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Welcome to the first experimental issue of the Razzle Bedazzl'd Magazine. We are dedicated to creating one frame exhibits based on single, two and four page exhibits. Each exhibit page(s) tells a complete story using different philatelic elements and graphics to illustrate the stories.

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Story 1 Message to God ROSH HASHANAH

The story tells how one greets fellow Jews during the Jewish High Holidays. They also hope to be "inscribed in the book of life for the next year."

One way to stress the hope is if your are in Jerusalem go to the Western Wall and place a **"Message to God"** in a crevice.

On Pope Francis' visit to Jerusalem in May 2014, he left a message in the Wall for God.

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Story 2 "Brother, Show me the Money" A Melodrama in 4 Acts

Abiel Cobb and Sarah Van Winkle were married in New Jersey in 1750. The moved to the South Carolina frontier. When her father died in 1782 Sarah was entitled to part of the estate. For the next 32 years she tired to collect her money but died broke and alone.

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Story 3 General Doolittle 1932 3 Events in 4 Pages

Shell Petroleum Company helped celebrate the Bicentennial birth of George Washington and the 157th anniversary of the US Postal Service by promoting a flight by James H. Doolittle. He flew in one day over the routes Washington had traveled.

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Story 4 The Pioneers Baseball First Day Covers

Beginning in 1979 the B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service, of Silver Springs, MD started servicing first day covers for some new United States Stamps. The cachet features a Jewish related person, location or theme. The service continue till 1993 and issued 150FDC covers.

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Story 5 Valley Forge 1778 Revolutionary War Prisoners

Stampless cover sent to Washington's 1778 Headquarters Valley Fore. Discusses status of prisoners of war and need for money. Only known non-archive reference to Morristown Post Office during the war.

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ROSH HASHANAH

THE JEWISH *SPIRITUAL* NEW YEAR

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, occurs on the first and second days of Tishri (September - October).

It is a time to begin introspection and planning the changes to make in the new year.

Greeting card

picked up by a
postman

and sent on its way by plane ...

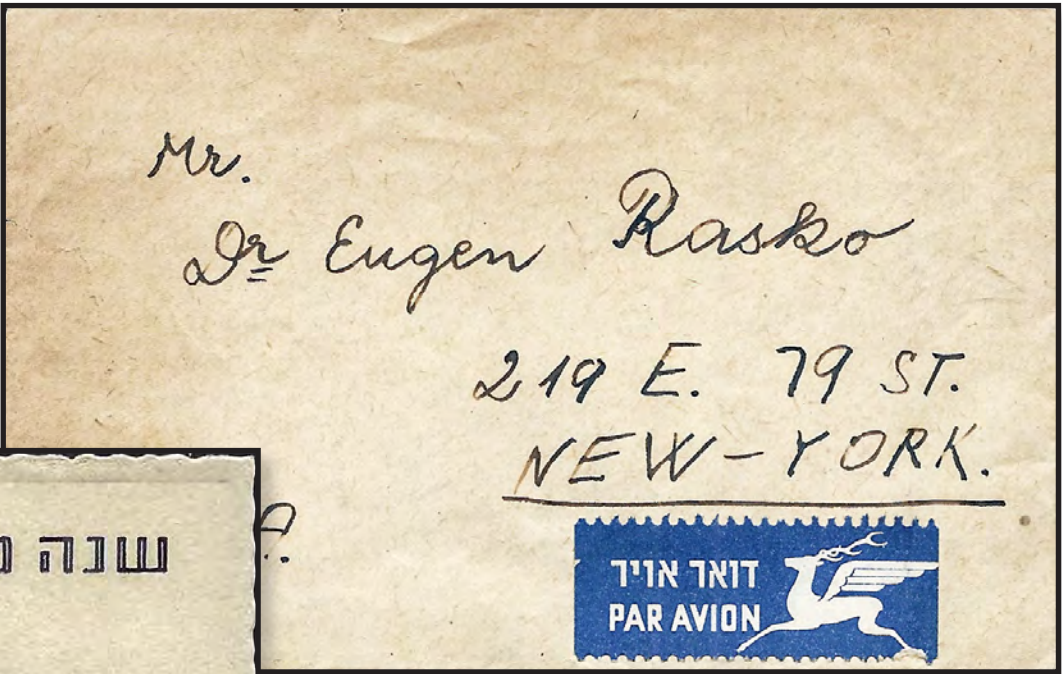


Scott 332
Stamp Day 1966

... but some people prefer to
communicate directly...



International Stamp Exhibition
label, Jerusalem 1973



...with God by inserting a message
into the Wailing Wall, Jerusalem

Scott 724a
“The Peace” souvenir sheet



Greeting: Leshanah tovah tkatevu

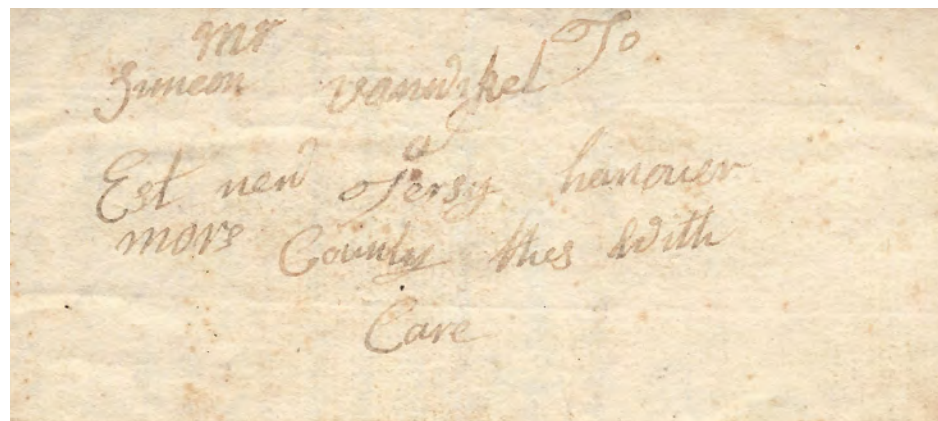
“May you be inscribed for a happy year”



Air Mail rate to United States - air mail rate 165 pruta
1950 Festival stamp, Scott 68, Coins 1950 Scott 42, 46
Tel Aviv dateless cancellation



Act 1 Scene 1
Roan County, North Carolina
August 28, 1760
From Abriel & Sarah Cobb
To: Simeon Van Winkle
Carried outside of the mail system

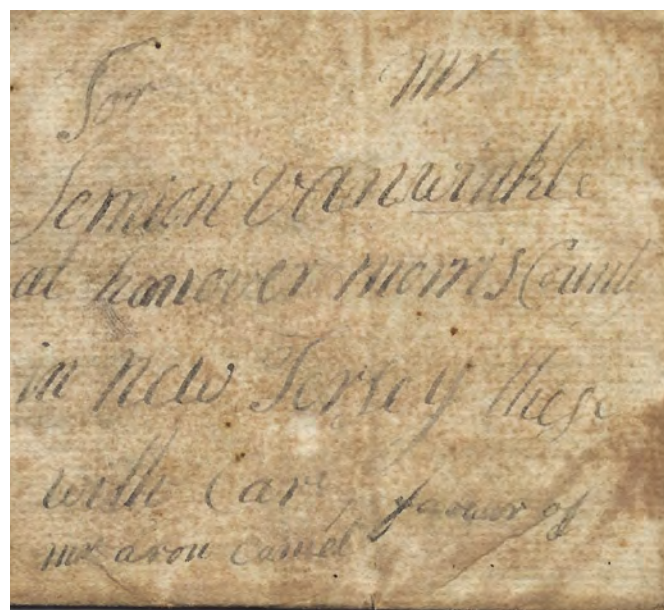


All is well

...we are all in a good state of health at present pleased be God for it and we sincerely desire these may find you and yours in the same.

... I have not received a letter from you since Abe have been here but we have received one from John and Jane from Michael.

Act 2 Scene 1
Surry County
April 28, 1778
From Michael Van Winkle
To: Simeon Van Winkle
Marked: with care Aron Camel



All is well

I received a letter from Elias Bedford by Aron Camel some time in January. He writes that mother died the latter end of March.

I set out again for Carolina the later end of June. I found Virginia to be a good country for bread but bad for waters and in three weeks 2 days arrived at Abiel Cobbs all in good health and we tarried there until the 14th of February 1778 when we moved to my own place that I bought.



The Cast



Siemon Van Winkle
B 1703
D June 20, 1777



Sarah Van Winkle
B November 15, 1725
D ???



Abiel Cobb
B November 15, 1725
D February 11, 1805



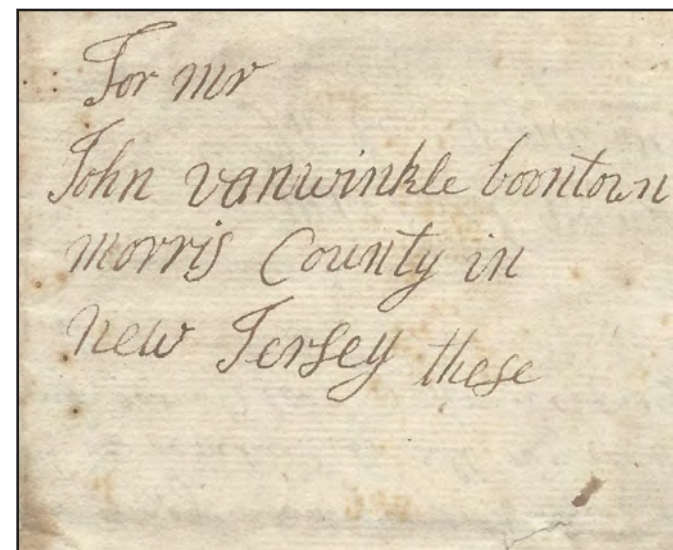
Michael Van Winkle
B 1736
D 1808



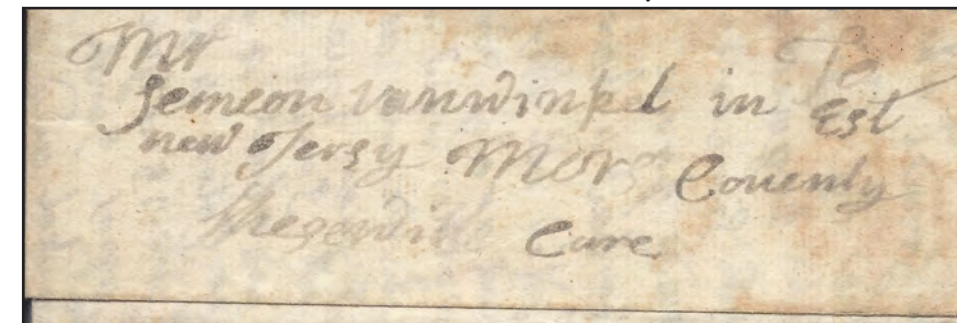
John Van Winkle
B December 18, 1734
D March 26, 1830

Lemuel Cobb
B May 15, 1762
D April 1, 1830

Act 2 Scene 2
Wiles
February 26, 1782
From Michael Van Winkle & Phebe
To: John Van Winkle
Carried outside of the mail system



Act 1 Scene 2
Richman Town, Tory County
June 13, 1774
From Abriel & Sarah Cobb
To: Simeon Van Winkle
Carried outside of the mail system



All is well

...we are all well through the goodness of God except my wife who has lately miscarried. By reason of a fall but is likely to get well again. We received your letter by Mr. Gerues



Father is DEAD
the WILL!!

You tell me in your letter of the death of our father last June and of his leaving a sort of a will with which you were all satisfied excepting Simon and Elias but did not tell me the contents of the will so that I am left in the dark to know whether it will be satisfying to me or not

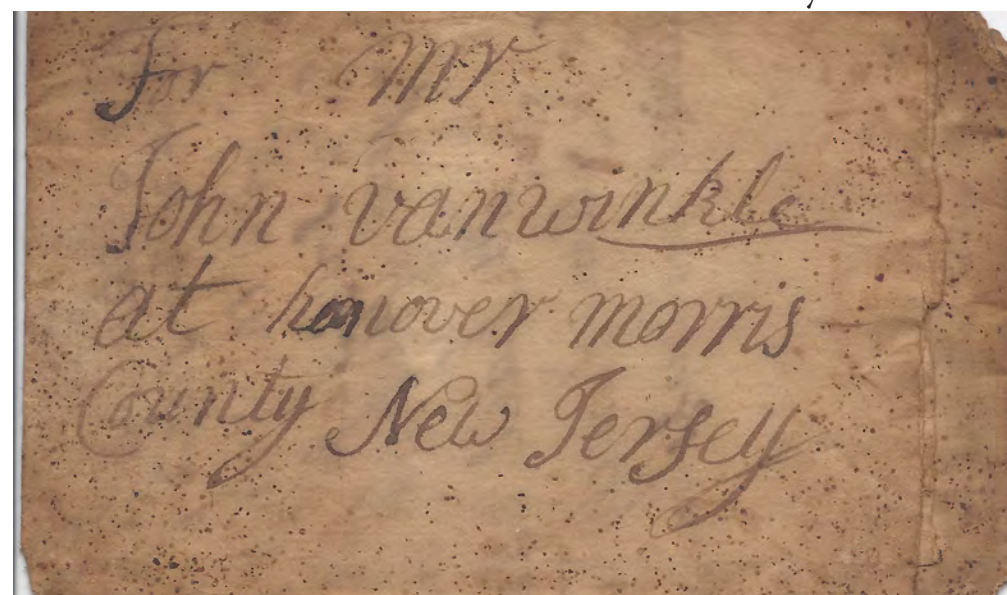
I think that will be best for us all in general as I am informed by Mr. Luries that the law directs that in case there is not legal will then the brothers have equal share of the state and I think it very just brethren should be equal and not one be exalted above another.



Act 3 Scene 1
Wiles County, North Carolina
April 4, 1783

From Michael Van Winkle
To: John Van Winkle

Carried outside of the mail system



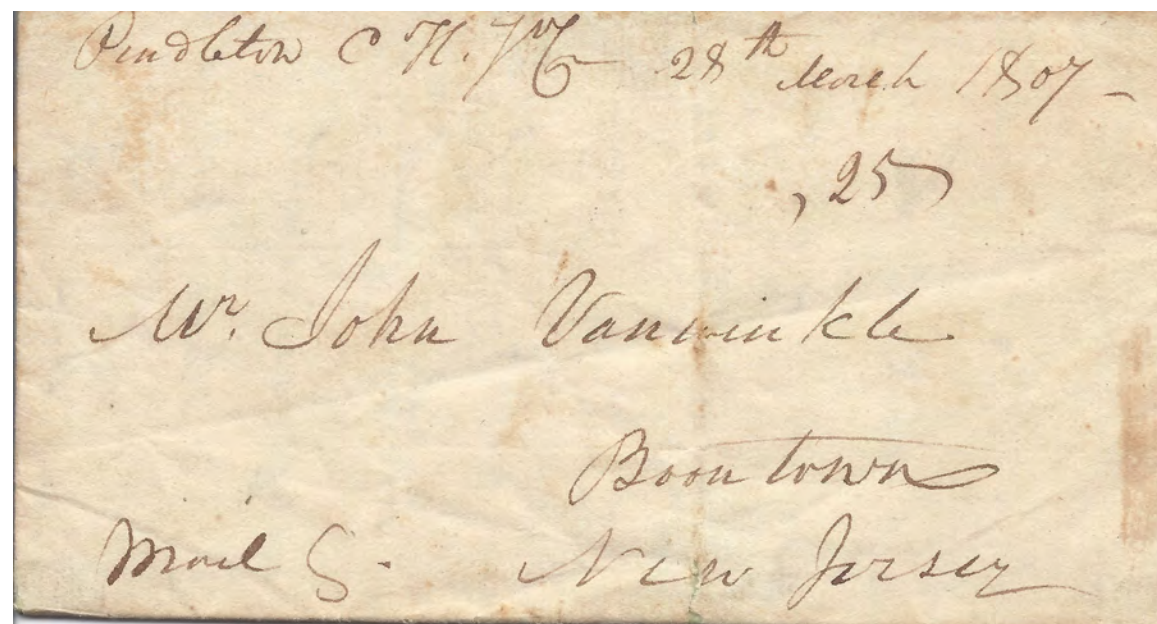
Brotherly Love

I received your letter of the 12th of October 1782 by the hand of Elizabeth Cobb and Mr. Root in which you inform me at last of the contents of my father's will as you call it now. You tell me there is nothing left for me (Not include in the will!). I have sent a power of attorney to brother Simeon to act for me. I suspect that you have hired or bribed him to be still for I nothing for me as I am informed. I will make you this offer that you will send me fifty pounds in good hard money and an admittance for all that I have received or stand indebted to this estate and to you and then I will rest satisfied.

Act 4 Scene 1
Pendleton C.H. South Carolina
March 28, 1807

From Sarah (Van Winkle) Cobb
To: John Van Winkle

Postal rate: .25 ¢ over 500 miles

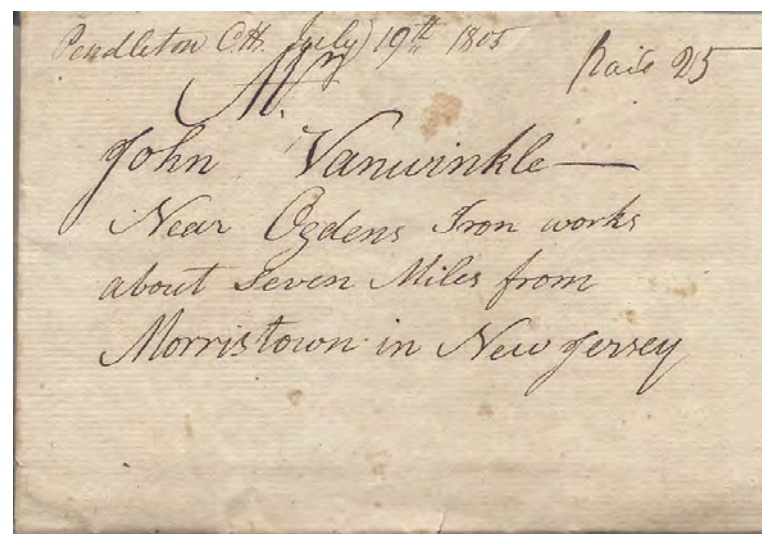


Act 3 Scene 2
Pendleton C.H. SC
July 19, 1805

Postal rate: .25 ¢ over 500 miles



From Sarah Van Winkle
To: John Van Winkle



Family Status and Inheritance

The greatest of all my affliction came on last winter, my husband took sick and after a tedious and painful spell of upwards of 4 weeks he expired on the 11th day of February las ano (1782).

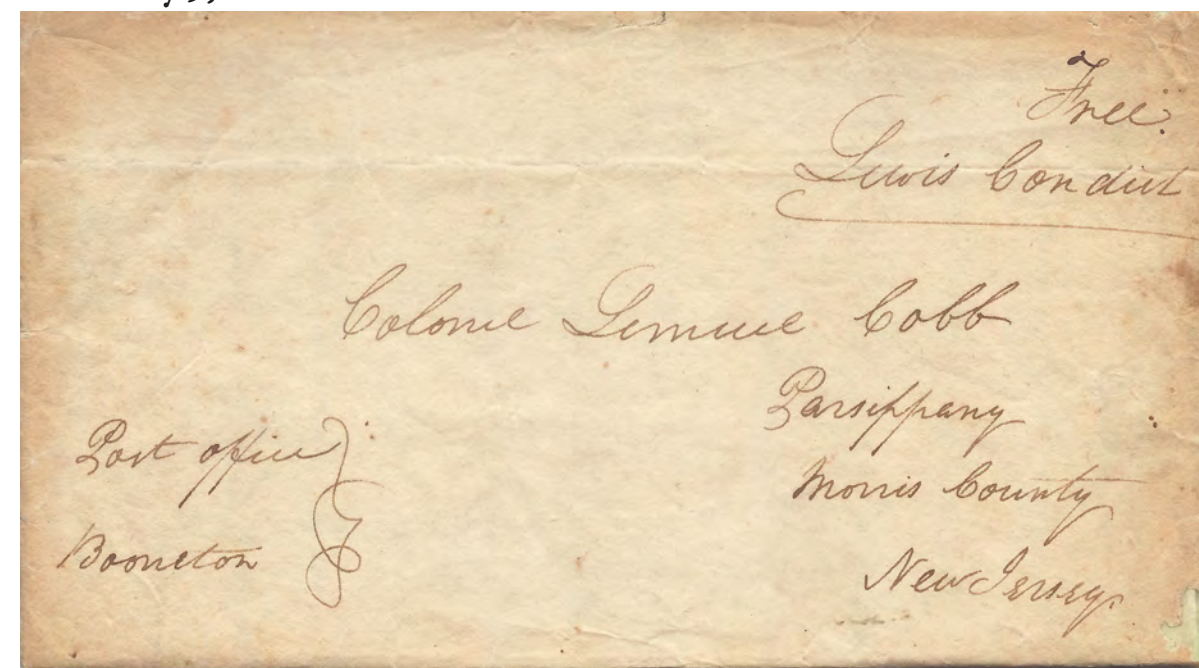
Now dear brother as I never have received my legacy , I have perhaps now more need of it than ever I had before. You wrote to me once that I shall be as legally dealt by as if I was present with you, but I never heard that it amounted to.

I want you to write to me as soon as possible by the post, direct it to me or to Lewis Cobb near Pendleton Courthouse in South Carolina and to give me information what the amount is and what measures you think most expedient for me to take in order to get it



Act 4 Scene 2
Washington
February 9, 1814

From Lewis Conduct, Congressman
To: Colonel Lemuel Cobb



Old and Desolate

I am now old and very desolate and almost without the necessary comforts of life

According to the instructions in you letter of 1806 I empower and wrote to Lemuel Cobb to act for me and desired and answer before his term.

I fear something has gone wrong or that he has not received my letter.

Too Little Too Late ?

I have paid to colonel Earl the money which you deposited to my account at the Morris bank, viz \$120 . Mr. Eal informs me that he has made provision before he left Caroline for supplies to be given occasionally to Mrs Cobb. I also showed to him the contents of your letter respecting her.

There is no trace of Sarah (van Winkle) Cobb after the 1807 letter.



3 Events in 4 Pages

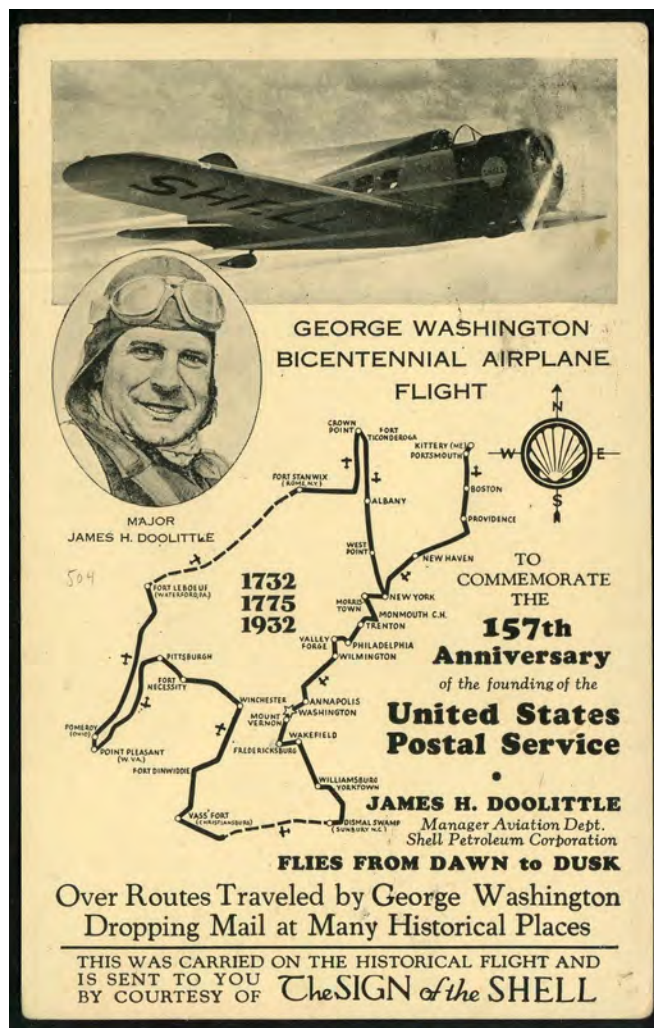
The Bicentennial flight departed at 4:25 am, July 25, 1932 fromt the Boston Airport and landed at Newark, NJ airport at 9:17 pm.

The Lockheed-Orion monoplane carried 30 packages of letters commemorating the flight which Doolittle dropped at 30 different cities.

Flying with Doolittle was Miss Anne Madison Washington, great-great-grandniece of the nation's first President, George Washington.

Unused UX27 1 cent post card shows

- 2,500 miles route flown between dawn and dusk in one day
- Lockheed-Orion monoplane
- Pilot, James Doolittle



Annapolis envelop dropped 8:30 am -cover signed by postmaster

Stamps: George Washington, Scott 708, Winged Globe Scott C12 - postal rate - 08¢ first ounce

George Washington Bicentennial Airplane Flight

TO COMMEMORATE THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE

United States Postal Service

JAMES H. DOOLITTLE
MANAGER AVIATION DEPARTMENT
SHELL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

- En Route -
Dropped at Place
indicated by Postmark

Major James H. Doolittle
Shell Petroleum Corporation
Shell Building
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Major Doolittle:

One hundred and fifty-seven years ago this week, the Continental Congress inaugurated the postal service of the United Colonies and this later became the Post Office Department of the United States. Benjamin Franklin became the first director. Mail, at that time, was carried by post riders and stage coach. No one in the early days of the service had a more appreciative understanding of the advantages of a postal service than George Washington. No one did more to give it a firm foundation.

In this Bicentennial Year of George Washington's birth it therefore seems appropriate that a demonstration be made of the advance of transportation facilities since those early days. I am making a flight over as many of the routes traveled by George Washington as is possible in a single day from dawn to dusk. I am informed that the average speed made by George Washington may be considered to be about twenty miles a day. The advance since then can best be indicated by the fact that it is hoped to cover in each hour the distance it took Washington nine days to travel.

So that you will have a record of this flight, I am dropping several of these letters as I pass over certain cities, and hope that they will all bear the postmark of the same date.

Hoping that this demonstration will indicate the great advance made in speed in 157 years and show the extent of the travels of the Father of Our Country, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Doolittle
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Annapolis Letter from 1 of 30 bundles
Letter signed by pilot J. H. Doolittle



Morristown, NJ

Locally created cachet cover to commemorate the flight and package drop at Morristown.
The cover is signed by the postmaster. (Stamp: George Washington, Scott 708,)

George Washington and the Continental Army had spent two rather difficult Winter Encampments at Morristown 1776/1777 and 1779/1780



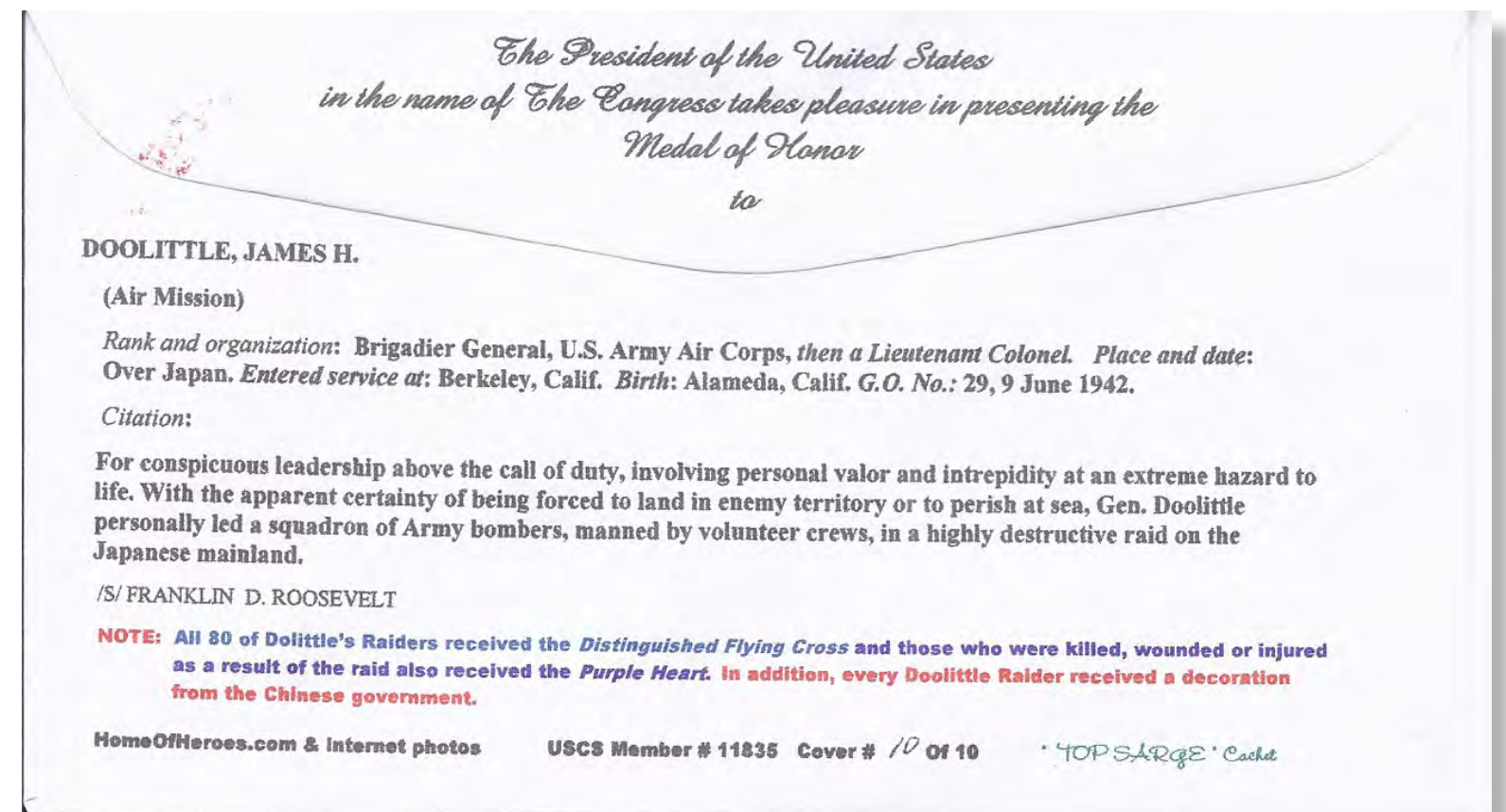
Newark Air Mail Field

Locally prepared cachet cover commemorating the last stop on the flight.
Stamp: George Washington Scott 709



Brigadier General James H. Doolittle

Medal of Honor Recipient
Purple Heart stamp Scott 4390 which pictures George Washington
Canceled April 26, 2011 Alameda, CA (Doolittle's birth city)



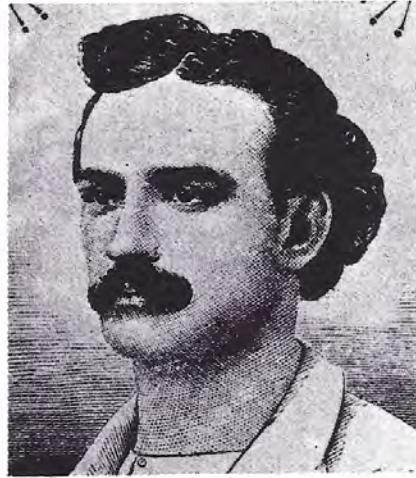
Cachet maker Top Sarge - 1 of 10 covers

The Pioneers



B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service Baseball First Day Covers

	AT BAT		BALL		STRIKE		OUT				H/E		
	9		3		2		2				1		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
VISITOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	1	0
HOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0

LIPMAN E. PIKE
(1893 - 1945)




B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service honors Lipman E. (Lip) Pike, baseball pioneer who became the sport's first professional in 1866 when the Philadelphia Athletics paid him a regular salary. Pike, a superb all-round player, established the first home run record (1866) when he hit six in one game.
Photo from B. Postal et al., "Encyclopaedia of Jews in Sports," New York, 1965






FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Barney Dreyfuss
(1865-1932)



B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service honors Barney Dreyfuss, pioneering baseball executive. Dreyfuss, longtime owner and general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, founded the modern World Series (1903) and in 1909 built the first of the modern major league ballparks (Forbes Field).

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Barney Dreyfuss

Stamp: Scott 2097 Roberto Clemente

- Born: February 23, 1865, Freiburg, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany
- Died: February 5, 1932, New York,
- Inducted Baseball Hall of Fame
- Long time owner& general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates
- Founded the modern World Series - 1903
- Built Forbes Field - 1909

Lipman Emanuel Pike

Stamp: Scott 2016 Jackie Robinson

- Born: May 25, 1845 New York, NY
- Died: October 10, 1893, Brooklyn, NY
- First professional baseball player - 1866
- Superb all-around player
- Established first home run record in 1866 when he hit 6 in one game





Morris (Moe) Berg

- Born: March 2, 1902
New York, NY
- Died: May 29, 1972, Belleville, NJ
- Scholar athlete, spoke 12 languages fluently
- Premier atomic spy in
World War II



Revolutionary War Prisoners 1778

Joshua Mersereau (late in life)
09/26/1738 - 06/08/1804
Deputy Commissary of
Prisoners



Elias Boudinot (late in life)
05/02/1740 - 10/24/1821
Commissary General of Prisoners



From: Joshua Mersereau

- Boston, MA on Public Service
- Dateline: February 25, 1778 Boston MS
- Forward: March 12, 1778 Fishkill NY

To: Elias Boudinot

- Headquarters Pennsylvania (Valley Forge)
- 6 dwt under 400 miles
- 6 dwt - way
- 12 dwt total.



Stamp: Scott 645 Washington at Prayer

Forward: From Headquarters to Morristown Post Office

Boudinot was at his home in Basking Ridge section of Bernard Township (near Morristown, NJ)

Valley Forge 1777 - 1778

On December 19, 1777, when Washington's poorly fed, ill-equipped army, weary from long marches, staggered into Valley Forge, winds blew as the 12,000 Continentals prepared for winter's fury. Only about one in three of them had shoes, and many of their feet had left bloody footprints from the marching. Grounds for brigade encampments were selected, and defense lines were planned and begun.

MORRIS (MOE) BERG
(1902-1972)

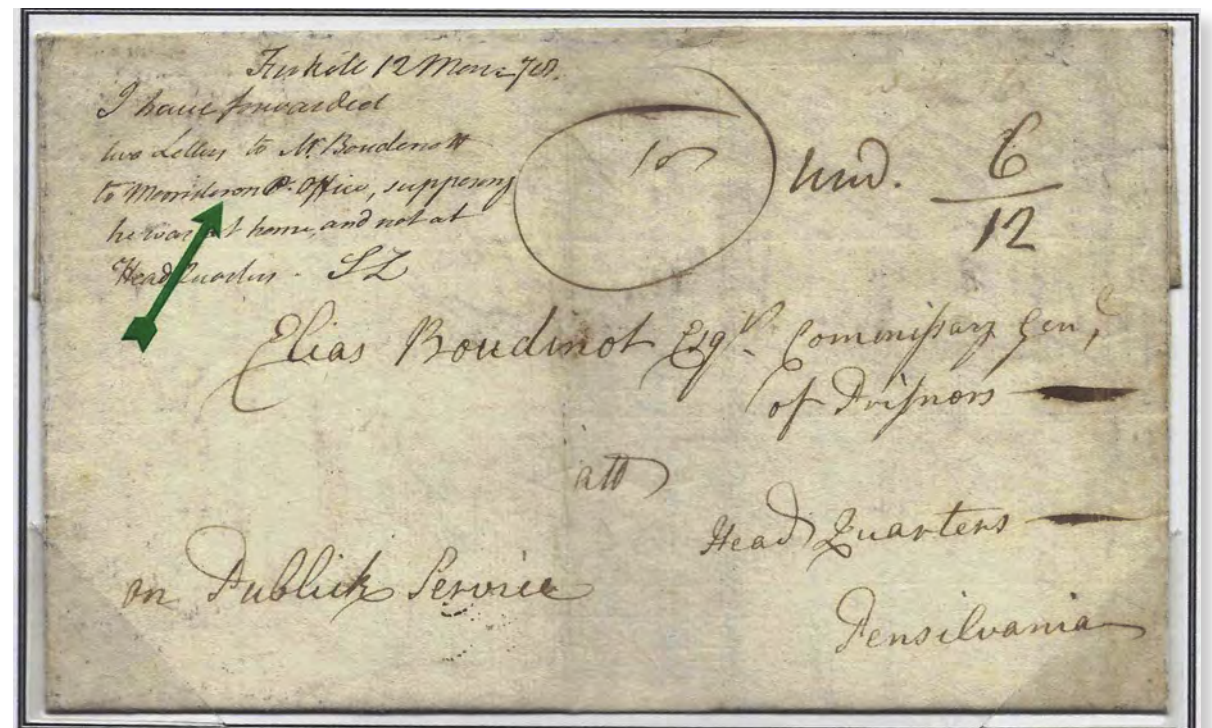


Moe Berg, remarkable scholar-athlete and major league baseball player, spoke a dozen languages fluently and became his country's premier atomic spy in World War II. Berg is recognized as one of the most colorful, humorous personalities of big league baseball in the twenties and thirties.

B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service



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Letter from Mersereau discussion status of prisoners and need for money.

Only non-archive reference to Morristown Post Office during this period