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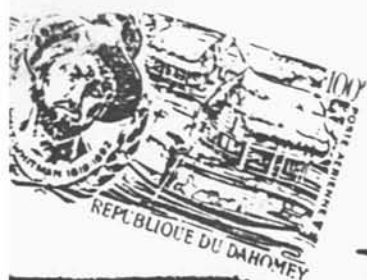
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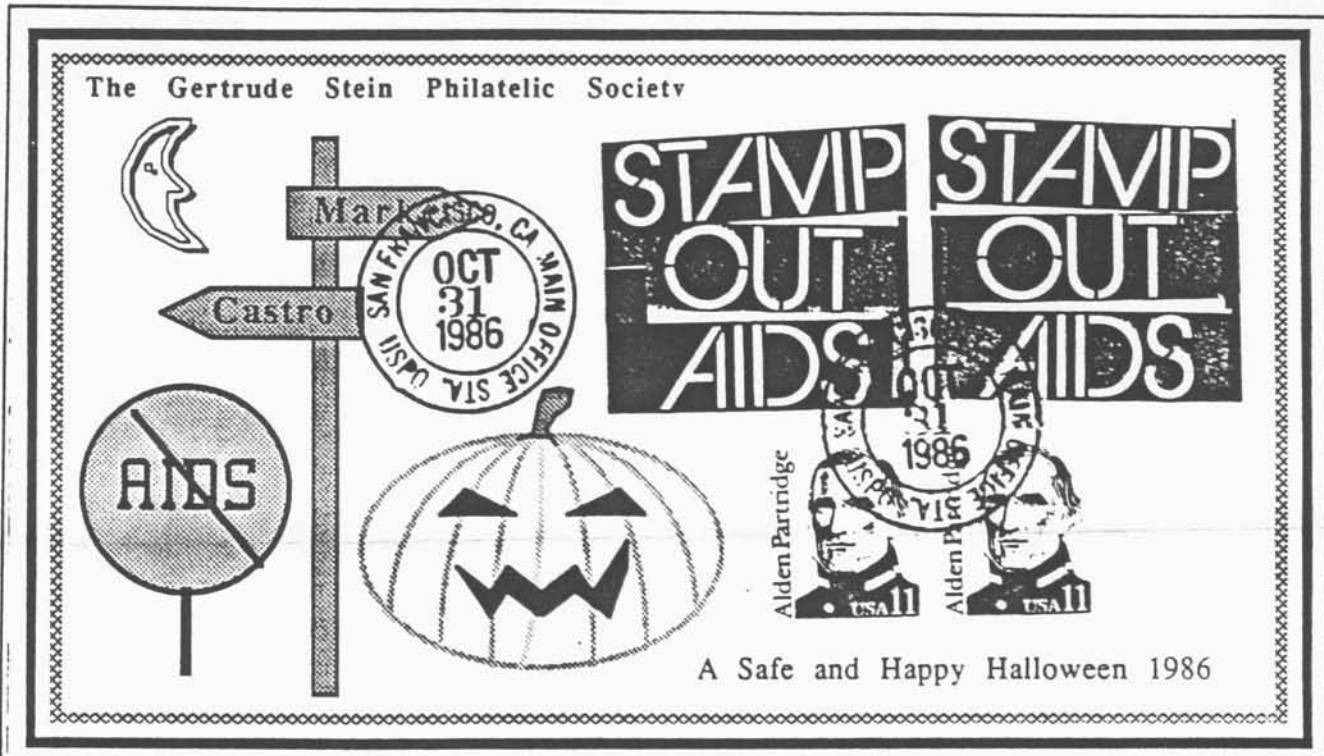
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PLATE#	COVER NUMBERS	TOTAL COVERS	DESCRIPTION
1	01-06	6	Pumpkin, sign post, VINES & OUTLINED MOON, BORDER dark background
2	07-11	5	"ERROR" ON PUMPKIN, CHANGE IN VINE, BORDER, TYPE AND SHADOWED MOON
3	12-18	7	CHANGE ON PUMPKIN, VINES, TYPE, BORDER AND BACK TO OUTLINED MOON
4	19-21	3	WHITE BACKGROUND AND NO VINES CHANGE IN TYPE, BORDER AND SIGN. SHADOWED MOON.

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CANADA



REPORT

HANLAN'S POINT

"Were it not for the CN Tower sticking its revolving restaurant above the trees at Hanlan's Point, you could imagine Canada's largest city a thousand miles away, instead of a 10-minute ferry ride across the [Toronto] harbor."*

The Toronto Islands are an archipelago of 15 islands in Lake Ontario about one mile south of downtown Toronto. The western extremity of the Islands, named Hanlan's Point, is a natural area of trees, grass and beach. The area is historically significant from the viewpoint of the gay community in Toronto. Hanlan's has long been an affordable retreat from the city for gay people who have been going to the area since the 1920's.



(figure 1)

In the late 1940's Hanlan's Point had become an established summer gathering ground for Toronto's gay community. By the early 1950's the dunes at the north end of the beach were the exclusive territory of gays and a few nude sunbathers. The current beach on Hanlan's Point is only one of two well-known gay beaches in Canada, the other being Wreck Beach in Vancouver. It was at Hanlan's Point that the first openly Gay Pride Week Picnic was held in 1972.

*Glenn Wheeler, "Now Magazine", August 29, 1985, p.8.

What of the man after whom this area was named?

Edward "Ned" Hanlan was born on July 12, 1855 on the Toronto Islands and he also grew up there. Hanlan went on to become the world's premier oarsman and in 1880 the first Canadian ever to win a world championship.

Hanlan learned to row in Toronto harbor on a makeshift shell fashioned from a wooden plank. By 1877 he won the Canadian rowing championship and in 1878 took the USA title. In May of 1879 Hanlan beat the English champion by an astonishing 11 lengths and the following year defeated the Australian world champion to take the title for himself. Hanlan successfully defended the title until 1884. Hanlan died on January 4, 1908.



(figure 2)

Ned Hanlan became a Canadian hero as Canada's first athlete to gain international recognition and its first world champion. But what sort of individual was he?

According to the Canadian Gay Archives "it has long been rumored he might have been gay." At the peak of his rowing success the Canadian Encyclopedia states that Hanlan was "lectured sternly by the English press for his flamboyance [but] was appreciated for his fine rowing style."

Both the Toronto Islands and Ned Hanlan himself have been noted on Canadian postage stamps. On June 29, 1984 Canada issued a miniature sheet of 12 stamps to celebrate Canada Day--Canada's national holiday. The stamps were the work of the celebrated Canadian artist Jean Paul Lemieux. The set of stamps represents the artist's interpretation of the 12 provinces and territories of Canada. The lower right stamp in the sheet, Scott #1027 (figure 1), features a view of downtown Toronto as seen from the Toronto Islands.

Canada issued a 17¢ commemorative on July 4, 1980 to mark the 100th anniversary of Ned Hanlan's world rowing championship win. The stamp, Scott #862 (figure 2), is based on a contemporary photograph of Hanlan in his racing shell, the coloration and layout of the design are in keeping with the feeling of late 19th Century hand-tinted photographs.

The photo of Hanlan which appears on the Canada Post official first day cover (figure 3) is from the collection of the Public Archives of Canada.



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(figure 3)

SOURCES

Canada Post

Canadian Gay Archives, Box 639, Station A, Toronto,
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Now Magazine, August 29, 1985.

The Body Politic Magazine, February, 1985.

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CANADA



REPORT

THE PINK TRIANGLE ERROR

On August 29, 1986, Canada Post issued four stamps, the first in a series, which will honor discoverers of Canada. The stamps were printed in 300,000 sheets of 50 stamps each.

One of the four stamps in the set honors explorer Henry Hudson who sought, in 1610, a Northwest Passage from Europe to Asia. In his search, Hudson discovered Hudson Strait and Hudson Bay. The stamp features a painting by artist Frederick Hagan depicting the discovery of Hudson's Bay. Figure 1 below shows the block of four stamps. The Hudson stamp is the bottom left one.



figure 1

A printing error has resulted in a variety of the Henry Hudson stamp. Canada Post announced that 300,000 of the Henry Hudson stamps had come back from the printers, Ashton-Potter Ltd. of Toronto, with a pink triangle three millimeters by one millimeter in the upper left corner of the stamp which was not in the original design. To quote Canada Post: "It is a consistent, or constant, blemish, appearing as a small triangular pink color imperfection on one of the 12 Hudson stamps on each pane of 50 Exploration stamps. The defect blended so well with the stamp's stylized design that it was only discovered after production had ended and it was too late to proceed with reprinting."

Hence we have Canada's Pink Triangle Error.

Each sheet of stamps contains 12 of the Hudson stamps, only one of which bears the pink triangle. Thus there exist 300,000 of the pink triangle varieties and 3,300,000 of the "normal" Hudson stamps.

The printing error touched off a rush for the new stamps. In Montreal, for example, the crowds started showing up at the crack of dawn on issuing day and, by 2 p.m., 2000 collectors and speculators had bought all 3750 copies of the stamp in stock at the post office philatelic center. In Quebec City the stamp was sold out by 9:30 a.m.!

The error stamp appears in the bottom right block of of each sheet. Figure 2 below shows a copy of a block containing the variety. Figure 3 shows the "normal" Hudson stamp for comparison.



figure 2



figure 3

Hopefully catalogs will accept this genuine Canadian variety and will adopt its name as "the pink triangle error."

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'Alternate lifestyle' topic of racey collection



A century ago, they called it the crime without a name. Today they have a euphemism for it. It is the "alternate lifestyle."

Discussing it, even in philatelic perspective, is by no means accepting or endorsing it. The fact is, is that homosexuality has existed in the world for as long as mankind has.

What cannot be denied is that today it can be talked about, whereby in the past, it was only whispered. And it was only a question of time before these practices entered our hobby.

Topical collecting, our British friends like to call it thematic collecting, has no bounds. If we grant that the pleasures of philately are the hobby's greatest reward, there should be no restriction on what one wishes to collect.

At the recent ASDA show in New York, one exhibit attracting a considerable number of viewers, and even more discussion, was that of Paul Hunnefeld. It was entitled, Alter-

nate Lifestyles of Famous People, and it was an eye-opener.

Each page had on it a stamp picturing a well-known personality who, at least in the eyes of Mr. Hunnefeld, subscribed to the alternate lifestyle now openly discussed. And under each stamp was the evidence that the person subscribed to the alternate lifestyle.

To me at least, the "evidence" in some cases was rather weak. William Shakespeare, for example, wrote a number of sonnets to an individual he identified as "W.H." Was it coincidence that these were the initials of the Earl of Southampton, with whom the Immortal Bard's name had been linked romantically? And how did Ann Hathaway fit into the picture?

There is less doubt about Pope Julius II who was the Holy Pontiff in 1550. When criticized by his Cardinals for his affection for one Prevestino, he told the College of Cardinals that "Prevestino is worth more than the whole lot of you."

Baron von Steuben left his native Germany to come to this country to fight for liberty, we are told in school, but the facts shown in this exhibit are that he was dismissed from the Prussian Army, came to the United States where he became enamored of not one by two Continental soldiers, William North and Ben Walker. (His biography in the encyclopaedia says nothing of all this).

With James Buchanan, 15th president of the United States, there is little doubt that Mr. Hunnefeld is on firmer ground. He was this nation's only bachelor president; he never married and his liaison with Senator William King was an open secret during Buchanan's tenure.

Other personalities pictured on stamps whom Mr. Hunnefeld feels belongs to the collection are Alexander Hamilton, Cardinal Newman, Michelangelo, Hans Christian Anderson, Percy Grainger and Edvard Grieg.

Also included is Leonardo da Vinci (his masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, was posed by a male model, we are told), and the writer, Willa Cather, whose lifestyle even included being a transvestite.

There may be some who will want to disagree with some of these characterizations. (There were dozens more in the exhibit, not even mentioned). They are welcome to quarrel with the exhibit, or with Mr. Hunnefeld. I am merely reporting the exhibit as another bit of evidence to indicate that one never knows where the path of philatelic pleasure will lead, nor the satisfaction that it will bring to the owner, and perhaps, to some of the viewers.

Most of the persons listed in the above article can be found in Gay American History, Jonathan Katz, NY 1979; Jonathan To Gide, Noel I. Gards, NY 1984; Homosexuals In History, A.L. Rowse, 1977 and The Gay Book Of Days, Martin Greif, Secaucus, NY 1982. With regard to Shakespeare also read The Book Known As Q by Robert Giroux, NY 1982. Information on the 'Mona Lisa' came from the magazine Sexology, June 1952 issue (copy on film at the New York public library).

FORMATION OF A GAY/LESBIAN STAMP CLUB IN LOS ANGELES

Lauri Edwards of Tujunga, California, would like to invite stamp collectors in the Los Angeles, Glendale, Pasadena, and North Hollywood areas to start an informal stamp club. The first meeting could be held in her home and then followed with suggestions on where to meet for subsequent get-togethers. Since this would be a new club, interested people could set up types of activities and other procedures as they see fit. Please call Lauri at (818) 353-9390 day or evenings up to 9:00 p.m. or write: 7202 Lonzo Street, Tujunga, CA 91042.

DANIEL HERZOG

Daniel was recently elected President of the Garden State Postcard Club, the largest postcard club in NJ. He has also been appointed Assistant Secretary of the West Essex Philatelic Society and Treasurer of the Philatelic Soc. of Bloomfield - stamp clubs located in Northern NJ. Write: Daniel Herzog, 545 Irvington Ave., Newark, NJ 07103. Daniel is a charter member of GLHS.

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MS401	349a	Wildlife S/S	4.50		
402/7	350/5	Cacti	3.25		
408/11	356/9	Year of the Child	2.25		
MS412	359a	Year of the Child S/S	2.50		
413/5	380/2	ROWLAND HILL	2.50		
MS418	383	Rowland Hill S/S	2.50		
417/33	384/90	Marine Life definitive 17v.	26.00	20.00	
420a/8a		Marine Life 1982 reprints 8 values	2.80	2.00	
427b	374a	Marine Life 25 c. Inverted watermark.	195.00	190.00	
434/7	381/4	Rotary	4.00		8.00
MS438	384a	Rotary S/S	4.50		8.00
438/42	385/8	London 1980	3.50		
MS438	388a	London 1980 S/S	3.90		
444/5	389/90	C.C. Parliamentary Assoc.	1.75		
446/9	391/4	Sir Francis Drake	3.15		
MS450	394a	Drake S/S	3.85		
451/8	395/400	Islands profiles	3.80		
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458/82	401/5	Flowers	5.00		
483/5	406/8	1981 Royal Wedding	3.50		
...	...	1981 Royal Wedding BOOKLET	13.50		
486/8	409/12	1981 Duke of Edinburgh Award	3.50		
470/3	413/8	1981 Disabled	3.50		
474/7+MS478 - 417/2		1981 Xmas + S/S	2.95		
479/82	422/5	1981 Hummingbirds	4.25		6.00 maxicards
483/8	428/9	1982 Lions	4.50		7.00
MS487	429a	1982 Lions S/S	4.90		7.00
488/9	430/3	1982 Lady Diana Birthday	5.15		
492/5	434/8	1982 Air BVI	3.80		
496/9	438/41	1982 Scouts	3.50		
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	446/9	1983 Nursing Week	3.45		
	454/7	1983 Manned Flight	3.50		
	450/3	1983 Boat Building	4.50		
	453a	1983 Boat Building S/S	4.50		
	458/61	1983 Xmas Raphael paintings	3.80		4.50 fdc
	481a	1983 Xmas Raphael paintings S/S	3.80		8.50 maxicards
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471/8		1984 LA Olympic Games set	2.00		3.50
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Unfortunately, we have to raise dues this year. In 1986, dues did not quite cover all of our reproduction, mailing and advertising expenses (all labor is, of course, free). For 1987, dues will be \$6.00 for U.S. and Canada, \$8.00 for all other countries.