Voorgeskrewe gebied, Durban
DEPARTMENT VAN BANTOE-ADMINISTRASIE

EMPLOYED BY Parks Recreation Beaches
IN DIENS VAN

ADDRESS 70 St Shomus Rd.
ADRES

DATE OF ENGAGEMENT 10-12-70
DATUM VAN INDIENSNEMING

DATE OF DISCHARGE
DATUM VAN ONTSLAG

EMPLOYER'S SIGNATURE
HANDTEKENING VAN WERKGEWER

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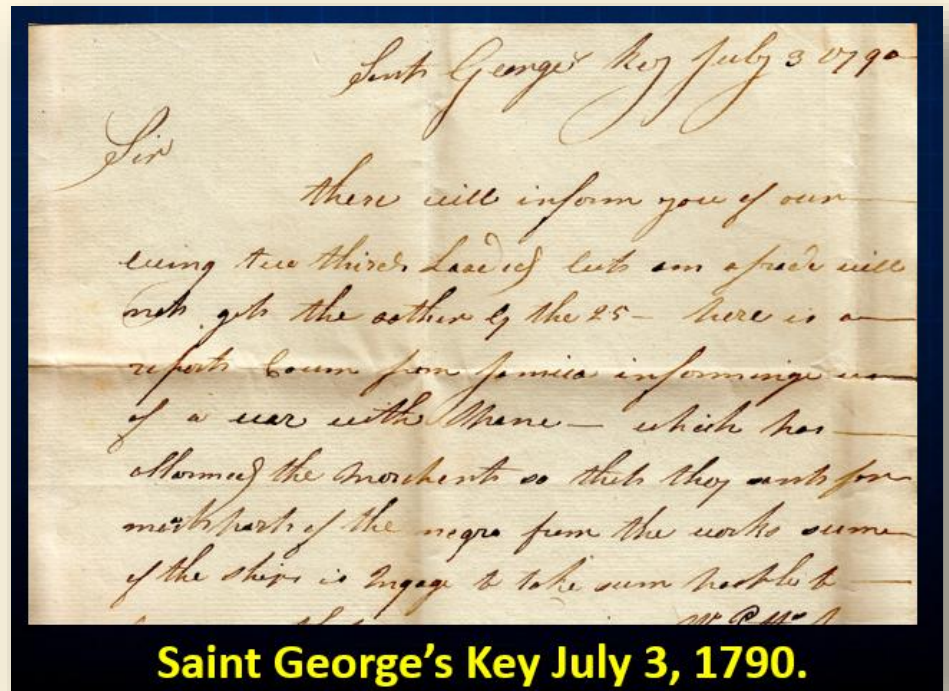
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ZOOM Happy Hour

Ian Matheson is an expert on most tax systems, and he is also very keen to share his research with fellow collectors. While he concentrates on Entertainment tax, he has an extensive collection of other taxes as well such as medicine and cigarette tax stamps to name a few.

What I enjoy most about Ian's talks is the way he can transform a mundane revenue stamp into the most interesting stamp around.

For this meeting Ian showed the Cayes of Belize as well as Penalty Stamps (1937-1952).



BELIZE - ST. GEORGE'S CAYE



21 August 1895. Cover from Belize to "Quaco Head" – a house on St. George's Caye.

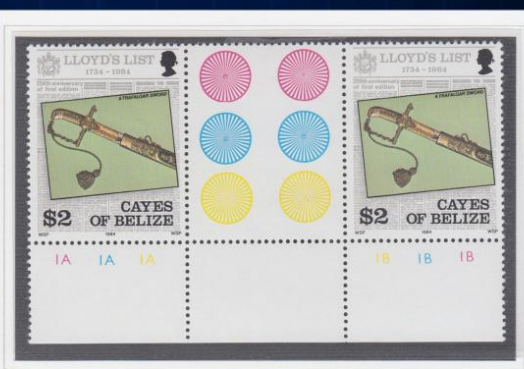
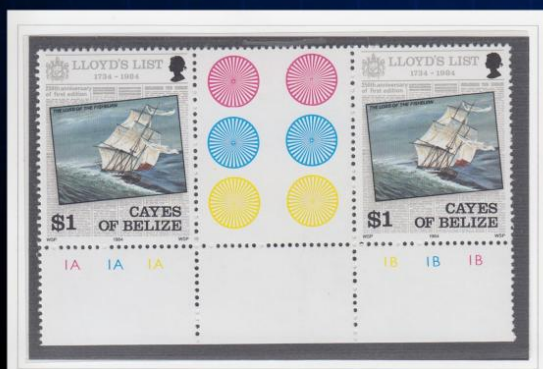
Half Moon Caye lies some 70 nautical miles (113 km) from Belize City and derives its name from its crescent shape. Its historic lighthouse is still a major aid to navigation, but Half Moon Caye is better known nowadays for its beautiful scenery, some of the finest beaches in the country, and the clearest waters, with visibility to a depth of 200 feet. Half Moon Caye has been made world famous by the French oceanographer Yves Jacques Cousteau who reported on the natural phenomenon known locally as the Blue Hole. Half Moon Caye, which lies at the entrance to Lighthouse Reef, a paradise for ornithologists and one of the last remaining haunts of an almost extinct species of Booby bird, is now completely owned by the Government of Belize and has been declared



Singora Major & Barker
St. George's Caye
British Honduras.

CUTLERY
 SEP 18 1895
 Caye
 Service.
 3-cent

5 November 1984. Lloyd's List.



5 November 1984. 90th Anniv. of first Cayes stamp.



Cross-gutter
block in
combination
with BELIZE
stamps
(ex Format
archives)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA Penalty Stamps (1937 – 1952)

THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 21 1936

DEATH OF THE KING

A PEACEFUL ENDING AT MIDNIGHT

ROYAL FAMILY'S LONG VIGIL

PARLIAMENT TO MEET THIS EVENING

It is with the most profound regret that we have to announce the death of His Majesty King George, which occurred at 11.55 last night. The official bulletins announcing the end was in the following terms:—

Death came peacefully to the King at 11.55 p.m. to-night in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Princess Royal, and the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

FREDERIC WILLIAMS
STANLEY HEWETT
DAWSON OF PENN

The following bulletin was issued at Sandringham at 9.25 last night:—

THE KING'S LIFE IS MOVING PEACEFULLY TOWARDS ITS CLOSE.

FREDERIC WILLIAMS
STANLEY HEWETT
DAWSON OF PENN

About 10.30 p.m. it was intimated that there would not be any further bulletins until the doctors had to announce the end. The public had been to some extent prepared for the grave news which was to follow by the bulletin issued earlier in the evening. It was posted at Sandringham at 5.30, and signed by the three doctors in attendance on the King. The bulletin read as follows:—

THE CONDITION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING SHOWS DIMINISHING STRENGTH.

The earlier news during the day had given rise to some hope. At 10.45 a.m. the following statement was officially issued:—

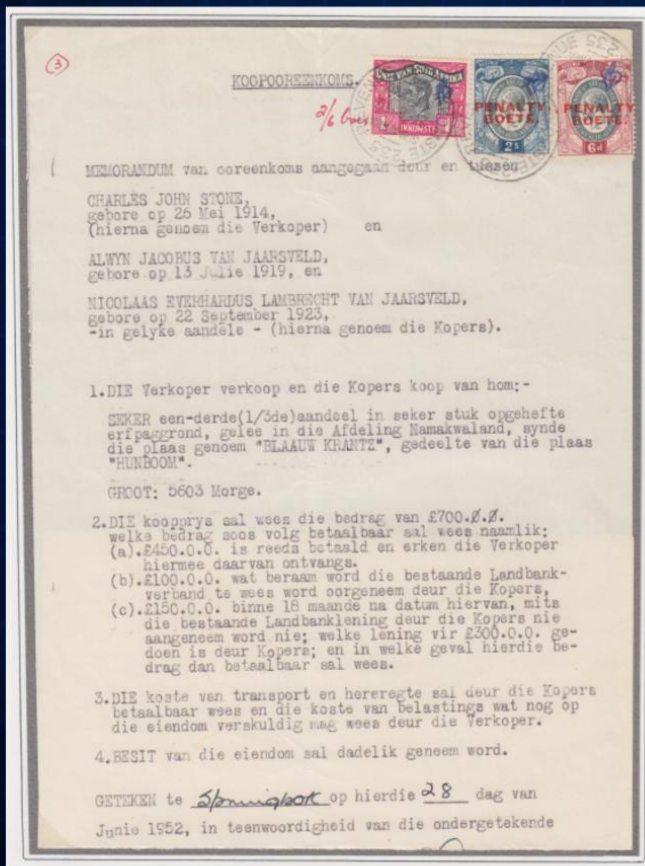
The King has had a more restful night. There is no substantial

The 1936 Penalty Stamps



The 1937 Issue – Portrait of King George the Fifth!

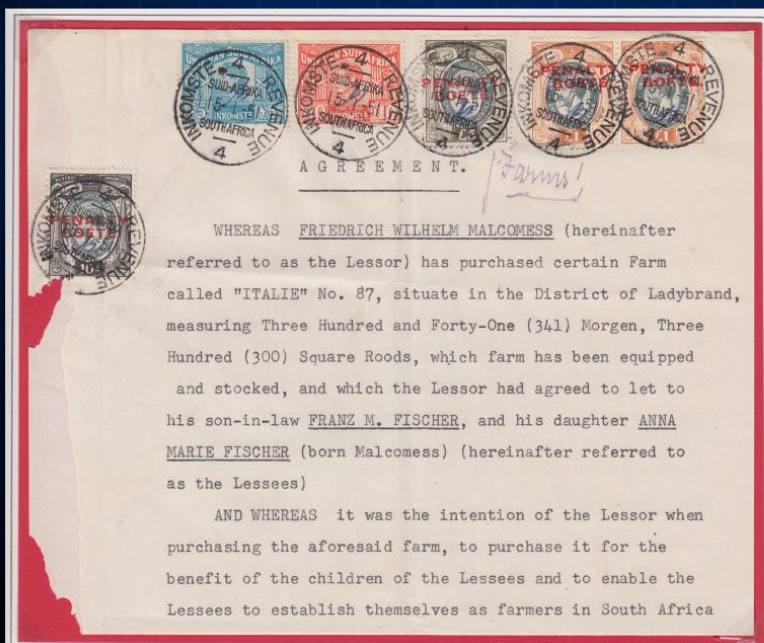




21 August 1952

Purchase contract:

1/- tax paid with George VI revenue stamp. Penalty paid with 6d and 2/- George V penalty stamps dated 1937.

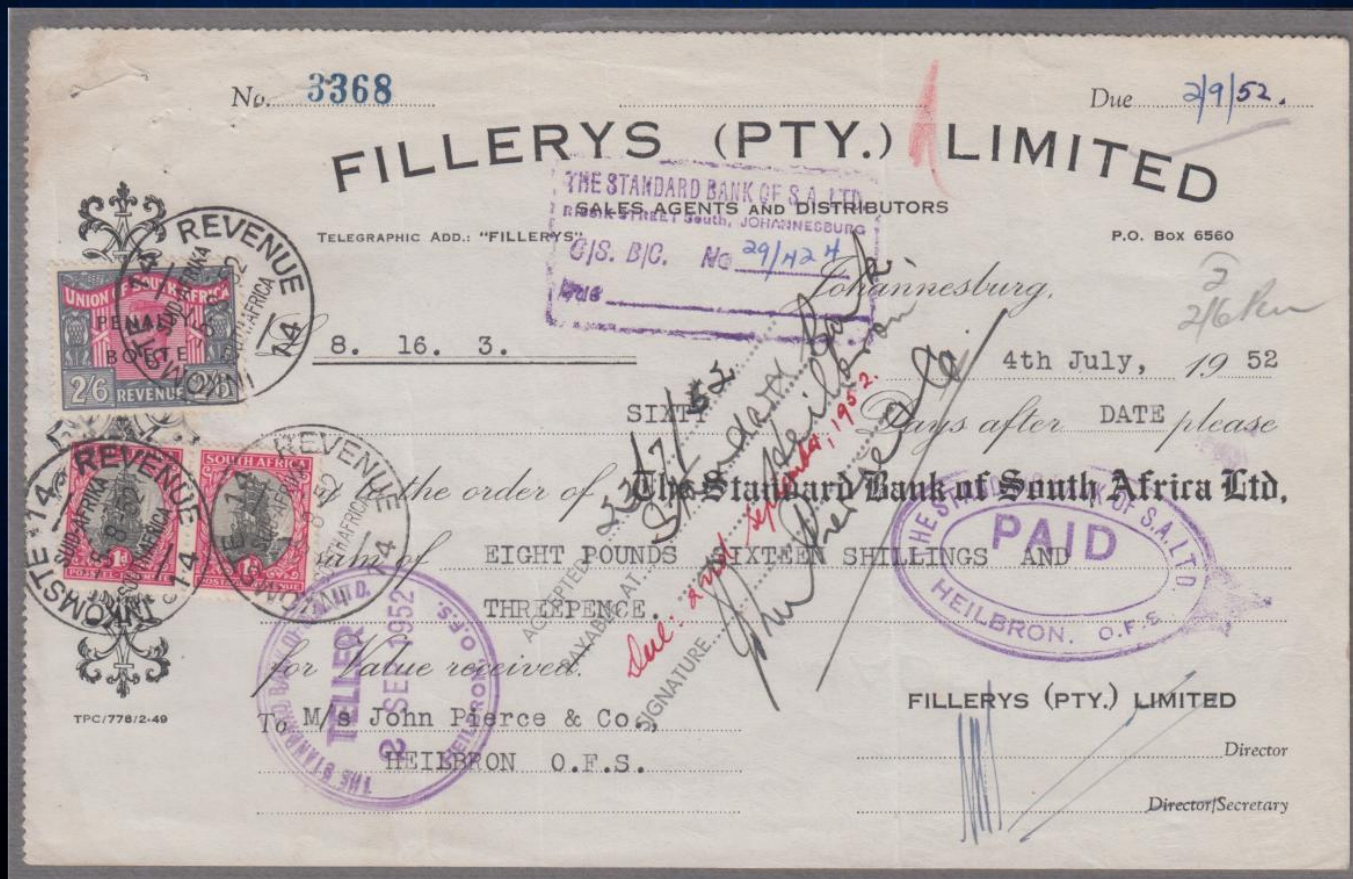


15 January 1951

Purchase and lease contract:

£15 tax paid with £5 and £10 George VI revenue stamps. £7.10s penalty paid with £5, 2 X £1 and 10/- George V penalty stamps dated 1937.

The Thin PENALTY Overprint (1948 – 1952)



£1 thick overprint + 2/6 thin overprint.



Stockport Railway Parcel Stamp

This is the first time that Jamie has seen one of these parcel stamps from Stockport. If anyone can give more information, it would be appreciated



Ticket 0321 for one package.
(note repaired paper tear affecting the '2' and 'D'.
Stratford to Birmingham (Moor Street).

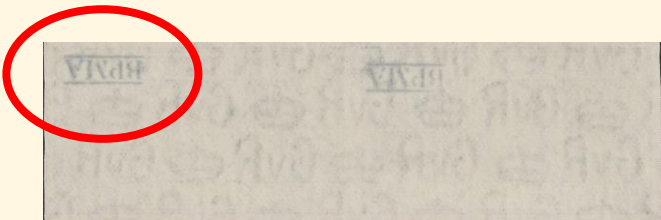


Cancelled,
G.W.R. - 30th July 1908 – Stratford-on-Avon.

4d G.W.R. (Great Western Railway) Stratford-on-Avon.
'Prepaid Parcel Stamp Label', used from Stratford to Birmingham.
(Manuscript Bm for Brum = Birmingham).
Note that the Station is Stratford-on-Avon (which is the area) but the town that it served is Stratford-upon-Avon.

1935 Silver Jubilee Stamps

These Tete Beche imperf pairs are from the collection of **Ian Frith**. They are from the printers' archives – Note the stamp on the rear



Local Club Meetings

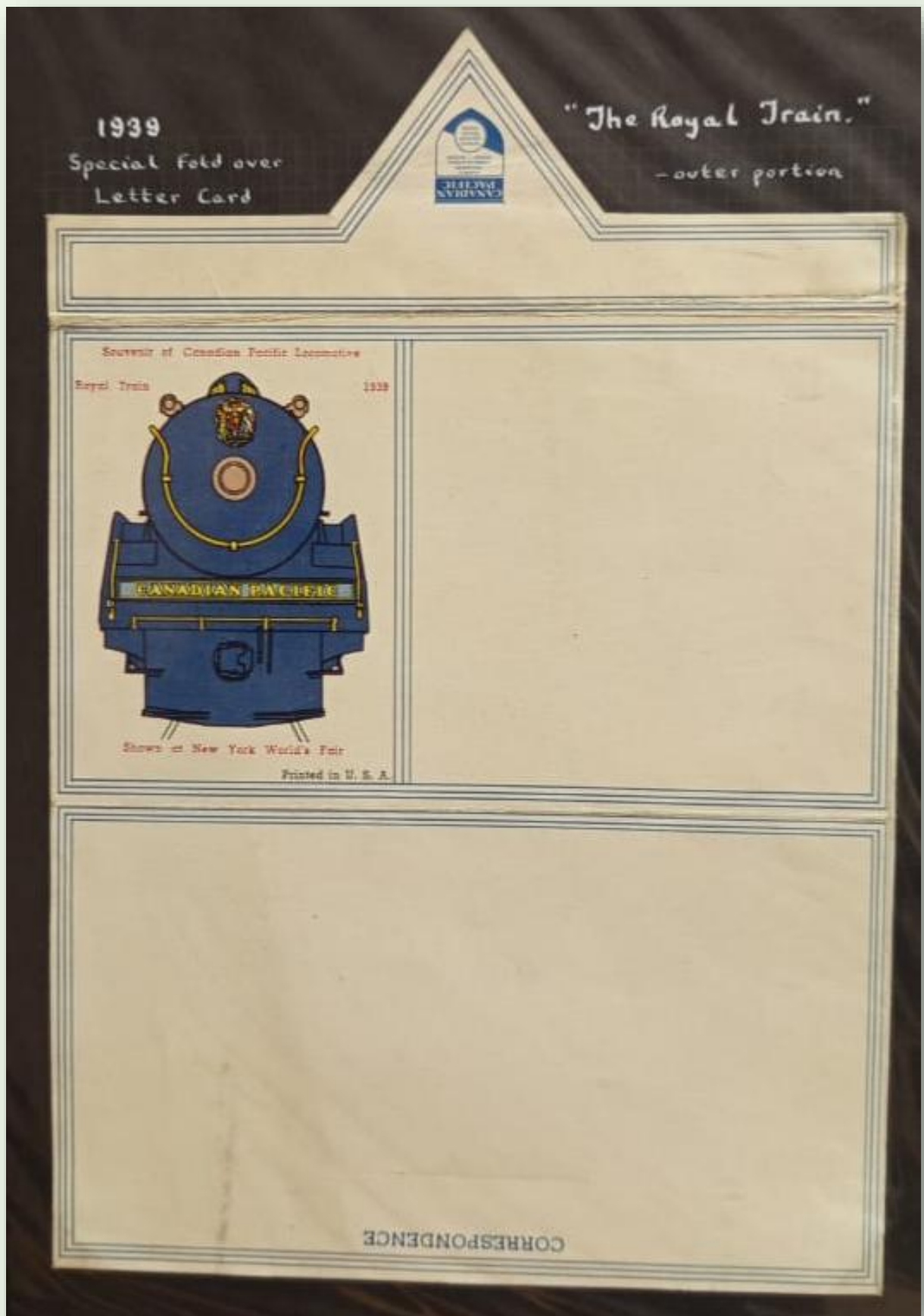
I like to visit as many societies as possible, and if time and budget allows I try and attend international exhibitions where I can. I am sharing my experiences with you in the hopes that you will join me in my philatelic journey and come and say hi.

STOCKPORT PS

David Sheldrake – Showed his collection of items relating to the ship the Queen Mary



Stephen Parkin – Showed items relating to the 1939 Royal Tour in Canada from his late fathers collection.





1939 May 29th-31st

"The Royal Visit."

After journeying through the Rockies and a number of memorable visits en-route, their Majesties arrived in Victoria, British Columbia, during the evening of the 29th May having sailed from Vancouver on the "Princess Marguerite" escorted by Canadian sea planes.



"The Royal Visit."

1939, circa May 21st.

A silver-plated bookmark was produced as a memento by the City of Westmount.



May 25th.

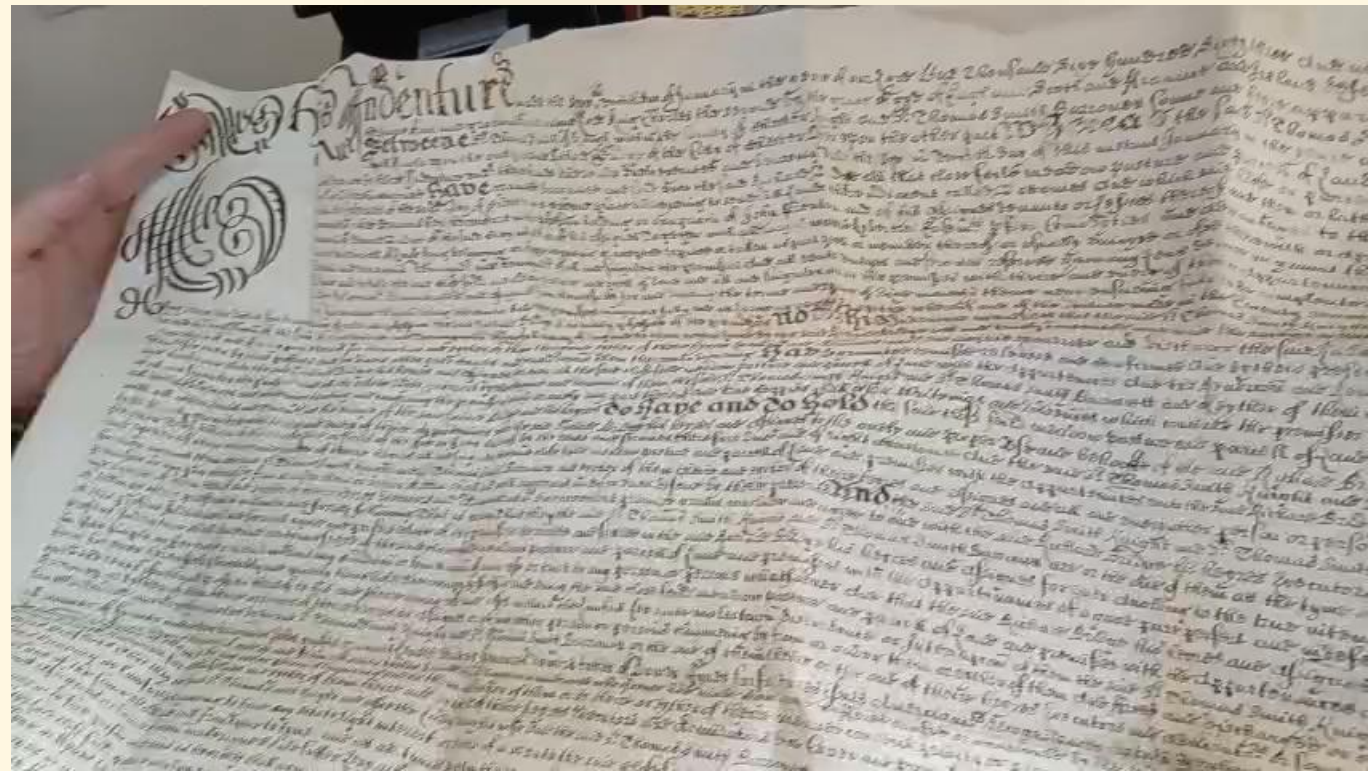
Commemorative cover bearing the complete Royal Visit set tied by Regina/Sask cds, the cover having "Regina, May 25th" at the foot.



Items of Interest

William IV 1623 Indenture

I saw this document in North Wales with the complete wax seal. What a feeling to be able to handle such a document.



Society Request

The Orange Free State Study Circle

The Study Circle, founded 1953, welcomes new members to carry on the work achieved over the years since its foundation. Our quarterly journal, the OFS Bulletin, reflect the society's current research or reports, and these are backed up by many years of authoritative publications, most of which remain available.

It is a matter of concern that the OFS Philately Group has some 400 members, but few are members of the Study Circle. It seems that most rely on the internet for gaining information, but ignore physical literature which, in most cases, would provide the essential and extensive detail and research that they need. Most society publications are not on the internet and are not in a form suitable for electronic transfer.

The Study Circle does need new members and officers to carry on its work. In particular, we will need a new Editor for 2026 onwards, as age and deteriorating health prevents the current Editor from continuing. This Officer does not have to be UK-based; the present Editor resides in Australia. Collectors with an interest in the OFS Study Circle are asked to contact the Secretary for more information.

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