

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1899

Officers and Committees

The officers for 1898 also served during 1899, as follows:

President: Jos. O. Prescott Secy-Treas: W. H. Barnum
Vice-Pres: H. P. Cushing Exch.Supt: W.W.MacLaren

There were two committees, as follows:

Entertainment: Cushing(Chmn), Bailey, DunLany(to Sept.27); and Crowell(ffrom Sep.27)
Membership: MacLaren(Chairman), Crowell, Barnum

Changes in Membership

Nine new members were admitted:

Theo. O. Bailey#73 Henry A.Spear#76 W.H.Waterbury#79
R. P. Beardslee#74 Wm. C.Rhodes #77 Wm. A. Langdon#80
Wm. L. Hemstreet#75 P.H.Neuhofs #78 Albert F.Crosby81

Mr. Theo. Bailey was about 30 years old, a letter carrier. No relative of George Bailey. Beardslee was later Secretary-Treasurer (in 1900) A part-time stamp dealer in 1899,1900 and perhaps some years later. Hemstreet was a cashier of the Wm. Edwards Company. Spear another letter carrier. Rhodes was an attorney. He became Secretary-Treasurer in 1904, and our 12th President in 1905. Neuhofs attended only a few meetings while a member. Waterbury was a salesman of the Malone Stone Company. Was a Director in 1907 and 1910. Langdon was a bookkeeper for the furniture firm of Nathan & Skall. He was one of the regulars for many years. In 1926 was the Club's 23d President. Made a special life member in 1938; died in 1942. Crosby, also a bookkeeper; took no part in the Club.

There was one resignation:

Oct 18 Howard Odell #53

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Changes in Membership (continued)

The Secretary's Annual Report for 1899 -- if he made one -- is not in the Archives; and there is no mention in the minutes of the total number of members at the end of the year, nor of any losses other than the resignation of Odell.

However, it is most probable that two members, who were delinquent, were dropped for non-payment of dues, as follows:

Carl White #57 Dr. Sapp #60

This would make the net gain six members and the total 38 at the end of the year.

The summary of changes made is:

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Total January 1, 1899</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>Gains</u>			
New members - - - - -	9	-	9
<u>Losses</u>			
Resignation - - - - -	1	-	1
Dropped for non-payment	2	-	2
<u>Total - - - - -</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Net gain- - - - -</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Total January 1, 1900 - - -</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>38</u>

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Meetings and Attendance

Nine meetings were held -- one each month, except June, July and August. Those of which the exact date is shown in the minutes were held on Wednesdays; no doubt all were held on Wednesdays -- and in Mr. Bailey's office, #446 The Arcade.

The total attendance was 126. This included 21 visitors. Thus the average attendance was much better than it had been for several years -- in fact, it compared very favorably with that of the banner year of 1895.

Messrs, Cushing and MacLaren were the only two members who attended all the meetings. Those who attended more than half of the meetings were:

Cushing and MacLaren	9 each
French, Pears and Prescott	7 each
Bailey and Barnum	6 each

Mr. Brodie attended 4; Mr. Crowell, 3;
Mr. Kress, 4; Mr. Langdon, 3 (2 as a visitor; 1 as a member); Dr. Tubman. 2; Mr. Oliver W. Upson, 1 (as a visitor).

Entertainment

There is practically nothing in the Club records as to entertainment arranged for by the Entertainment Committee. It is shown in the Minutes that, at the October meeting, the Entertainment Committee announced that, at the next meeting, U.S. Revenues would be the subject; but there is no mention in the Minutes of the November meeting of any exhibit or talk on U.S. Revenues. Possibly the Secretary omitted to chronicle this, as well as special entertainment at other meetings during the year.

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The Club Library

If there was much progress or activity in the Club library, it was not set down in the records. The only reference to the Library in the Minutes is that the purchase was authorized, on September 27th, of a copy of "An Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States" at a cost of three dollars.

Anniversary Celebration

As in 1898, the anniversary of the Club was not formally celebrated.

American Philatelic Association

Practicipation of the Club in A.P.A. activities was at a low ebb in 1899, there being no mention whatever in the club records of the A.P.A. The A.P.A. records show that, late in 1899, there were nine A.P.A. members in Cleveland, and one in Painesville -- less than half the number of A.P.A. members in Cleveland and Painesville in 1896. This decrease in Cleveland and vicinity was in almost direct ratio to the decrease in the total membership of the A.P.A., which had fallen from 1046 in 1896 to 583 in 1899.

As before stated, the total membership of Garfield-Perry in 1896 was 50; in 1899, somewhat less than 50 (possibly 45) -- so that Garfield-Perry had been much more successful in maintaining its strength during this trying period than had the national society.

As to the decline of Garfield-Perry members' membership in the A.P.A., 1899 saw the beginning of a decrease which was to continue for several years.