O.H. Perry and the Battle of Lake Erie: Philatelic Recollections

Ohio Postal History Society
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Lake Erie - 1813

- Key to supply of Detroit and Amherstberg
- Detroit surrendered August 1812
- River Raisin January 1813
- Siege of Fort Meigs April-May 1813
- American control of Niagara Peninsula and Lake Ontario in early 1813
The Battle of Lake Erie

• British blockade of Presque Isle lifted July 1813
• Battle September 10, 1813
• 15 vessels involved (9 American, 6 British)
• Superior American supplies
• Results in American control of Lake for remainder of the war
BATTLE of LAKE ERIE
The War of 1812
USA
FOREVER
I have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner & one sloop.

Yours, with great respect and esteem,

O. Perry
The News in Cleveland

“The express from the Rapids state that Capt. Perry has returned to Put in Bay with Six of the British Vessals, the Charlotte is among the number we lost a great many men and it appears that the Lawrence was so much damaged that with much trouble they got her in the Bay. The battle was desperate the British had filled their tops with Regulars. The new ship is also among the taken. The troops is at Portage River so a letter from Gen'l Harrison [missing] the Quarter Master at this place”
In consequence of the late serious conflict of our vessels on the lake, we have been longer delayed in embarking than was expected but if the winds abate, before tomorrow evening our whole force will be afloat, nearly all the regulars embarked this morning for an Island 8 or ten miles off ... Our victory upon the lake was so complete (the capturing of the whole British navy on this lake, two small vessels of no consequence excepted) that the greatest obstacle, in accomplishing the object of the operations of this army, is now removed.
Aftermath

• Advance of Harrison

• Recovery of Detroit

• Battle of the Thames – October 1813

• Death of Tecumseh
90 Cent Banknotes

• Printers
  – National (144, 155)
  – Continental (166) (1875)
  – American (191) (1879-1882) (soft paper)

• Special Printings
  – 177 (Continental)
  – 202 (American)
Purple Color Change (218)
Stamped Envelopes
Stationery Die Varieties

Design differences between Reay and Plimpton printings
Departmental Officials
Small Banknote

Scott 229 (1890)
First Bureau Issue

Two types; unwatermarked and watermarked
Possessions - Guam
Advertising Covers
Advertising Covers

Perry's Victory

Centennial

1813-1913

Hotel Commodore

Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Mr. John Ray,
Sandusky, O.
Advertising Covers
1901 Cleveland GAR Convention
1902 Celebration
Centennial Celebration
Centennial Celebration

Fac simile of the first message Commodore Perry, the young Commander of the American fleet on Lake Erie, sent to General Harrison, immediately after his remarkable victory September 10, 1813. It tells the story in a few words of the most brilliant victory of the War of 1812 and of the first battle in history that resulted in the capture of an entire English Fleet.
NIAGARA SOUVENIR

PERRY
Born 1794, Died 1813

Elliott
Born 1764, Died 1865

This wood taken from the hull of the Niagara when raised at Erie, PA. Apr. 1913.

NIAGARA
BUILT 1813

NIAGARA
SUNK 1813

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POST CARD

OFFICIAL SEAL 1813

PERRY CENTENNIAL
First Celebration at Erie, PA.

PLACE STAMP HERE

POSTAGE: 1c without message, 2c with.

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

verification.

JOHN S. SHEER
ERIE ALDERMAN
NOW COUNCILMAN

original -- genuine --
wood from the niagara
Come to the Grand Celebration of Perry’s Victory,
at Erie, Penn’a, July 6th. One week.

“We have met the enemy and they are ours.”

Mrs. Chas. Koaffke
831 Main St.
Benson

Omaha, Neb.
Centennial Celebration
Centennial Machines - Flag

Sandusky flag used April-December 1912
Columbia

Sandusky Columbia used March-September 1913
Cummins - Toledo

Third class use January-May 1913
Cummins-Toledo

First Class use also exists
Cummins – Toledo Station C

Used February-July 1913
Cummins – Erie PA

South Erie Station; used July-September 1913
Cummins – Put in Bay

Used during 1912-1915 seasons
Cummins-Put in Bay
International - Toledo

Used January-September 1913
International - Cleveland

Three varieties used April-September 1913
Cleveland Die Varieties
Cleveland Die Varieties
International - Erie

In 1813, a wagon train under military command carried Du Pont powder from Brandywine Creek near Wilmington, Del., to Commodore Perry at Erie, Pa. This was the powder with which Perry won his famous fight. Now, a hundred years later, the Du Pont Powder Company is sending over the same route, a reproduction of the famous wagon train, which will deliver Du Pont powder to Commodore Perry's original battleship, "The Niagara," which has been raised and restored for the centenary celebration.

Two periods of use: February-March 1913 and July-September 1913
Place Names

• Perry County (Ohio and 9 other states)
• Camp Perry
• Perrysburg
• Many other “Perry” towns!
Camp Perry
Perrysburgh
Navy Vessels

• USS Perry (Brig 1843-65)
• USS Perry (Destroyer DD-1, 1900-1919)
• USS Perry (Destroyer DD-340 1921-44)
  • became minesweeper, sunk Battle of Peleliu
• USS Perry (Destroyer DD-844 1945-70)
• USS Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7 guided missile frigate 1976-1997)
• USS Lake Erie (CG-70 guided missile cruiser launched 1991)
USS Perry
USS Perry

123rd Anniversary
USS Perry
USS Oliver Hazard Perry
Other Navals

1813 120th Anniversary 1933
BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE — SEPT. 10, 1813

U.S.S.
SEP
10
P.M.
1933
DUPONT

Oliver Hazard Perry, in a hail of shot and shell, rowed from the “Lawrence” to the “Niagara” with his battle flag. After a sharp engagement of his remaining fleet, returned to receive in surrender the five hostile craft.

120th Anniversary
120th Anniversary

The most brilliant achievement in 1813 was the defeat of the British naval force on Lake Erie by Commodore Perry. The British fleet consisted of 6 vessels, having 65 guns, that of the Americans 9 vessels with 36 guns. The conflict lasted 3 hours and the British force was reduced to almost a total wreck, which left the Americans masters of the lake.
120th Anniversary
120th Anniversary
120th Anniversary
125th Anniversary

Victory Message From Put-in-Bay, Ohio
"We have met the enemy and they are ours"
1813 - SEPTEMBER 10th - 1938
125th ANNIVERSARY
125th Anniversary

Souvenir from Put-in-Bay Ohio,
Battle of Lake Erie, September 10th

Dear Collector:

You have just time to sit down and write for two of the finest, beautifully illustrated and printed in color cachets you have seen in a long time.

September 28th, 1871, Cornwallis besieged at Yorktown, the closing battle of the Revolutionary War. Mailed from Yorktown, Va.

October 7th, 1863 (175th Anniversary). The Royal Proclamation, which constituted the last British Boundary Decision in America. Colorful and quaint cachet mailed from Quebec, Canada. (How many foreign cachets do you have?)

Five cents per cover includes all services and remember, they’re addressed in color to match the cachet. Send Ten Cents for both of these covers to reach me no later than September 25th.

H. D. HUBBARD,
119 So. 39th STREET, Phila., Pa.
125\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary
150th Anniversary
150th Anniversary
180th Anniversary
Other Cachets & Souvenirs
Garfield Perry Stamp Club
Garfield-Perry Stamp Club

Mr. E.D. Piper,
1373 Ethel Avenue, Lakewood
Cleveland 7 Ohio
Garfield-Perry Stamp Club
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