



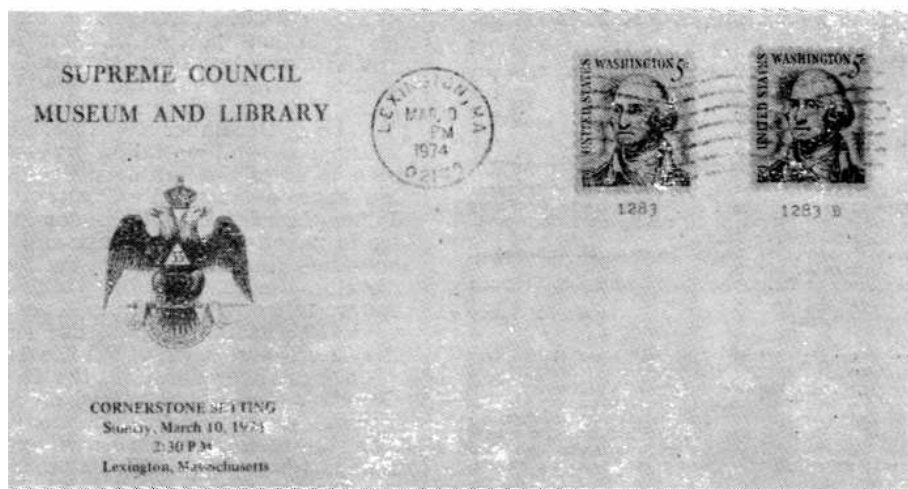
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Every Month
(Except July and August)

COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING
22 East 35th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017

By the Sign of the Gavel

The April 5th meeting was conducted by our Past President Robert Smith as I was visiting my family in Virginia for the holidays. I wish to extend my sincere thanks for a job well done.

There were exhibits and lectures by Bros. Stanley Salomon, Manny Reggel, Doc Yarry, Robert Smith and Norman Sehlmeier. As usual, all were in good form. This made the meeting interesting. Many thanks to them.

Our May 3rd meeting will be our annual dinner, celebrating our 40th anniversary. Arrangements have been made for a complete dinner including smorgasbord and cocktail hour. Ladies are invited and a surprise is in store for all who attend.

Looking forward to greeting you on May 3rd, I remain,

Louis Bernstein

The Cover —

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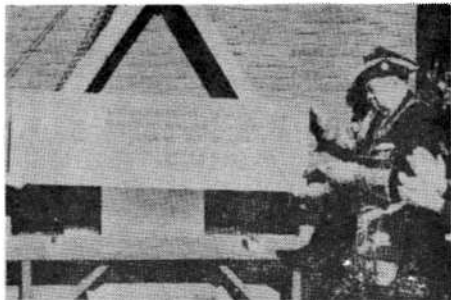
JAMES GADSDEN

The "Gadsden Purchase" is the name given to that portion of New Mexico and Arizona purchased from Mexico under a treaty negotiated by Ambassador James Gadsden for the United States, December 30, 1853. Inexact boundaries and agitation by railroad men to build the Southern Pacific R.R. led President Franklin Pierce to send James Gadsden as ambassador to Mexico to negotiate for readjustment of the boundary line. Gadsden got the Mexican dictator, Santa Anna, to yield 29,640 square miles for which the government paid \$10,000,000. The land lies south of the Gila River, down to the Rio Grande.

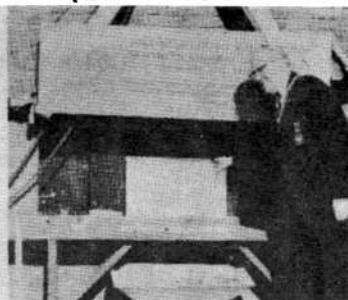
On December 30, 1953, the Gadsden Purchase stamp was placed on sale at Tucson, Arizona, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the acquisition. The stamp, Scott No. 1028, helps to perpetuate the name of a Mason, Brother James Gadsden, who was an early member of Jackson Lodge No. 23 F.&A.M. at Tallahassee, Florida, under the Grand Lodge of Alabama. The lodge is now under Florida jurisdiction as Jackson Lodge No. 1.

A grandson of Christopher Gadsden, a Revolutionary War brigadier general, James Gadsden was born May 15, 1788

Filler Card for Cover, Commemorating 200th Anniversary of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. (SEE NOTE BELOW)



M. W. DONALD W. VOSE
Grand Master of Masons
in Massachusetts.
"LOWERING THE STONE"



ILL.: STANLEY F. MAXWELL, 33°
Executive Secretary, AASR.,
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
"PLACING CORNERSTONE MEMENTOS"

Two hundred years ago, July 4, 1776, a group of dedicated men affixed their signatures to a document which is one of the most sacred treasures of our Country. By doing so, they established what was to become the United States of America and to it they pledged "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor."

Today they lie in honored graves in the land they founded, but the memory of their devotion, their high-mindedness, and their willingness to sacrifice in a good cause will never die. It will live in the minds and hearts of patriotic Americans until Time is no more.

In commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of that historic event, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America has erected a Museum and Library in the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, dedicated to their memory and to the lofty principles so eloquently enunciated by them in the Declaration they signed.

in Charleston, South Carolina. He graduated from Yale College in 1806 and engaged in commercial business in Charleston until 1812 when he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant of Engineers in the U.S. Army. He served in the War of 1812 in the Corps of Engineers and in 1816 as aide-de-camp to General Andrew Jackson with whom he served in Florida. He was promoted to captain in 1818 in the Seminole Campaign. In 1820 he was appointed colonel and inspector-general of the U.S. Army (but was not confirmed by the Senate). He retired from the army in 1822 and settled in Florida as a planter.

He became a member of the legisla-

tive council of Florida Territory in 1824. Under a commission from President Monroe, he directed the removal of Seminole Indians to Southern Florida. After the Gadsden Purchase, he returned to South Carolina, became president of the South Carolina Railroad and engaged in rice culture. He died in Charleston, December 26, 1858.

—Marshall S. Loke

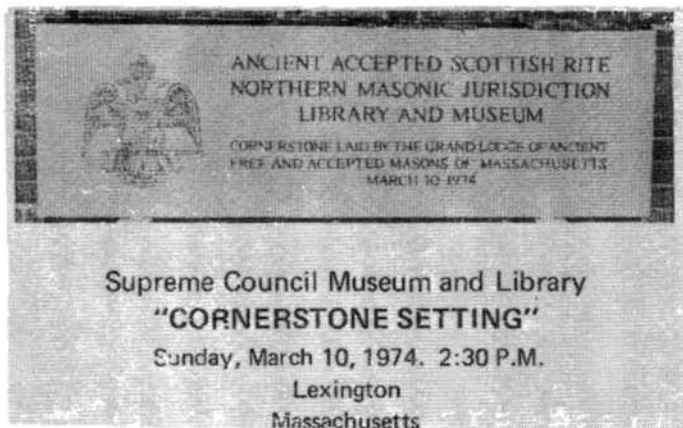
J. J. BERZELIUS

Berzelius was initiated in 1805 in St. John's Lodge St. Erik, at Stockholm, Sweden.

He was a prominent scientific chemist and physician.

NOTE: Although most of the thirty-three degrees of the Scottish Rite existed in parts of previous degree systems, the Scottish Rite did not come into being until the formation of the Mother Supreme Council at Charleston, South Carolina, in May 1801.

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"Among Those Present"
 Connecticut: M.W. Irving E. Partridge, P.G.M.
 Delaware: M.W. William H. Cantwell and M.W. Charles E. Daniels, P.G.M's.
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 Wisconsin: M.W. Alton D. Anderson, G.M.

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 I.L.L. Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, Exec. Sec'y.

Other Distinguished Guests
 I.L.L. Edward M. Selby, Gen. Gr. High Priest, Gen. Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International
 Hoyt McClendon, General Grand Master, Gen. Grand Council, R. & S.M., International
 Roy W. Riegle, Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.
 Bro. G.E. Millett, Curator, Old North Church.

From the Town of Lexington
 Mr. Allan F. Kenney, Chairman, Bd. of Selectmen
 Mr. Roland B. Greeley, Lexington Historical Soc.
 Mr. Richard Michelson, Chairman, Bi-Cent. Comm.
 Hon. Lincoln Cole, Jr., State Representative.

JOHN BARRY

John Barry was initiated in old Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 12, 1795 and was suspended for non-payment of dues in 1800.

He was a United States naval officer, called the "Father of the American Navy."

In the early days of the Revolutionary War (1775), he received the first captains commission issued under the authority of the Continental Congress, and was made commander of the brig Lexington. He was the first naval offi-

cer to capture a British warship in actual battle, when the British tender "Edward" yielded to the Lexington in April of 1776.

Barry's record brought great prestige and he was named Senior Captain when the Navy was reorganized in 1794. This was the highest post in the Navy at that time. He was popularly called "Commodore". He was made commander of the United States flagship, United States, and was placed in charge of the naval forces in the West Indies.

—Elwing D. Carlsen

The American Airpost Catalogue

Our Past President Dr. Irwin M. Yarry has allowed the club to copy part of the American Airpost Catalogue, which has reference to historically commemorative covers. These are, of course, very interesting to all stamp collectors, and makes good reference material during these bicentennial years. This catalogue, published in 1933, was purchased by Brother Yarry at the H. R. Harmer Auction which sold the Franklin D. Roosevelt Collection. Our sincere thanks to "Doc" for this information.

HISTORICALLY COMMEMORATIVE COVERS

Collector:

Special stress has been laid upon the Bicentennial Covers of 1932. Every Bicentennial, we believe, has been included. Covers, upon which the cachet has been applied solely with pen and ink or typewriter, have been omitted. If these covers are to be recognized, an encyclopedia will be required to chronicle all of them. There would be one or more covers from each city and for each event. No collection could ever be completed. It is my belief, that if a true desire was present to produce a cover of any value, the sponsor would have obtained a rubber stamp or had the covers printed.

Single covers with two or more cachets are not listed. The possible varieties of this type cover are too numerous to be included. These covers may be priced as one, two (or whatever the case may be). This, of course, depending entirely upon the demand of this type cover.

Covers from certain points, exist with cachets in many colors. We have made an attempt at listing these color variations but cannot price each color separately. For those wishing to collect the numerous varieties of colors we will gladly furnish further data to any collector, providing, a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed with the request.

Prices of covers herein listed, are based upon the number of covers mailed. Auction prices should give a fairer valuation and we hope to be able to quote prices on this basis in future editions. The prices quoted herein are for covers in clean condition, with first class postage upon each cover. Covers with second class postage should be valued at half catalog price. Cards at one-third catalog price.

The method of listing will be the same throughout.

Catalog number, date, city, color of cachet, (if more than one color has been used, more than one will be shown. If the cachet is of two colors this will be stated), number of covers mailed, description of cachet (unless same has been reproduced), name of sponsor, charge if any and the catalog price. The Bicentennials, in being numbered, carry no letter after their listing number. Letter (a) indicates that the cover is Historical but not a Bicentennial. Letter (d) indicates that the cover was sponsored by a dealer. The letter (d) has been used wherever a charge of any kind has been made.

This compilation has been made possible through the efforts of numerous collectors, dealers, sponsors and certain Post Office Officials. Great help has been given the section editor by Orbra E. King, who has helped procure some of the most evasive items.

The average collector has no conception of the time and energy required to compile a section of this type, yet he may offer criticism. Should anything of importance be left unlisted, the catalog publishers and section editor will be pleased to have same brought to their attention. We believe that all will benefit through this method.

The idea of including other than Bicentennial Covers in this section is to keep the cover hobby in the minds of those who have just recently entered our field. To perpetuate a cover, that cover cannot stand alone. 1933 is here and the Bicentennial year has passed. We hope that numerous other Historically Commemorative covers will be added to our present collections of Bicentennials. If the interest dies, then the interest in our Bicentennial covers will also die.

Numerous covers of a Historic nature have not been listed. These covers should be mailed to the section editor for future tabulation and chronicling.

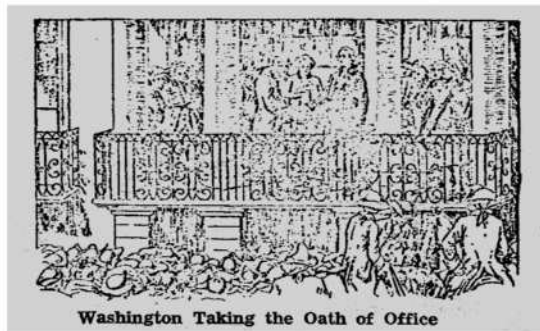
Yours for the Hobby,

EDWIN H. BRENNECKE,
422 N. LeClaire Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

January 1st, 1933

THE AMERICAN AIRPOST CATALOGUE

1a	Oct. 24, 1929—El Paso, Tex. Black, purple, green—1775	\$.35
2a	Oct. 25, 1929—El Paso, Tex. Blue—1361	.35
3a	Oct. 26, 1929—El Paso, Tex. Red—1274 Square—showing map of Gadsden Purchase. Commemorates 75th Anniv. of Chamber of Commerce.	.35
4a	Oct. 7, 1930—Kings Mountain, N. C. Red, blue, bi-color. 1500. Pictures Revolutionary Soldier with musket (red). Lettering over this in blue. Commemorates Battle of Kings Mountain. Chamber of Commerce.	.35
5a	Oct. 13, 14, 15, 1930—Wilmington, N. C. Green, purple. 4300. Four shield points forming a square. All lettering. Celebration commemorating, "Original resistance in the Colonies." Chamber of Commerce.	.25
6a	May 20, 1931—Charlotte, N. C. Blue, red, bi-color. Number unavailable. Seal of City of Charlotte (blue). Lettering below in red. Commemor- ates 156th Anniv. Declaration of Independence by Mecklinburg County. Sons of the American Revolution.	—
7a	June 12, 1931—Harrodsburg, Ky. Red. Number unavailable. Square— upper right hand corner depicts Lincoln Memorial, U.S. Capitol in background. Lower right, Lincoln Marriage Temple. Lower left, Marriage by Jesse Head. Upper left, Lincoln. Center, the Cabin that Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hands were married in, June 12, 1806.	—
8a	Aug. 9, 1931—Schenectady, N. Y. Square—printed purple, 1525. Com- memorates first passenger run on August 9, 1831 by the Dewitt Clin- ton between Schenectady and Albany. Chamber of Commerce.	.35
9a	Oct. 19, 1931—Wethersfield, Conn. Various cachets and colors. Chamber of Commerce sponsored a circular cachet picturing Webb House. 15,000 of these were mailed. This was first day for Yorktown Stamp and 83,000 covers mailed from Wethersfield.	.10
10a	Oct. 19, 1931—Yorktown, Va. First day for Yorktown Stamp. The ter- minating campaign of the Revolution. Campaign planned at Wethers- field and ended at Yorktown.	—
11a	Oct. 24, 1931—Fort Lee, N. J. Black. 296. See cut, courtesy of Ralph Dyer. Sponsored by Fort Lee Board of Trade.	.75
12a	Oct. 25, 1931—Fort Lee, N. J. Red. 78. Same as 11a	2.50
13a	Nov 19, 1931—Garfield, N. J. Red, green. 1789. See cut, courtesy of Paul P. Gervers, who sponsored	.35
14	Jan. 1, 1932—Washington, D. C. Over 1,000,000. First day for George Washington Bicentennial stamps. Numerous personal and dealer cachets as well as covers without cachets were available. Listing will be made of the various cacheted covers on this date. Covers not listed below should be catalogued eight cents over face value of stamps on covers. First class mail being carried for two cents, covers	.10
15	Jan. 1, 1932—Washington, D. C. Various colors. Approx. 600. Pictures busts of Washington. Semi-profile to left. Lettering above and below, which reads "George Washington Bicentennial Anniversary." Spon- sored by Aerophilatelic Club of New York	.45
16	Jan. 1, 1932—Washington, D. C. Red, violet, bi-color. 70 to 75 mailed. Shield, in circle. Wording above, below and on shield. Shield and circle red. Lettering violet. Sponsored by Brooklyn Stamp Club and mailed to members only	2.50
17d	Jan. 1, 1932—Washington, D. C. 12 different printed envelopes. 900 sold. Harry Ioor covers for First Day Washington Bicentennial Stamp and 12 different dates throughout the year. Sold 12 envelopes for 30¢. Each	.40

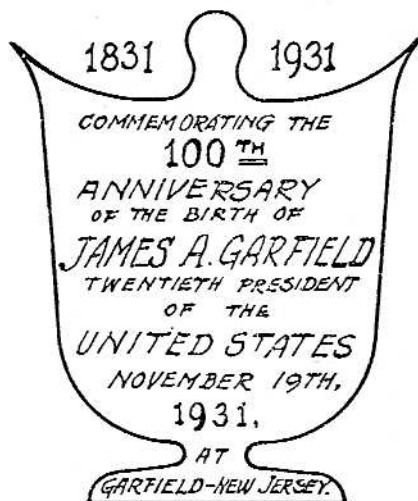


Washington Taking the Oath of Office

COMMEMORATING THE INAUGURATION OF
GEORGE WASHINGTON
 AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 APRIL 30, 1789

Hammond, Ind., Apr. 30, courtesy Edw. Hacker.

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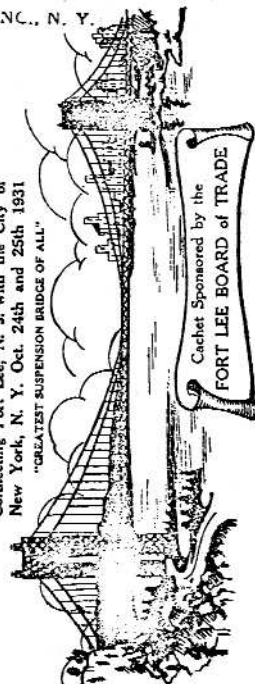


- Garfield, N. J., Nov. 19, 1931,
 courtesy Paul P. Gervers.

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