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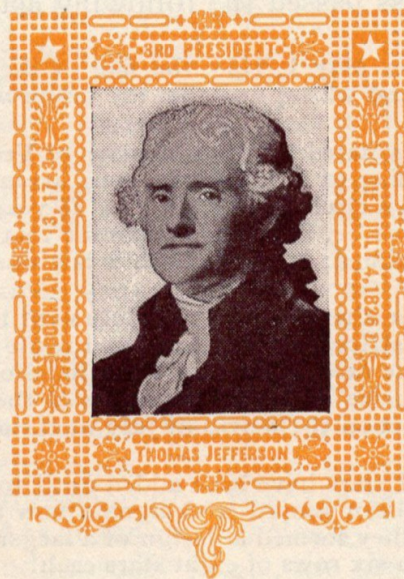
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ANNOUNCING THE
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**Our Entire Set of 48 Stars of the American Flag Mailed on
 July 4, 1936, From the Various State Capitals.**

THE flag with 13 stripes and 13 stars, authorized on June 14, 1777, continued to be used as the national emblem until Congress passed the following act, which President Washington signed:

"That from and after May 1, 1795, the flag of the United States be 15 stripes, alternate red and white; and that the union be 15 stars, white in a blue field."

This action was necessitated by the admission of Vermont and Kentucky into the Union. The flag of 1795 had the stars arranged in three rows of five each, instead of in a circle, and served for 23 years. With the admission of new states, however, it became apparent that the 1795 flag would have to be further modified; hence in 1818 a law was passed by Congress providing:

"That from and after the fourth day of July next the flag of the United States be 13 horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union have 20 stars, white in a blue field. That on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth of July next succeeding such admission."

Since 1818 additional stars have been added until to-day there are 48 on the flag. No law has been passed to designate how the stars shall be arranged. At one time they formed a design of a larger star. Now by common practice they form six rows of eight stars each.

A Rare and Valuable Addition to Any Collection.

Just think of it! A cacheted cover from the capital city of every state in the Union, all postmarked on the Fourth of July, the day which Congress has authorized the addition of new stars to the flag—and, in the case of the State of Arkansas, the **100th anniversary** of the date the star for that state was added to the flag. It is also the 160th anniversary of the date commemorated as that of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Deadline date for this most unusual combination offer ever made to cover collectors is **positively June 15, 1936**. Mark the date on your calendar.

PRICE, per Set of 48 Covers, if Received up to May 15, is Only \$5.00 After that date the price will be \$5.50. These covers will be sponsored from this office by our Cachet Director, and the prices quoted include all postage and forwarding charges. The members of the American Historical Cover Society exclusively are entitled to a discount of 10%. We will use commemorative stamps of our own selection on these covers; but if any purchaser desires to supply special stamps for some of the covers—such as a Maryland stamp for the Maryland cover, etc.—a deduction of 3¢ may be made on each cover for which such special stamps are furnished.

EUGENE C. LAIRD, Cachet Director, Box 1043, Erie, Pa.

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STORIES FROM HISTORY

*Selected to Commemorate Anniversaries of Exceptional Interest
in American History and Biography.*

CHAPTER THREE.

THE STORIES OF ARKANSAS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NASMUCH as it has been unofficially announced that the Post Office Department will issue special stamps commemorating the centennial of the admission of the State of Arkansas into the Union, and the tercentenary of the settlement of the State of Rhode Island, the historical feature of this issue will be devoted to a brief review of the early history of those two states. Like all of early American history, the stories of both of these states are filled with tales of hardship and privation, of bravery and heroism, of indomitable perseverance, and likewise of ingratitude and treachery. Who, in this day and age of marvelous streamline speed—when seconds are clipped from former records nearly every day—can conceive of traversing the vast solitudes of the great North American Continent in fragile canoes or by weary footsteps? In our stories of the foundation of the States of Arkansas and Rhode Island you will catch glimpses of a bygone era which will cause you to wonder what greater marvels unwearying science will unfold in the dim vistas of the coming years.

The Story of Arkansas.—Written to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the admission of Arkansas as a state, June 15, 1836. The early history of Arkansas is very closely interwoven with that of Louisiana. As you undoubtedly know, the present State of Arkansas is a part of what is known as the Louisiana Purchase, which was acquired by the United States from France in 1803. In 1682 France, by right of discovery, claimed an immense region in America, extending from the Gulf of Mexico, in the south, northward to the present boundaries of Canada, and from the Mississippi River, in the east, to the Pacific Ocean, in the west. This territory was named the Province of Louisiana, in honor of Louis XIV, King of France, and was held by France until 1763, when it was ceded to Spain; but it was returned to France in 1800, at the time when Napoleon Bonaparte was practically dictator of Europe. This immense territory, of about 1,182,745 square miles, was sold to the United States in 1803, the purchase price, in principal and interest, amounting to \$22,320,000. From it has been created, in whole or in part, the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, and also parts of Alabama and Mississippi.

On April 9, 1682, the Province of Louisiana was claimed, by right of discovery, by Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle, usually called La Salle, a French explorer, who, accompanied by Henry de Tonti and

Father Zenobius Membre and 20 French and Canadians who descended the Mississippi River, in canoes, from Illinois. The act of taking possession was accompanied with some ceremony. When a suitable place had been found, they constructed a column and a cross. To this column the arms of the king were affixed. The voyagers, who were mustered in line under arms, then fired a salute, followed by cries of "Long live the king!" La Salle then, standing by the column, made a proclamation in a loud voice, saying he took possession, in the name of France, of all of Louisiana and all that it contained. After that he affixed the cross to a neighboring tree, burying at its foot a leaden plate, on which was the inscription, in Latin: "In the reign of Louis the Great. On the 9th of April, 1682, Robert Cavelier, with Sieur de Tonti, envoy, Rev. Father Zenobe Membre, Recollect Missionary and 20 Frenchmen, the first in this river, having explored from its highest village even to its mouth, makes this attestation the 9th day of April, in the year 1682." An attestation of the facts of his journey, and the taking possession, was also made to him in writing by a notary public, one of the party.

On March 2, 1819, Congress created the Territory of Arkansas, to take effect July 4, 1819, and on March 3, 1819, James Monroe, then President of the United States, appointed General James Miller, of New Hampshire, Governor, and Robert Crittenden, of Frankfort, Kentucky, Secretary of the Territory of Arkansas. Governor Miller was a distinguished officer of the War of 1812. At the Battle of Lundy's Lane, when asked by his commanding officer if he could capture a battery of British guns, which was dealing destruction to the American ranks, he, well knowing the perilous nature of the undertaking, modestly replied, "I'll try, sir!" He charged the battery in gallant style, and captured it.

On January 4, 1836, a convention met and framed a State Constitution, which was submitted to Congress for approval, together with a petition for admission into the Union. Great opposition to the admission of Arkansas as a state developed in Congress, for the reason that it was proposed to allow slavery to exist within its limits. Considerable delay and much discussion ensued; but finally a bill admitting Arkansas as a state was adopted by Congress on June 15, 1836. Thus Arkansas became the 25th state of the Union.

Prior to March, 1861, the sentiment of the people of Arkansas was adverse to seceding from the Union. But after the bombardment of Fort Sumter, and President Lincoln's proclamation calling for 75,000 men to put down the rebellion, the State of Arkansas to furnish a quota of them, the sentiment of the people changed, and the Ordinance of Secession was adopted on May 6, 1861. Arkansas was admitted to the Southern Confederacy on May 20, 1861.

During the Civil War the State of Arkansas was not as much of a battleground as other portions of the Southern Confederacy, yet a number of desperate and bloody conflicts took place on her soil. The Battle of Pea Ridge occurred on March 7, 1862, between the Federals, under General Samuel R. Curtis, and the Confederates, under General Earl Van Dorn. The Confederates, although greatly outnumbered, held their ground until two of their most efficient generals—James McIntosh and Ben McCullough—were killed, in action, when General

Van Dorn retreated southward. General Curtis moved first to Batesville and then to Helena, where he remained.

The Battle of Prairie Grove was fought in Washington County, Arkansas, December 7, 1862, by the Federals, under Generals Blunt and Herron, and the Confederates, under General Hindman. The Confederates remained in possession of the field, but soon retreated southward.

In the early part of January, 1863, General McClernand and Admiral Porter, with a large Federal force, attacked Arkansas Post, which was garrisoned by about 3,000 Confederates, under General Thomas J. Churchill. After a stubborn resistance of three days, the place was captured, and the defenders made prisoners, on January 11, 1863.

The Battle of Helena, a most desperate and sanguinary engagement, took place on July 4, 1863, between the Federal forces of General Curtis, defending the place, which was strongly fortified, and the Confederates, under General Theophilus H. Holmes. The Confederates captured parts of the Federal breastworks, but were repulsed, with great loss, and were compelled to retreat.

General Frederick Steele, commanding the United States forces in Arkansas, with an army of 20,000, moved against Little Rock from Helena. After several minor engagements, he captured that city on September 10, 1863. The Confederates, under General Sterling Price, retreated southward to the Ouachita River, where they passed the winter in comparative inactivity.

After having passed the winter of 1863 at Little Rock, General Steele set out, in the spring of 1864, to follow up the Confederate forces; but his command encountered a severe check at Marks Mills on April 25, 1864, and at Jenkins' Ferry on April 30, 1864, in which his force was roughly handled, and his entire army narrowly escaped capture by a retreat to Little Rock.

After this matters remained inactive in Arkansas until about September 1, 1864, when General Sterling Price started from his camp in southwest Arkansas on a raid into Missouri. He marched his army as far north as Kansas, fighting many battles, the principal of which was at Pilot Knob, Missouri, where his forces were repulsed. The general result of the expedition was fruitless, and after having gone as far north as Marais des Cygnes, Kansas, where they met a considerable reverse, the army turned back and returned to Arkansas. This was the end of active operations, for the great war, having been fought out to the bitter end, was drawing to a close.

The Settlement of Rhode Island in 1636.—Banished from Plymouth Colony for his religious convictions, Roger Williams and several companions sought refuge on the west side of the Pawtucket River in the spring of 1636, where they established a plantation, which they named Providence, thus founding the State of Rhode Island. Although Williams aided Massachusetts Colony during Indian wars, his kindness was repaid by the magistrates of that colony forbidding all trade with the Providence people, and threatening to arrest them if found within the limits of Massachusetts. The colony was officially named Rhode Island in the Royal Charter granted by Charles II on July 8, 1663.

(To be continued in our next issue.)

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ANOTHER CHANGE

WE REGRET that we have an announcement to make to our members and clients which is not at all pleasant. Owing to the circumstances which are detailed below, we are compelled, until further notice, to issue *Winding Trails Magazine* bi-monthly instead of once a month. We trust that this will be but a temporary expedient, but our plans have been so disconcerted at this time that we are not able to predict just how soon we can resume normal activities.

You have all noticed, we presume, how late our February issue appeared in the mails. The cause of this unfortunate delay was the illness of our Cachet Director. About the middle of February he was the victim of a "cold," which resulted in severe neuralgia that threatened, for a time, to become a prolonged attack. His physician attributed much of the severity of the attack to the long hours, during the evening, which he had devoted to the activities of the American Historical Cover Society, and prohibited the resumption of those activities to the extent of further endangering his health.

It became necessary, then, to postpone some of the plans for the improvement of the Society which our

Cachet Director had under consideration; to restrict the number of new cachets to be sponsored by the Society; to curtail the number of new designs that had been planned, and to either abandon publication of our Society magazine, or to issue it at longer intervals.

Realizing the great disappointment that the discontinuance of our magazine would cause members and clients, our Cachet Director began studying methods of simplifying his activities as Cachet Director until such a time as his health will permit him to resume them on the present basis.

The greater part of his work as Cachet Director is caused by sponsoring cacheted envelopes. It is quite a task to select subjects, create designs and prepare drawings for the engraver for cacheted envelopes conforming to the standard we have adopted, and to reduce our standard to a par with the average cachet is not to be considered. The bookkeeping and correspondence connected with sponsoring cacheted covers is another heavy task.

Sponsoring cachets in groups or sets is an idea which is becoming decidedly popular with cover fans. On page 30 will be found a group suggestion by an enthusiastic collector which we have adopted. Several cover collectors have suggested cachets in sets for both the Rhode Island Tercentenary and the Arkansas Centennial stamps. Time limit for the Rhode Island stamp did not permit the preparation of such a set; but an appropriate set for the first-day sale of the Arkansas stamp is now under way.

A commemorative stamp for the 100th anniversary of the settlement of the old Oregon Territory has been announced, and a set of covers for the first-day sale of this stamp is under consideration, although we cannot, at this writing, give any definite information.

LET'S SHARE THE WORK

Let's All Co-operate to Elevate Our Society to the Very Highest Standard of Efficiency and Effectiveness.

WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY REQUESTS from our members and clients to continue the sponsoring of cacheted covers. Some of these requests embody suggestions that we print our American Historical Anniversary Stamps on covers, as well as in sheets. This suggestion is not practical, however, and much as we should like to please all of our patrons, we fear that it is impossible to adopt such a suggestion. Notwithstanding the fact that we have repeatedly stated that our Society is not a commercial venture, operated to produce a profit, many of our members and clients do not seem to comprehend that the transactions of the Society are actually conducted on that basis. On the other hand, the Society should not be expected to function at a loss. The revenue derived from the cachets sponsored by the Society should prove sufficient to defray all operating expenses, with a slight surplus to permit the sponsoring of a free cachet occasionally. This is the objective strived for by the organizers of the Society and our Cachet Director, and until such times as this goal is reached it will be necessary to make alterations, from time to time, in the methods of conducting the business of the Society.

The greater part of the work of the Society consists of the correspondence, the bookkeeping and in determining discounts granted to the various members. Many members do not keep an accurate record of the funds sent to the Cachet Director, and of the cachets ordered and received. This results in considerable unnecessary correspondence, and is a heavy drain upon the limited time at the disposal of the Cachet Director. It was principally for this reason that our American Historical Anniversary Stamps were devised, in anticipation that many collectors would relieve our Cachet Director of some of the work of sponsoring by sponsoring their own covers. This plan, however, caused considerable disappointment to collectors preferring to have the cachet printed directly on the envelope. It has been generally conceded that both the designs and workmanship on the cachets sponsored by the American Historical Cover Society are far superior to the average cachet, and to maintain the high quality and excellence of the cachets sponsored by our Society, we believe that our members and clients would be willing to accord a much better co-operation in relieving our Cachet Director of some of his work.

After an intensive study of the problem, it has been decided to test out a new plan for sponsoring cachets, which is as follows: Instead of issuing our American Historical Anniversary Stamps in sheets, we will print them, or other designs, directly on the covers; provided, however, that ORDERS FOR THESE UNUSED COVERS BE PLACED SO FAR IN ADVANCE THAT IT WILL ELIMINATE THE NECESSITY OF PRINTING AN UNNECESSARILY LARGE NUMBER OF COVERS TO PROVIDE FOR DELAYED ORDERS, which are a definite loss after the anniversary date occurs. Where but a single cachet is sponsored for an anniversary event, the Cachet Director will sponsor it direct from this office in the

usual manner, and at the prevailing schedule of fees. But where more than one cachet is sponsored for an anniversary date—to be postmarked on the same day and at the same post office—the collector is to procure the unused covers from our Cachet Director, and sponsor them direct from his or her home. To enable collectors sponsoring our cachets in this manner to do so at a minimum amount of work and expense, our Cachet Director has prepared a special envelope in which to forward such covers, together with a form letter to postmasters, and one of each of these will be furnished with each set of unused covers, free of charge. It will, then, only be necessary for a collector sponsoring one of our sets of anniversary cachets to address and stamp the covers (or, in the case of a first-day cover, to enclose the cost of the stamps to be affixed to the covers), sign the form letter, place the name of the post office to which the covers are to be sent, together with his or her name and return address in the space provided for that purpose on the envelope supplied, enclose the form letter and covers to be postmarked, seal and affix stamps, at the first-class postage rate, and mail. This, in nine cases out of ten, will be cheaper than having our Society sponsor them, and will also relieve our Cachet Director of sufficient work to enable him to devote more time to designing new cachets.

The fees adopted by the Society for sponsoring cachets do not provide sufficient revenue to employ office assistance, as the cost of the engravings and the expense of printing the covers in three colors is considerably more than the one-color and rubber hand-stamped kind of cachets; and it would seem that, if our members and clients are willing to take over this small part of the work of sponsoring, one of our problems, at least, would be solved. Let's all help our Cachet Director in this manner, and thus give him the opportunity of designing many more attractive and alluring cachets.

OUR FIRST SPECIAL CACHET COMBINATION

 IT GIVES US GREAT PLEASURE to announce a new system of sponsoring special American Historical Cover Society cachets in combinations or groups, and to accept orders for such combinations far in advance of the actual dates on which the cachets are to be sponsored. We have been impelled to adopt this policy by the fact that some of our members and clients have complained that occasionally our cachets are announced too late to give sufficient time in which to place orders. All the cachets included in **Combination No. 1** will be handsomely printed in three colors, on standard 6¾ envelopes, of a design similar to that of the Oliver Hazard Perry cachet, and mailed from appropriate post offices. The subjects comprising **Combination No. 1** include the following 200th and 150th anniversaries:

May 29—Cachet No. 111—**200th** anniversary of the birth of Patrick Henry, considered by many as the greatest of American orators, whose impassioned speeches exerted considerable influence on the cause of American independence.

June 13—Cachet No. 112—**150th** anniversary of the birth of General Winfield Scott, who took a prominent part in the War of 1812; who terminated the Mexican War successfully, and who safe-guarded the first inauguration of President Lincoln.

June 19—Cachet No. 113—**150th** anniversary of the death of General Nathaniel Greene, the greatest general, next to General Washington, of the Revolutionary War.

August 17—Cachet No. 114—**150th** anniversary of the birth of Colonel David Crockett, who was killed, by order of Santa Anna, at the Massacre of the Alamo, during the Texan War for Independence.

Send **60¢** to Eugene C. Laird, Cachet Director, Box 1043, Erie, Penna., for this **complete combination**. Deadline date at this office—May 15.

ANNIVERSARY CACHETS

Coming Historical Anniversary Cachets to be Sponsored by the American Historical Cover Society.

NEW PRICES.—The following is a schedule of the new prices that has been adopted by the AMERICAN HISTORICAL COVER SOCIETY, and supersedes all former quotations: For a single cachet the price is now **15¢**; three cachets for **40¢**; five cachets for **60¢**; or eight cachets for **85¢**. These prices are for cachets ordered at one time, and may consist of one kind or may be assorted as desired, but do not apply to back numbers. Members of the Society exclusively may deduct **10%** from the above prices. Clients, whether members or not, who send special stamps for their cachets, may deduct **3¢** for each cover for which return postage has been sent. Otherwise, these prices are net, and payable in advance.

Presidential Birth and Death Cachets.

All of the cachets in this classification are handsomely printed in three colors. Send remittance for number of covers desired, **at new rates**, to Eugene C. Laird, Cachet Director, Box 1043, Erie, Penna. This includes all postage and forwarding charges. *Do not send envelopes*, as none of our cacheted envelopes are hand-stamped.

April 27—Cachet No. 17B—Anniversary of the birth of Ulysses Simpson Grant, 18th President of the United States. (See February issue.)

April 28—Cachet No. 18B—Anniversary of the birth of James Monroe, 5th President of the United States. (See February issue.)

Note.—No Presidential births or deaths occurred during the month of May.

The Stars of the American Flag Cachets.

All of the cachets in this classification are handsomely printed in three colors. Send remittance for number of covers desired, **at new rates**, to Eugene C. Laird, Cachet Director, Box 1043, Erie, Penna. This includes all postage and forwarding charges. *Do not send envelopes*, as none of our cachets are hand-stamped.

May 11—Cachet No. 20—Anniversary of the entry of Minnesota into the Union. Minnesota was admitted as a state on May 11, 1858, and is the 32nd Star of the Flag. This cachet will be mailed at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 11. Deadline date—May 4.

May 23—Cachet No. 21—Anniversary of the entry of South Carolina into the Union. South Carolina ratified the Constitution on May 23, 1788, and is the 8th Star of the Flag. This cachet will be mailed at Columbia, South Carolina, on May 23. Deadline Date—May 16.

May 29—Cachet No. 22—Anniversary of the entry of Rhode Island into the Union. Rhode Island ratified the Constitution on May 29, 1790, and is the 13th Star of the Flag. This cachet will be mailed at Providence, Rhode Island, on May 29. Deadline date—May 22.

May 29—Cachet No. 23—Anniversary of the entry of Wisconsin into the Union. Wisconsin was admitted as a state on May 29, 1848, and is the 30th Star of the Flag. This cachet will be mailed at Madison, Wisconsin, on May 29. Deadline date—May 22.

Back Number Cachets.

September 2-3, 1935—Cachet Nos. 56-57—Commemorating the **10th** anniversary of the last flight and crash of the ill-fated United States Navy rigid dirigible airship Shenandoah. These covers were sent by air mail, and are nicely canceled at Lakehurst, New Jersey, on September 2, 1935, and at Ava, Ohio, on September 3, 1935. Scores of letters were received praising our cachets sponsored for this anniversary. We have a few more pairs of these covers left, and will send a pair, on which the name and address of the purchaser will appear, as long as the supply lasts, for only **30¢**. Send all orders to our Cachet Director.

FIRST-DAY COVER FANS!

Why Not Sponsor First-Day Covers for the Coming Arkansas Centennial for Yourself and Your Friends?

 THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT will permit you to send from ONE TO TEN covers for first-day service to the postmaster at a post office at which a commemorative stamp is to be placed on first-day sale, provided that such covers are received at the post office before the close of business on the date on which the stamps are placed on first-day sale. Covers will be accepted from individual subscribers only, and must be accompanied by a postal money order, payable to the postmaster, or by cash, for the total amount of postage to be used on the covers. Personal checks or stamps will **positively not be accepted**. The covers must be legibly addressed by typewriter or pen, and to facilitate handling and prevent damage, should be of the ordinary (6 $\frac{3}{4}$) letter size. Do not make unusual requests, such as affixing stamps with plate numbers, or for irregular spacing, as such requests cannot be considered. Requests for a supply of unused stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers.

By strictly conforming with the reasonable requirements specified above, you will be able to order any number of covers **from one to ten** for yourself direct from the postmaster at the office of first-day sale, thus saving all commissions or profits, and securing your first-day covers at the actual cost of the stamps affixed, plus the forwarding postage. Should you desire more than ten covers, you could order additional covers in the name of some friend or relative. The American Historical Cover Society will issue, from time to time, beautiful, artistic and attractive cacheted envelopes, handsomely printed in three colors, specially designed for first-day and other commemorative anniversary events. These cachets are designed by our Cachet Director, a memorial designer of wide experience, who designed our popular Presidential Birth and Death Series and our Stars of the American Flag Series, both of which received wide and favorable comment. By using our American Historical Cover Society specially designed cachets, together with our free forwarding envelope and form letter to postmasters, cover collectors can sponsor their own covers at a minimum cost.

Distinctive First-Day Covers.

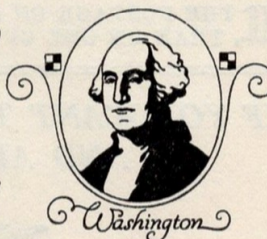
When only one cachet is sponsored for the first-day sale of a commemorative stamp covers will be sponsored by Eugene C. Laird, Cachet Director, Box 1043, Erie, Penna., at the following schedule of fees: With a single stamp, **10¢** for each cover; with a pair of stamps, **15¢** for each cover; with a block of four stamps, **20¢** for each cover.

When a set of covers is sponsored for the first-day sale of a commemorative stamp, unused covers only will be sold, at **15¢** per set—the collector to sponsor them from his or her home. An envelope in which to forward the covers to the postmaster at the office of first-day sale, together with a form letter, will be furnished with each set.

Rhode Island Tercentenary—Cachet No. 22FD—Commemorating the **300th** anniversary of the settlement of Rhode Island by Roger Williams and his companions. This cachet will be mailed at Providence, Rhode Island, on May 4. Deadline date—April 25. See schedule of fees above. We had planned to issue a set of covers for this event, but the announcement of the date of first-day sale by the Post Office Department reached this office too late to permit us to select designs and prepare engravings.

Arkansas Centennial—Commemorating the **100th** anniversary of the Act of Congress admitting Arkansas as a state. Collectors are to order unused covers for this event, and forward them to the postmaster at the office of first-day sale. See schedule of fees above. This set consists of five different designs, as follows: Cachet No. 28FD—Seal of the State of Arkansas, enclosed within a star-shaped frame. Cachet No. 115—La Salle taking formal possession of the Province of Louisiana. Cachet No. 116—William C. C. Claiborne, one of the commissioners to accept Louisiana from France, and the first American governor. Cachet No. 117—James S. Conway, first elected Governor of Arkansas. Cachet No. 118—The old State House at Little Rock, first State Capitol. No announcement has been made as yet of the date and place of first-day sale. Deadline date for accepting orders for this set is June 5. Better order early, however, and “play safe.”

Complete Set of Superb Unused Presidential Covers Now Available!



WE NOW HAVE AVAILABLE, in complete sets of **31 unused covers, the cachets of all of the Presidents of the United States, from George Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt.** These covers are the same as those sponsored on various Presidential anniversaries during the past year. All of them are of uniform three-color design, on standard size $6\frac{3}{4}$ envelopes, and each cachet includes a brief sketch of the President's life.

C. Price for the complete set of 31 covers, **\$1.15**, postpaid. Price per cover for less than a complete set, **5¢** each, plus postage. Special rates on quantities of six or more of one kind.

EUGENE C. LAIRD, Box 1043, Erie, Penna.

JOTS AND JABS

"I have received every cachet ordered from you in the past two years in perfect condition."—Edward J. Force, Jr., AHCS No. 103.

Mr. Joseph Prostack, AHCS No. 88, is looking for first-day covers for his collection. Those who have them for sale are invited to write Mr. Prostack at 117 Prospect Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

"I do enjoy *Winding Trails Magazine*. The historical information given makes the cachets far more interesting. The articles are very concise and descriptive."—Martha C. Benedict, AHCS No. 21.

A stamp for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1938, has been suggested. Why not one for the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie also, which occurs on September 10 of the same year?

The Cachet Director has received numerous inquiries from collectors who desire to fill in missing numbers of their Presidential and "Stars of the Flag" covers. We have "extras" of practically all of these covers, properly canceled. Send a list of the ones you need, and the Cachet Director will be glad to check those he can furnish.

Ever since the days of Theodore Roosevelt a series of postage stamps showing portraits of prominent army and navy officers has been under consideration.

Indian Relics, Beadwork, Coins, Stamps, Books, Minerals, Curios, Old West Photos, Gems, Weapons. Catalogue, 5¢. Mounted sea horse, 35¢; 4 perfect arrowheads, 25¢; 10 different foreign coins, 15¢. Indian Museum, Northbranch, Kansas.

This set now seems to be assured, although no official announcement to that effect has been made. A series of this kind would be welcome for a change. Whether these stamps would become a part of a new general issue or issued as commemoratives is uncertain. When (and if) these stamps are issued, the American Historical Cover Society will probably prepare appropriately designed envelopes for first-day covers.

Mr. Aubrey B. C. Devay, AHCS No. 52, quotes an interesting side light in connection with General Winfield Scott, for the 150th anniversary of whose birth we are sponsoring Cachet No. 112: "Almost up to the time of the Civil War, Americans considered soup an effeminate dish, and no 'red-blooded' man would be caught eating it. General Winfield Scott, one of our greatest soldiers and Indian fighters, covered himself with ridicule, and contributed materially to his defeat in the Presidential campaign of 1852, by admitting, in an unguarded moment, that he was to have soup for dinner." Mr. Devay would like suggestions as to an appropriate time and place to have a complete set of Parks stamps canceled on one cover. Who can help him? Address Mr. Devay at 1488 East 107th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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