



Columbia Philatelic Society

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Commentary and updates:



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Labor Day weekend as I write this, however, I hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends despite the heat. If you travelled out of town, hopefully your journey was smooth and uneventful.

A long-awaited stamp show is coming this weekend. The venue is familiar. It will be held in the gymnasium at our regular meeting place, Tri-City Leisure Center. We'll need help on Friday afternoon (September 6) around 4:00 o'clock to help set up. The show opens at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and closes at 5 p.m. We'll do it again Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll need some help tearing down on Sunday and the vendors may need some assistance getting their stuff to their vehicles.

Fourteen stamp dealers will be at the show. A few of the vendors specialize in post cards and have boxes of South Carolina material for those of you who collect local post cards. Let friends and family know about the event, since we didn't have a show in February. If you know of someone who received a stamp collection from a relative and now wants it appraised, have them bring the collection to the show and our vendors will take a look and give you an estimate. Kudos to Mark Postmus who put this show together at the last minute when space became available.

We had a new member come to our last meeting. Welcome Barry Rickman of West Columbia. Barry is a collector of everything U. S.

Retired General Mick Zais, former APS president and club member will join Chris Lazaroff, a nationally known cachet maker for our program in September. You won't want to miss this meeting. Tell your friends.

Fred McGary



The next meeting will be **Sunday, September 15**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



Since I missed the two August birthdays in last month's newsletter, let me recognize them now: D. C. Locke (Aug. 7) and Bob Anderson (Aug. 21). If you want to congratulate someone on their birthday in September, look at last month's newsletter. Congratulations and many, many more.

PROGRAMS: CLEMSON UNIVERSITY IN PHILATELY

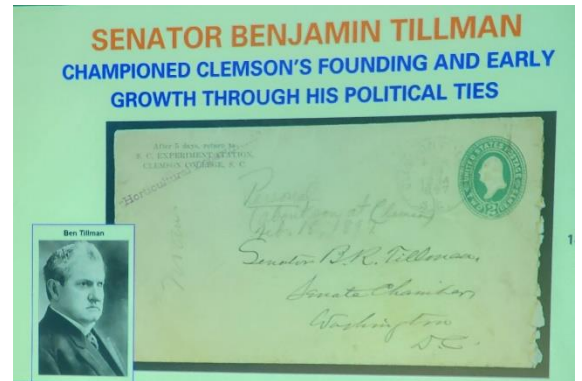


As a proud Clemson graduate, I started saving envelopes and postcards of anything having a link with my alma mater.

It was founded in 1889 as Clemson Agricultural College. Students didn't arrive until 1893.

"Thomas Clemson and his wife, Anna Maria, who was a descendant of John C. Calhoun, founded the school," said Bob Anderson. Thomas Clemson made his fortune in Pennsylvania coal before moving to a place called Fort Mill, S. C.

"Another important figure in the founding of the school was Benjamin Ryan Tillman, a U.S. Senator and South Carolina Governor," said Anderson. If you look closely at Tillman's picture, you'll see his eye might be missing. "That's because it is," Anderson said, "he lost an eye to a tumor." Anderson said he acquired this cover a few years ago, addressed to Senator Tillman. "I was thrilled when I saw that, and the guy who sold it to me had no clue who Ben Tillman was," Anderson added.



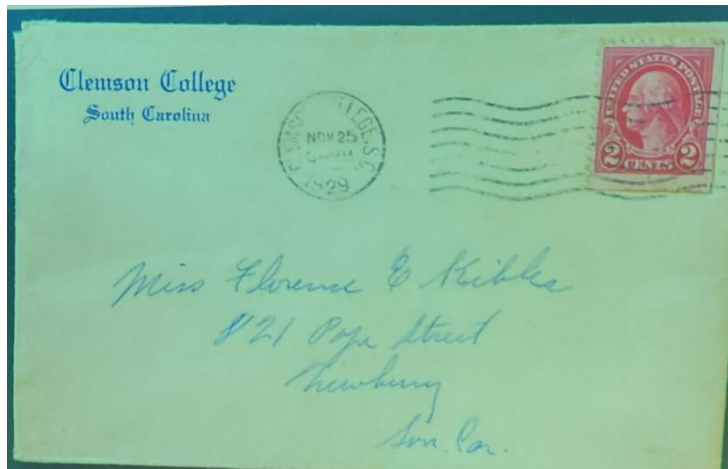
This is a 1902 cover with a Clemson pennant in the upper corner. "The pennant has purple outlines with purple letters with an orange background color," Anderson mentioned, "showing that our school colors were in place at the start of the 20th century."

Anderson said Clemson was built on a cow pasture, a farm. There was no town there. The nearest town was Pendleton.

“What the inscription on the post card means to me: the Sloan name still existed in downtown Clemson when I was there. There was a store called, Sloan’s Store that was a general merchandise store,” Anderson said.



The “fancy” greenhouse on Clemson’s campus, 1912. In the upper right corner, it reads, “Greenhouse, published by Winslow Sloan, Clemson, S. C.”

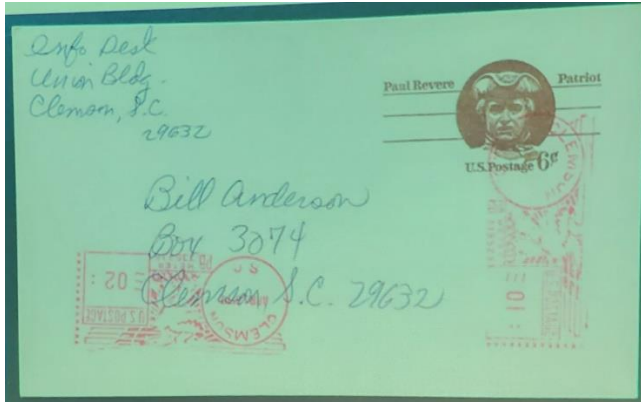


By the late 1920’s they dropped the “A” in agriculture from the college name.

The school name was changed to Clemson University in 1964.

“Around 1950, Clemson House appeared right above the campus,” Anderson intoned. He added, “It was right across the street from Tillman Hall. It was carved out of the forest.” The post card reads, “I was up to the house (Clemson House) last night and saw these cards. I didn’t know if I had ever sent you a picture of it or not. Some day when you’re back and I’ve graduated, we will come up to a Clemson football game and stay there. I received your letter a few days after I mailed mine. Love, Brother.” The writer might have been in Korea at the time (1951) writing to his sister in San Francisco.





“This may be the first collected piece in my collection. It’s a Drop Mail piece postmarked in Clemson with meters. It’s an interesting piece philatelically, I think, because it shows the increase in rates,” Anderson opined. “It’s from the info desk at the Union Building to my brother, Bill Anderson, box 3074, Clemson, S. C. He was a year ahead of me and much to his chagrin, I followed him to Clemson.”

Bob Anderson

STAMP SHOW UPDATE:

According to Mark Postmus, stamp show coordinator, we have 14 dealers coming to the show, September 7th to 8th. “The Hilton Hotel on Route 378 and I-26 is going to be the main hotel for vendors. There are a couple of other hotels nearby and there are a number of restaurants in the area as well,” Postmus said. Our expenses are going to be more than normal since we have to pay for security, the tables and chairs and other incidentals.

Security will be provided by Allied Universal Security which is their professional job. We had a contract with them before we even had a contract with the Tri-City Leisure Center, our regular meeting place.

Logistics in the gym will be a bit awkward because of the bleachers at the sides of the room. Mark has the problem fixed. There won’t be any exhibits this time because of the lack of time to set up the display cases and to physically bring them to the center.

“I got together with Mark at the last meeting,” said Fred McGary, club president. “We agreed, we’ve got to have a show of some type. We can’t go a whole year without a show.” “We found a weekend in September when there wasn’t any home football game, so the hotels would have rooms and it lined up with the availability of the gym at the Center. We put this together in a week,” McGary added. He said if this works out we’ll have the show at the Leisure Center from now on.

“If anyone can come Friday night (September 6th) to help set up, we could use the help,” Postmus added. We’ll also need assistance Sunday afternoon.

Mark Postmus

