

# GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

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## Officers and Committees

The officers and committees were:

President John J. Overton   Secy-Treas. W.H. Barnum  
Vice-Pres. R.S. Aikenhead   Exch. Mgr. Warren J. Brodie  
Librarian Geo. J. Bailey  
Membership Committee Prescott, Buerger, Leaming (to  
May 15th); Geuder (from May 15th)  
1896 Banquet Committee A. Odell, Geuder, Bailey

At the November meeting, it was discovered on reading the constitution, that Mr. Barnum had been holding the office of Secretary-Treasurer contrary to the constitution, which prohibited any officer in another local organization from holding office in Garfield-Perry. Mr. Barnum was then Secretary of the "Philatelic Sons of America"; and thus was ineligible to serve as an officer of Garfield-Perry. This embarrassing predicament was skifully disposed of by the Club deciding to suspend, for a year, that clause in the constitution which stood in the way of Mr. Barnum's holding office in Garfield-Perry.

## Changes in Membership

All previous records for new members were broken; eighteen new members being admitted during 1895, as follows:

James A. Humiston #48	Carl S. White #57
George A. Geuder #49	W. J. Crawford #58
Coburn Haskell #50	Luther A. Roby #59
Chas. H. Mekeel #51	Dr. Julius B. Sapp #60
Arthur H. Odell #52	M. M. Hobart #61
Howard B. Odell #53	Randall Crawford #62
Henry Pears #54	W. J. Crawford, Jr. #63
F. N. Reed #55	John Costigan #64
Neville S. Harris #56	LeGrand French #65

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Humiston was a clerk of the Rhodes & Beidler Coal Company, residing at 237 Seneca Street; Geuder was also an employe of a coal company (E.G. Krause & Co.) residing at 522 Kennard Street; Haskell was a clerk with the M.A. Hanna Company; Mekeel was, of course, the well-known publisher of Mekeel's Weekly. He was made the fourth honorary member of the Club. Arthur Odell was an employe of Jay Odell & Sons (abstracts) and lived at the Masonic Club; Howard Odell was the son of Arthur. Pears was an employe of James W. Lee & Company (general insurance) and lived at 93 Arlington Street. Frank Reed was in the millinery business (Foote, Reed & Co.). N.S. Harris was the father of N.B. Harris who came into the Club later as #180. Carl White was an architect W.J. Crawford was a real estate dealer at 721 Cuyahoga Building; Randall Crawford and W.J. Crawford, Jr., were his sons. They lived at 172 Kennard Street. Luther A. Roby was retired and lived at 745 Genesee; Dr. Sapp was a dentist at 563 Cedar Avenue; Hobart was an attorney of the firm of Hobart and Bacon, and resided at 333 Sibley Street. Costigan was a stamp dealer at #25 The Arcade. French was connected with the firm of L.G. French & Co. (blueing) at 568 St. Clair.

Geuder and Pears both served as President of the Club in later years; French was also very active, serving two terms as Vice President and one term as Secretary. He was also the author of the "GPSC Roll" which is an invaluable record of the early members of the Club.

There were two reinstatements, as follows:

R. Gardner Dodge #9      Robt H. Crowell #19

There were three resignations:

Carl N. Stockwell #11      Ralph S. Huntington #34  
Wm. B. Maxson #35

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Changes in Membership (continued)

Five members were dropped for non-payment of dues, as follows:

Frank G. Putz #13      George Street #31  
Lawrence Hitchcock #23      R.H. Schauffler #38  
Morley Hitchcock #40

These changes resulted in a net gain of 11 members for the year. The summary is as follows:

	Active	Hon	Total
Total January 1, 1895	33	3	36
Gains: New members - - - - -	17	1	18
Reinstatements - - - - -	2	-	2
Total - - - - -	19	1	20
Losses: Resignations - - - - -	3	-	3
Dropped for non-payment	5	-	5
Total - - - - -	8	-	8
Net gain - - - - -	11	1	12
Total January 1, 1896 - - - - -	44	4	48

This total does not check with the Secretary's Annual Report which shows a total of 46; but it is believed that 48 is the correct total.

Meetings and Attendance

For the first time, a meeting was held each month; all on Wednesday nights. All of them were held in Bailey's office, 446 The Arcade.

All records for attendance were also broken; the total attendance was 179, including 10 visitors.

Barnum and Buerger attended all twelve meetings. Others who attended at least six meetings were:

Colwell and Geuger - - - - 11 meetings each  
Bailey, Brodie and Prescott 10      "      "  
Humiston, Kress and Overton 9      "      "  
Madtes and Schneider - - - 8      "      "  
Dr. Tubman - - - - - 7      "      "  
Graves and Arthur Odell 6      "      "

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Fifth Anniversary Celebration  
(First Annual Banquet)

The banquet in celebration of the Club's fifth anniversary was held in February at the Stillman Hotel. Twenty-eight attended, including two from out of town.

Writing of the banquet thirty-four years later (in "Club History" in the Garfield-Perry Club News for July, 1929), Mr. Barnum said, "Both Mr. Worthington and Mr. Painter were very much in evidence. Mr. Aikenhead put up a most wonderful dinner at one dollar per and Messrs. Worthington and Painter contributed real vintage wines. Oh! My! Even in those days it was a five-dollar feed."

Printed invitations were sent out, signed by "The Committee", reading as follows:

"The annual Banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club will be held at the Stillman Hotel, Thursday, Feb. 7, 1895, at 7 P.M. (Standard.)

You are cordially invited to be present. We expect to have with us on this occasion our honorary members Messrs. J.V. Painter and George H. Worthington, also Mr. Charles H. Mekeel of St. Louis.

Kindly return the enclosed postal card and oblige."

A souvenir menu was provided, bearing the title,

"FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE  
GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB;  
CLEVELAND, OHIO."

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Fifth Anniversary Celebration (continued)

The inside of the menu reads as follows:

Catalogue

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Blue Points

Issue of 1895

Consomme Rachel

Original Gum

Planked Shad, Fine Grilled Specimen

Cucumbers, Rouletted

Pommes, General Issu e

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Broiled Spring Chicken, Horizontally Ribbed

Delmonico Potatoes

Stuffed Tomatoes

Watermarked

Cancelled

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Punch

Provisional Issue

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Breast of Doe Birds, without embossing

Lettuce Salad, Imperforated

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Ice Cream, warranted genuine Cake, cut square specimens

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Fruit, Duplicates

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Crackers(Reprint) and Cheese

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Coffee, Fine Mixed Lot

Entire collection to be disposed of without reserve

The Stillman

February 7th, 1895

U. S. Revenue

\$1.00

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Fifth Anniversary Celebration (continued)

Mr. W.H. Barnum made some notes, in 1937, on the 1895 banquet as follows:

" What Mr. Aikenhead handed us for One Dollar per was a crime to the hotel's stockholders. Our honorary members, Geo. H. Worthington and J.V. Painter, were not only present but provided, from their private cellars, vintage wines with each course. Even in those days of low prices, such a dinner would have cost five or six dollars per plate had it all been furnished by the Stillman on a profitable basis. Besides Messrs. Worthington and Painter, twenty-four members (practically the entire active membership) and two outoftown guests attended."

Printed Roster and Constitution

At the November meeting, Dr. Tubman suggested the publication of a printed constitution and membership roster, and a committee was appointed to canvass for bids.

Club Library

There was considerable activity in the Club Library. Several volumes of the "Philatelic Journal of America" were purchased; others donated by Mr. Bailey and other books were presented by other persons.

Club Letterheads

In May, it was decided to secure suitable letterheads for the use of officers and members. Later in the year, the cut (with the heads of Garfield and Perry

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Club Letterheads (continued)

in color) was purchased, together with five hundred letterheads without the officers' names, three hundred with the officers names, and a supply with member's names as desired. There is a specimen of this first Club letterhead in the Minute Book for 1890-1897, with a letter from Mr. Bailey to Mr. W.H.Barnum.

Publicity

The Cleveland Centennial Celebration to be held in 1896 seemed to offer an excellent opportunity for the Club to secure some publicity. Accordingly, in September, 1895, a special Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Bailey, Brodie, Geuder, A.Odell, Painter, Schneider and Worthington, to consider the feasibility of arranging an exhibit of stamps.

American Philatelic Association

The Club endorsed a slate of candidates for A.P.A. officers for the election to be held at the 1895 convention. The slate was headed by Mr. John K.Tiffany and included Messrs. Geo.J.Bailey, Wm. H.Schneider and R.S.Aikenhead as candidates for Trustee.

In June, the Club decided to invite the A.P.A. to hold its eleventh annual convention in Cleveland. (The 1896 convention was, however, held at Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota).

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Proposed Ohio Stamp Society

At the April meeting, there was a long discussion as to request received from the Pomeroy(Ohio) Philatelic Society for Garfield-Perry's support of an endeavor to form an Ohio Stamp Society.

It was finally decided to instruct the Secretary to inform the Pomeroy Society that "as Garfield-Perry members failed to see the need or value of a State Society and considered the local and national societies as sufficient, we cannot, in all friendliness, give our support to this movement."