

Collecting Hometown/ Genealogical Postal History

APS On-the-Road Course

Thursday, November 30, 2017 • Prior to FLOREX

Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Downtown • 730 N. Magnolia Ave. • Orlando, FL



What is "Postal History"? How do I start a 'Hometown' collection?

- Learn where to find the background information needed to collect 'hometown' postal history
- Determine what aspects of postal history you should know when searching for items
- Find where to locate covers and other postal items related to your hometown and/or family
- Learn tips for organizing a hometown-genealogical collection



What participants will be able to do at the conclusion of this course...

- Establish the focus for your collection: Rates, routes, usages, markings, history, culture, picture post cards, advertising, institutions, personal correspondence, family, etc.
- Decide if you should be concerned about the authenticity of items bought: Provenance, markings, handwriting, history, sender/receiver information, etc.
- Develop your own list of hometown/genealogical resources and links to informational sites on postal history

*Bring your mystery items, and learn how to begin research on them
AND
Bring a laptop or tablet/iPad (if possible) for in-class research*

*Presentation materials
will be provided*

Taught by Tom Horn, APS Director of Special Projects

Tom has been a stamp collector for about 50 years. Some of his collecting interests include Liechtenstein, Scouts on stamps, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania postal history, postal history of family locations, weaving and fiber on stamps, Post Horn cancels, and worldwide stamps.

Tom worked for the American Philatelic Society while he was a graduate student at Penn State University from 1974–1978. He returned to the APS full-time in 1980 while completing his MBA degree (1981) from Penn State University. Tom was Assistant Director of Sales until 1995, Director of Sales from 1995–2016 and is currently Director of Special Projects. On December 1, 2017, he will succeed Mercer Bristow (who is retiring) as Director of Expertizing.

Course Information

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(lunch on your own)

Location: Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Downtown • 730 N. Magnolia Ave. • Orlando, FL

Cost: \$45 for APS Members / \$95 for non-members

Registration Deadline: *November 24, 2017*

To Register: <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses>

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