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Web Site: www.lcpshome.org

Last month, a lady donated five boxes of philatelic items to the LCPS – primarily UN, USSPs and FDCs. These items she inherited from her brother and she wants them to find a 'good' home.



In June we enjoyed a excellent presentation on Christmas Seals by Bill Schultz. It will appear on our website next month (after I finish a couple of other projects...)

This month - bring your stamps for trade or selling.

Treasures' Report: Checking Account -- \$746.24; Savings Account -- 1,489.76; Total -- \$2,236.00

The World's First Commemorative Postage

Most of us are use to believing that the Columbian Exposition stamps of 1893 as the first commemoratives issued in the United States. But, alas no ...

Twenty-two years before, the honorable Daniel J. Morrell, a lame-duck representative from Pennsylvania and chairman of the House Committee on Manufactures, introduced a bill creating the United States Centennial Commission, charged with *"to prepare and superintend the execution of a plan for holding an exhibition of American and foreign arts, products and manufactures, under the auspices of the government of the United States, in the City of Philadelphia in the year of 1876"*. This was his last act before being forced into retirement by the disgruntled voters of his district.



D.J. Morrell J. R. Hawley M. Jewell

Once signed into law by President Grant, former Major General Joseph R. Hawley (of Connecticut) was "elected" president of the Centennial Commission. It so happened that one of his friends was the Third Assistant Postmaster of the United States (of Connecticut) whose duties included the issuance and monitoring of postage assets. Over a period of two years later (1873) they decided that there should be a special postage issue to mark the **One-hundredth Anniversary** of the Republic.

Late in 1875, Marshall Jewell, Postmaster General (former Governor of Connecticut) also decided it would be a good idea to honor the event with a special issue. – and it should probably be a stamped envelope. When asked, about a special issue, the current contractor for stamped envelopes envelopes, Plimpton Manufacturing Company (of Hartford, Connecticut), was more than happy to comply.

Next meeting:
7PM on Tuesday 24 July 2007
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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