

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1897

Officers and Committees

The officers and one standing committee were:

President: George W. Geuder Secy-Treas: W. H. Barnum
Vice-Pres: Jos. O. Prescott Exch. Supt: W. J. Brodie
Librarian: Geo. J. Bailey
Executive Committee: Pears (Chmn), N.P. Stockwell, Madtes

Changes in Membership

The year was an unsuccessful one; there was a net loss of eleven members.

Only one new member was admitted:

Jan 20 Dr. W. P. DunLany, Glenville, O. Act #72
 A physician. He attended a few meetings each year until 1901; was suspended in 1903; reinstated in 1904; again dropped in 1910.

Three members resigned, as follows:

Jan 1 Frank S. Barnum Act #43
Nov 17 Randall Crawford Act #62
" " W. J. Crawford, Jr. Act #63

Nine members were suspended (and later dropped) for non-payment of dues, as follows:

Oliver S. Hart Act # 6
Frank G. Johnson Act #16
Albert W. Hoffman Act #24
Horace W. Wilcox Act #25
Edwin C. Vance Act #33
Eugene S. Graves Act #39
Silas Leaming Act #45
A. R. Fleischmann Act #46
Coburn Haskell Act #50

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Changes in Membership (continued)

The Secretary's Annual Report for the year shows that there were forty members at the end of 1897. This total checks with the figures in the following summary of changes made during the year:

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total January 1, 1897	47	4	51
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Gains - - - - -	1	-	1
<u>Losses</u>			
Resignations - - - - -	3	-	3
Dropped for non-payment	9	-	9
Total losses - - - - -	12	-	12
<u>Net losses - - - - -</u>	11	-	11
Total January 1, 1898	36	4	40

The forty members probably were: Bailey, Schneider, Kress; Worthington, Dodge, Brown, Painter, NP Stockwell, Brodie, Barnum, Duffy, Overton, Mayer, Tubman, Colwell, Madtes, Prescott, Aikenhead, Buerger, Humiston, Geuder, Mekeel, A. Odell, H. Odell, Pears, Reed, White, W.J. Crawford, Sr., Roby, Sapp, Hobart, Costigan, L.G. French, H.C. Crowell, Cushing, Jenkins, Bill, Brooks, Myron Wilson, and DunLany.

Meetings

At least nine -- probably ten -- regular meetings were held. In addition, a special "social" meeting was held on December 7 at Bailey's residence. All other meetings were held in Bailey's office, #446 The Arcade.

As the minutes for the February, March and December (annual) meetings are missing, the total attendance is not available. The seven meetings of which there is a record were attended by 65.

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Regular Meetings (continued)

Messrs. Barnum and Geuder attended six each of those seven; Bailey, Brodie, Cushing, Humiston, Prescott, Schneider, and Norris Stockwell were also regular attendants.

At the meeting of November 17th, it was suggested by Mr. W.J.Crawford that the Club meetings be held at the residences of the various members for the purpose of making the meetings more interesting. This plan was adopted, it being decided to hold two meetings each month -- one regular meeting, and one "social" meeting -- the social meetings to be held at the members' homes. The first social meeting was held on December 7th at the home of Mr. Bailey, 341 Harkness Avenue. At that meeting, Mr. Brodie gave a talk on the stamps of Great Britain; and Mr. Geuder also gave some important facts concerning those stamps. Secretary Barnum recorded in the minutes, "After satisfying the inner man and enjoying themselves generally, the members departed at a late hour."

Anniversary Celebration

The seventh anniversary was celebrated by the third annual Club banquet, held at the Stillman Hotel, February 11th.

Printed invitations were sent out reading as follows:

"The Annual Banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club will be held at the Stillman Hotel Thursday, Feb. 11th, 1897, at 7 P.M. (Standard). You are cordially invited to be present. We hope to have with us on this occasion, our honorary members, and other Prominent Philatelists. Kindly return the enclosed postal card.

G.J. Bailey,
Chmn. Committee."

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Club Counterfeit Collection

Evidently the Club counterfeit collection, started in 1892, had grown, as the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 1897, contain the following:

"The Librarian presented a bill for an album to contain the club's counterfeit collection & on motion of Mr. Brodie the treasury was drawn for the required amount."

American Philatelic Association

The records do not indicate that the Club was active in A.P.A. affairs during the year. The only mention of the national society in the available records is in the minutes of the meeting of November 17th, as to the Club not being included in the A.P.A. Year Book, as follows:

"Much discussion was raised because our Club failed to appear in list of Branch Societies in A.P.A. Year Book, and on motion of Mr. Brodie the Res. Vice-Pres. was instructed to communicate with Secretary Beard in regard to the matter."