

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1896

Officers and Committees

The officers and standing committee were:

President: R.S.Aikenhead Secy-Treas: W. H. Barnum
Vice-Pres: Geo. W. Geuder Exch. Supt: W. J. Brodie
Librarian: Geo. J. Bailey
Executive Committee: Overton(Chmn),Buerger and A.Odell

Changes in Membership

Six new members were admitted:

Jan 16	<u>Henry Clark Crowell</u> Glenville,O	Act #66
	A student. He took an active part; served as Secy-Treas in 1905 and 1906; President in 1910 and 1911. Vice-President of the APS in 1913 and 1914; a stamp dealer(Crowell Stamp Co) in 1902,1903 and 1904. Dropped out in 1922; reinstated in 1935; dropped again in 1939.	
Feb 19	<u>Prof. Henry P. Cushing</u> , 260 Sibley St	Act #67
	An associate professor of geology at Adelbert College. President of the Club in 1900. Dropped out in 1908.	
" "	<u>C. A. Jenkins</u> 4 Greenwood Street	Act #68
	An artist with the Cleveland Leader He did not take an active part in the Club; but retained his membership for about thirty years.	
Mar 18	<u>Frank R. Bill</u> , 435 Pearly Street	Act #69
	A west side photographer, in business with John J.Overton #30.	
May 20	<u>Stephen H. Brooks</u> , 253 Franklin Ave	Act #70
Dec 16	<u>Myron H. Wilson</u> ,	Act #71
	Asst. Sec.& Treas. The Savings & Trust Co. Took little part in the Club; but continued his membership until 1912.	

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Changes in Membership (continued)

There was at least one resignation:

Robert H. Crowell Act #19

Two other members ~~wither~~ resigned, or were dropped
(there is no specific record):

W. W. MacLaren Act #4 N. S. Harris Act #56

The Secretary's Annual Report (of December, 1896) shows that there were 47 Active and 3 Honorary members at the end of the year. The number of honorary members was so shown in error, as there were four (Geo. Worthington, I.A. Brown, J.V. Painter and C.H. Mekeel). The correct total at the end of 1896 was probable 51 (47 Active and 4 Honorary). Of the 47 Active members, the Secretary's Annual Report says that 12 were delinquent.

The summary of changes made during the year is:

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
January 1, 1896 - - - - -	44	4	48
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<u>Gains</u>			
New members - - - - -	6	-	6
<u>Losses</u>			
Resignations - - - - -	1	-	1
Resignations or dropped for non-payment of dues (probable but not recorded) - - - - -	2	-	2
Total losses - - - - -	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Net gain - - - - -	3	-	3
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Total January 1, 1897 - - -	47	4	51

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Meetings and Attendance

Ten meetings were held -- one each month, except July and August. They were held on Wednesday nights except the January meeting, which was held on Thursday. All meetings were held in Mr. Bailey's office in The Arcade, except the June 17th meeting, which was held in the office of Mr. W.J. Crawford, 720 Cuyahoga Building.

The total attendance (including 7 visitors) was 147, somewhat less than in 1895; but the average attendance per meeting was almost the same.

Mr. Geuder attended all ten meetings. Others who attended frequently were:

Humiston - 9 meetings	Brodie - 6 meetings
Cushing,	
Prescott,	Barnum and
N.P. Stockwell 8 meetings	Kress 5 meetings
Bailey,	
Buerger, Crawford,	
Madtes, H.B. Odell,	
and Pears 7 meetings	

Mr. Alvin Good was a visitor at the meeting of January 16th.

Entertainment

On June 17th, Professor Cushing exhibited his plate number collection; and Mr. Buerger and the Reverend Madtes also exhibited. On November 18th, Professor Cushing again exhibited; and Mr. Warren J. Brodie exhibited his British Colonies. These are the only exhibits recorded. At other meetings, the members were entertained by auctions, mostly informal.

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Anniversary Celebration

Through the kindness of Mr. Aikenhead, the manager of The Stillman Hotel, -- now the President of the Club -- the Club celebrated its sixth anniversary in very elaborate fashion.

Printed invitations were sent out signed by the Committee (Messrs. A.Odell, Geuder and Bailey), reading:

" The Annual Banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club will be held at the Stillman Hotel, Thursday, Feb. 6, 1896, 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 other Prominent Philatelists.

Kindly return the enclosed post card."

The souvenir menu was more elaborate than that of the 1895 banquet, being handsomely printed in gold and black.

The title was:

"SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET
GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB"

and portraits of Garfield and Perry flanked an unused one-cent blue Franklin stamp of the 1895 issue.

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Anniversary Celebration (continued)

The inside of the souvenir menu contained the following:

M E N U

Blue Points
"Current Issue"

Consomme Royale. "Crown C.A."

Celery, Albino Salted Almonds Olives "Proofs"
 "Die Cracked"

Salmon Steak, a la Maitre d'Hotel "Plain Grill"
Cucumbers "Rouletted" Spiral Potatoes "Perc en Arc"

Fillet of Beef, Fresh Mushrooms
"With number of Plates"

Fried Sweet Potatoes	Stuffed Tomatoes
"'95 issue"	"Original Cover"

CREME de MENTHE PUNCH
"Unwatermarked"

Golden Plover on Toast
"Inverted"

Asparagus Saled
"Diagonally Laid"

Ice Cream	Fruit	Cake
"uncatalogued"	"Varieties"	"Cut Square Specimens"

Crackers	Cheese
"S.S.S.S."	"Obselete"

Coffee "Daily Item"

The Stillman
February 6th, 1896

U.S. Revenue \$1
"Silk Paper"

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Anniversary Celebration (Continued)

In 1937, Mr. Barnum published some notes on the 1896 banquet, and said, "Mr. Painter did not participate and Mr. Worthington did not enter with the "spirits" quite so wholeheartedly, but still most certainly did more than his share."

There is no record of the number who attended.

American Philatelic Association

In his annual report to the American Philatelic Association, Resident Vice-President Bailey reported that twenty-two of the fifty Club members were also members of the national society. The invitation of Garfield-Perry to the American Philatelic Association to hold its 1896 convention in Cleveland was not accepted; the convention was held at Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota.

The A.P.A. Yearbook for 1896 shows nineteen A.P.A. members in Cleveland, two in Painesville; a total of twenty-one in Cleveland and vicinity. This was an increase of two over 1895.