

# GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1909

## Officers and Committees

The officers and committees were:

President: Fred E. Bruce    Exch. Supt: J. Roberts Wilson  
Vice-Pres: W. H. Barnum    Auc. Mangr: Henry C. Crowell  
Sec-Treas: R. H. Beatty    Librarian: Wm. C. Rhodes  
Counterfeit Detector: Warren H. Colson  
Directors: Wilson, Weigel, Rhodes, Langdon

## Committees

Entertainment: Good (Chmn), Rust, Moses, Crowell  
Auditing: Good and Beatty  
Reception: Good, Crowell, Rust, Hanford  
and Whittaker

The Reception Committee was a new committee. Its purpose, as listed in the minutes of the meeting of September 16 (at which it was established), was "to see that all visitors and new members are made to feel perfectly at home."

## Changes in Membership

The year was an exceptionally successful one for growth of membership, there being a net gain of eighteen members.

Twenty-five members were admitted, breaking all previous records. One, John Lehr, had been a member before; the other twenty-four were new members. The complete list is:

Jan 7	<u>Earl Hecker</u>	572 E. 103d St.	<u>Act #164</u>
	He took no part in the Club; was dropped in 1911; reinstated in 1923; again dropped in 1925.		
" "	<u>Iver R. Johnson</u>	(about 33 yrs old)	<u>Act #165</u>
	A Chicago manufacturer of electrical specialties; he made talks at meetings in 1909 and 1910; was dropped in 1913; reinstated in 1931; again dropped in 1935.		

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Changes in Membership (continued)

Members admitted (continued)

- Jan 7 David G. Moxon Cleveland Act #166  
He attended 10 meetings in 1909; was a member of the Membership Committee for 1910; but lost interest, and was dropped in 1912.
- " " Lewis A. Hanford (then 34 yrs old) Act #167  
A stockbroker; began to take a very active part in club activities from the start; was a member of various committees from 1910 on; was a Director in 1915, 1916 and 1923; Vice-President 1919; President for two terms 1920 and 1921; made an honorary life member in 1934. One of the best-known and most colorful members the Club ever had.
- Jan 21 John Lehr (then about 47 yrs. old) Act #168  
A druggist on the west side of Cleveland; former charter member #14; he attended 11 meetings in 1909; but lost interest; was dropped in 1913.
- " " John N. Lehr Act #169  
A salesman; he attended five meetings; one each in 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913; resigned in 1913.
- " " Chas. Kramer Kamms, O. Act #170  
He took a rather active interest in 1909, but his interest lessened and he was dropped in 1913.
- Feb 18 Chas. R. Harbaugh Act #171  
Sec-Treas., Atlas Bolt & Screw Co.; there is no record of his attending any meeting. He was dropped in 1913.
- " " George Mann Birmingham, England Act #172  
One of the early European members. He was dropped in 1911.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

Members admitted (continued)

- Mar 31 Sam'l Howard Scharschmidt (age 35) Act #173  
An electrical engineer with the New York Central Railroad; he attended 8 meetings in 1909; 4 in 1910; was a member of the Entertainment Committee for 1910; but lost interest and was dropped in 1916. He was reinstated in 1922 and continued a member until 1931, when he was again dropped.
- Apr 21 Joseph A. Steinmetz, Jr. Philadelphia Act #174  
He took no interest in the Club, and resigned in 1910.
- " " Henry Ades Fowler Chicago Act #175  
A philatelic publisher ("Fowler's Stamp & Coin Age", etc); dropped in 1913; reinstated 1915; resigned 1916.
- " " David Hunt, Jr. (age abt. 34) Detroit Act #176  
He died in the next year, 1910.
- May 19 Edward W.H. Roegge (then about 29 yrs old) #177  
A tailor, he took rather an active part in attendance; was dropped in 1916; reinstated 1929; again dropped in 1933; reinstated 1935.
- " " Willis G. Whittaker (age about 27) Act #178  
An insurance man; later manager of The Cleveland Stamp Company, etc. Took a very active part in the Club; member Reception Committee 1909 and of various other committees 1910-11-12, etc., Director 1917; Auction Manager 1924-25 etc; dropped 1937. Died 1937.

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Members admitted(continued)

Sep 16	<u>Elbert A. Hatch</u>	Act #179
	He attended four meetings in 1909; none thereafter; was dropped in 1911.	
Oct 7	<u>Neville B. ("By") Harris (age 29)</u>	Act #180
	A paper box salesman; well-known member, but took little part in Club activities; was dropped in 1913; was reinstated in 1924 but again dropped in 1932. Son of Neville S. Harris#56.	
" "	<u>John M. Long</u>	Act #181
	A salesman. He attended one meeting in 1909; 4 in 1910; 3 in 1911; none thereafter. Was dropped in 1915.	
" "	<u>William G. Saxton</u> Canton, Ohio	Act #182
	Cashier(later President) The First National Bank of Canton, One of the best-known collectors in Ohio. Still a member (1948).	
" 21	<u>William H. Guscott (age about 24)</u>	Act #183
	a bookkeeper; member the Entertainment Committee 1910; dropped in 1915.	
Nov 4	<u>Edward G. Hart (age about 28)</u>	Act #184
	A solicitor; later Pres-Treas. the Cleveland Stamp Company 1918-22, etc; took little part in Club activities, but retained his membership until 1924 when he was dropped.	
" "	<u>James C. Mack</u>	Act #185
	A clerk, department store; member Entertainment Committee. 1911; attended infrequently; was dropped in 1913.	
Nov 18	<u>James P. Copland</u>	Act #186
	An electrical engineer; took no part in the Club; was dropped 1911; died 1941	
Dec 16	<u>Thomas E. Piggett (age about 51)</u>	Act #187
	A certified public accountant; attended two meetings(both in 1910; DNP in 1912.	
" "	<u>Royal William Bryant (about 20 yrs. old)</u>	Act #188
	A student; resigned 1911; reinstated 1913; was dropped 1917.	

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Changes in Membership (continued)

There were three resignations:

Dec 2 Charles E. Preble #145  
 Dec 16 Dudley J. Hard #132  
 " " Charles R. Pomeroy #158

Four delinquent members were dropped for non-payment of dues:

Jan 1 Theodore J. Arter #95  
 May 19 Aaron Goldsmith #112  
 " " Dwight Comstock #123  
 Nov 18 Randall Crawford #127

The above-mentioned changes resulted in a net gain of eighteen, making the total 92 at the end of the year.

The summary of changes is:

	Active	Honorary	Total
Total January 1, 1909	68	6	74
<u>Gains</u>			
New members - - - - -	24	-	24
Reinstated - - - - -	1	-	1
Total gains - - - - -	25	-	25
<u>Losses</u>			
Resignations - - - - -	3	-	3
Dropped for non-payment	4	-	4
Total losses - - - - -	7	-	7
Net gain - - - - -	18	-	18
Total January 1, 1910 - -	86	6	92



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## Meetings and Attendance

Sixteen regular meetings were held, all on Thursday nights, except four (March 31, April 21, May 5, and May 19) which, for some unrecorded reason, were held on Wednesday nights.

The attendance broke all records, there being a total of 363, not including visitors. The average attendance per meeting was a little less than 23. The attendance was remarkably consistent, the best-attended meeting being attended by 29, while the meeting with the smallest attendance was attended by 18.

The following members were the most regular in attendance:

	Mtgs.
Crofts, Good, Larsen, Weigel - - - - -	16
Barnum and Moses - - - - -	15
Beatty and Hanford - - - - -	14
Preble - - - - -	13
Clark, Kramer and Pomeroy - - - - -	12
Bruce, Langdon, John Lehr and Rhodes -	11
Moxon and Rust - - - - -	10
Crowell and J.R. Wilson - - - - -	9
Foote, J.N. Lehr, Scharschmidt, Waterbury, Whittaker and Wood - - - -	8

Of other veteran members, George Bailey did not attend any meeting, nor did Brodie. Oliver S. Hart attended one; Kress, none; Worthington, the Anniversary meeting only; Tubman, one; Prescott, none; Pears, one.

During the year, quarters were changed twice. The two January meetings were held at 1429 Williamson Building. At the January 21 meeting, a committee (Waterbury, Rust and Beatty) was appointed to "investigate possible sites for the meetings". At the next meeting (on February 4), Rust reported for the committee that several sites had been inspected,

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### Meetings and Attendance(cont'd)

and that the rooms of the Ad. Club in the Hollenden Hotel seemed most desirable, but the Committee had been unable to secure a definite proposition from the Ad. Club. The Committee reported again, at the February 18 meeting, that nothing definite had been done.

The two February meetings and the meeting of March 4 were held at 1301 New England Building, the office of Fred Bruce. At the March 4 meeting, Beatty reported, for the Committee, that a desirable room had been found at #202 The Arcade, which could be secured at ~~xx~~ \$3.00 per night. The Club decided to contract for the room and hold future meetings there.

The next regular meeting -- on March 31 -- was held in the new room in The Arcade, and all of the subsequent meetings in 1909.

### Anniversary Celebration

The nineteenth anniversary was celebrated by a banquet at the Colonial Hotel on March 17. George Worthington was the guest of the evening. He made a talk, telling the reasons that started him in collecting stamps, and the pleasure he derived from his collections. He exhibited four of his greatest rarities -- the one-penny and two-pence Post Office Mauritius and two of the Alexandria Postmaster provisional stamps. There were thirty-five members and guests present, including Iver Johnson of Chicago, Percival Parrish and Jos. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, and Lozier of New York.

Rust, Barnum, Taite and Good comprised the Committee which arranged the details of the celebration.



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### Entertainment at Regular Meetings

The Entertainment Committee was unusually active during 1909, and arranged for special exhibits and other entertainment at practically each meeting.

There were three outstanding exhibits, as follows:

- Mar 4 Alvin Good exhibited Chas. L. Pack's Spain
- May 19 Good exhibited Worthington's U.S. essays and die proofs. Rust also exhibited his United States, and Beatty exhibited his U. S.
- Sep 16 Myron Wilson exhibited his United States (including the 1869 and 1901 inverts). Crowell, Schneider and Weigel also exhibited U.S. Revenues.

### Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws

During the first part of the year, the Constitution was amended to provide for a minimum age of 17 years for members (there had previously been no age limit); and to provide for dues of \$2.00 per year for all active members (the previous dues had been \$1.00). This change, however, was not effective until 1910.

### Club Library

Good donated two volumes of Stanley Gibbons catalogue.

The New England Stamp Company donated a copy of Crocker's "Hawaiian Numerals". There had been several requests for this book, and, at the meeting of November 4, a collection was made, resulting in ample funds to cover the cost of the book; but, at the next meeting, it was announced that a copy had been donated by The New England Stamp Company.



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### Donation of stamps by Lewis Hanford and others

At the meeting of February 18, Lewis A. Hanford announced that "he would one of five to donate to the Club 500 or more stamps valued at 2¢ or more, proceeds from the sale of which to create a fund to be used in the purchase of collections." The President appointed a special committee (Hanford, Moses and John Lehr) to look after this matter.

### American Philatelic Society

The Cleveland Branch of the A.P.S., formed in 1908, while separate from Garfield-Perry, was composed mostly of Garfield-Perry members. The A.P.S. membership in Cleveland increased from 28 in 1908 to 37 in 1909.

### Election of Officers for 1910

At the November 18 meeting, a Nominating Committee composed of Barnum, Hanford, Schneider, Wood and Rhodes, was appointed to select twelve candidates for the seven Directors to be elected for 1910. This was the first time a Nominating Committee had been appointed.

The annual election on December 16 resulted in the following being elected to serve in 1910:

President Henry C. Crowell    Sec-Treas R.H. Beatty  
Vice-Pres: John F. Rust

Directors: Bruce, Beatty, Crowell, Good,  
Langdon, Rust, Waterbury

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Finances

Treasurer Beatty's records show the Club in excellent financial condition at the end of the year, having cash amounting to \$40.62 on hand at the close of 1909.

The summary of receipts and disbursements during the year is:

Cash on hand January 1, 1909 - - - - - \$6.02

Receipts

Dues - - - - -	\$118.00	
Catalogues - - - - -	29.15	
Auction commissions - - - - -	11.35	
Donations - - - - -	19.65	
Miscellaneous - - - - -	.02	
Total - - - - -	178.17	
Banquet - - - - -	45.00	
Grand Total - - - - -	223.17	223.17

Disbursements

Rent - - - - -	33.00	
Catalogues - - - - -	25.00	
Stationery & Printing - - - - -	34.43	
Postage and express - - - - -	12.15	
Library - - - - -	2.50	
Misc ("Stamp Jr. Pub. Co.") - - - - -	5.84	
Total - - - - -	112.92	
Banquet - - - - -	75.65	
Grand total - - - - -	188.57	188.57

Balance - - - - - 34.60 34.60

Cash on hand January 1, 1910 - - - - - 40.62

Of the \$40.62 on hand at the end of 1909, \$29.00 was dues for 1910 paid in advance, so that the actual amount to be credited to 1909 was \$11.62 - and, if the \$6.02 brought forward from 1908 is deducted, the net remainder for 1909 was \$5.60. It will be noted that the banquet cost the Club \$30.65 more than was collected from those who attended, who paid \$1.50 each.