

# LASO Show and Tell

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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Clarence E. and Eugene C. Laird Poster Stamps

Local Anniversary Stamps, sponsored by the C. Laird, Cachet Director, Erie, Penna.

Abraham Lincoln's first inauguration as President of the United States took place on March 4, 1861, and the ceremonies were conducted quietly, although fear for his safety had been felt.



## The Shenandoah Crashes to Her Doom



EARLY on the morning of Sept. 3, 1925, the Shenandoah encountered a violent squall and thunder storm near Ava, Ohio, and was torn apart, the stern crashing to the ground, killing Captain Lansdowne and 13 of the crew. The bow floated on, and Lieutenant-Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, the navigator, succeeded in bringing it to the ground without further loss of life. Besides Rosendahl, the navigator, Colonel C. O. Hall, of the Army Air Service, and 25 of the ship's company were saved.

Concerning the conduct of the crew, Rosendahl said: "During the period of uncertainty in the ship, preceding the breaking in two, there did not come to my attention a single incident where any person of the Shenandoah's personnel, either officers or crew, did not perform his duty fully, efficiently and conscientiously."



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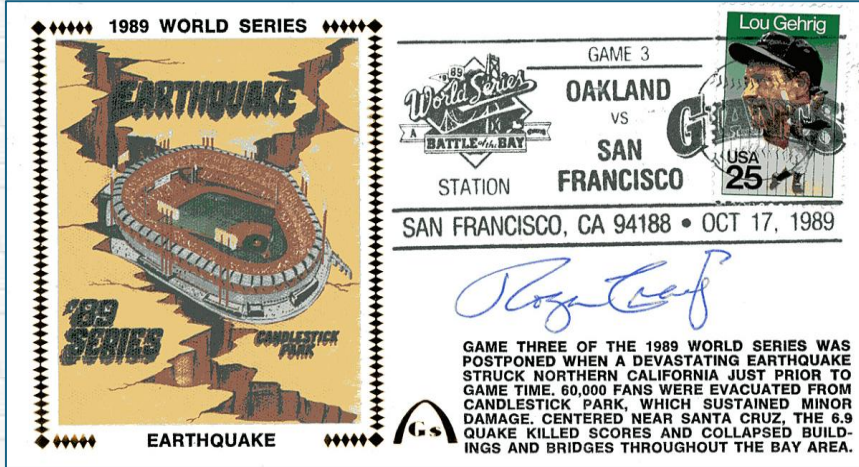
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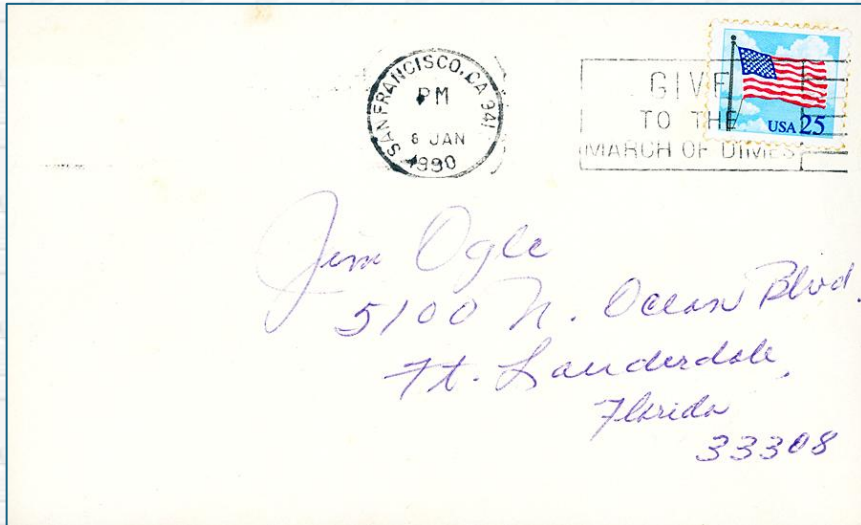
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October 17, 1989



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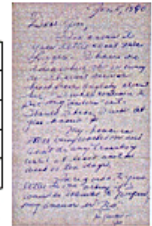
Jan 5, 1990  
Dear Jim,  
In answer to your letter about Mrs. Layzer. I have no idea where she is living, as I haven't seen or heard from anybody about her. I will continue to put my "feelers" out. Should I hear I will let you know. I  
My house is still being worked on and can't do any traveling until at least another week or ten days.  
In response to your letter to me asking if I would be interested to purchase, my answer is "No."  
Regards,  
Joe

## A Personal Letter from Joe



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# Jeffrey Shapiro

## Japanese American Internment Camps



A little history in a small cover...

41-3-F  
Hunt, Ida.



Residents of Block 22, pictured in a National Park Service exhibit panel at Minidoka National Historic Site on Saturday, July 28, 2018, in Hunt, Idaho. A barracks, original to the site and brought back again from the Jerome County Fairgrounds, sits in the background. Photo by Richard Alan Hannon



Mr. I. Matsushita  
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Hunt, Idaho

Minidoka National Historic Site:

<https://www.nps.gov/miin/index.htm>

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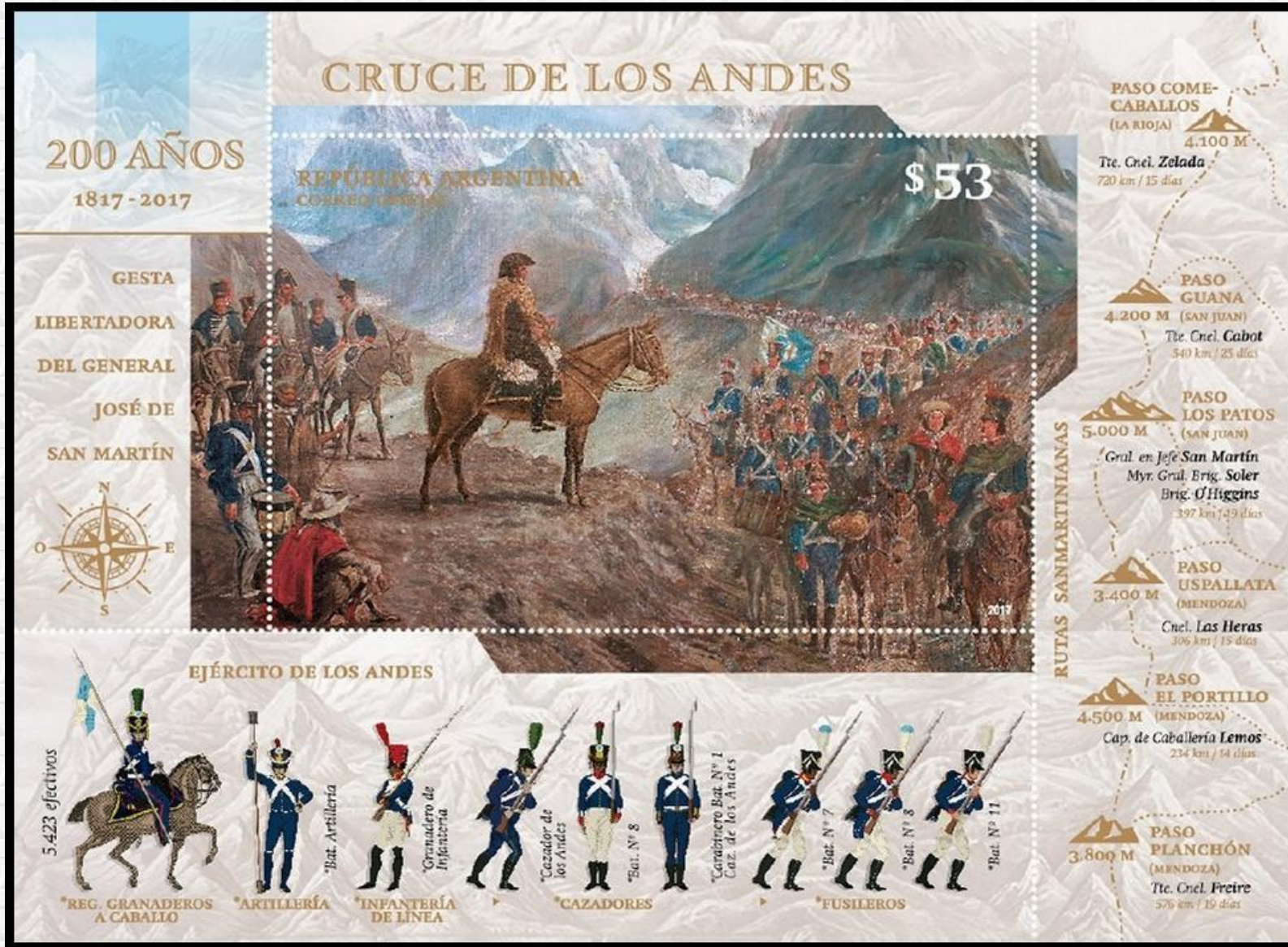
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## WWII Operation Cornflakes



# Paul Booth

## Chilean War of Independence



General San Martín and General O'Higgins leading the crossing of the Andes, painting by Julio Vila y Prades.



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## On Cover Loewenberg-Style Decal



The  
**Chronicle**  
of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues

### "New Discovery: A Loewenberg-style Decal Used on a Cover"



Figure 4. Both sides of the Postage Currency note that Scott catalogs as PC1. The front shows the then-current 5¢ Jefferson postage stamp. The reverse, printed by the American Bank Note Company (note their ornamental logo at lower right) shows a large numeral 5, surrounded by twelve smaller 5's within a scalloped-edged ornamental latticework design.



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ESSAYS & PROOFS  
AND NEWS OF INTEREST

#### NEW DISCOVERY: A LOEWENBERG-STYLE DECAL USED ON A COVER

**CHARLES J. DICOMO**

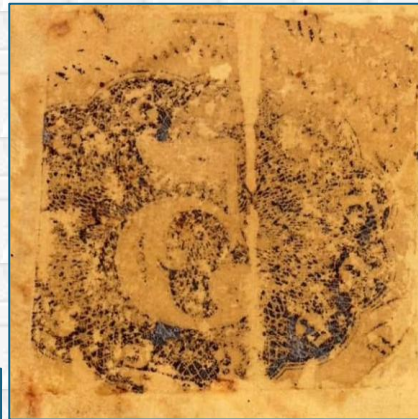
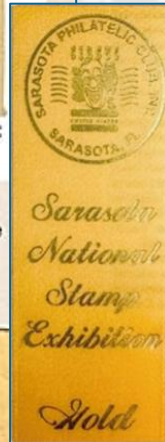
Illustrated in Figure 1 is a so-called "D" decal affixed to a cover. The envelope, bearing a manuscript "Due 6" being written and addressed to Belleville, Pennsylvania, apparently passed through the mails with no special indications of origin. As will be shown below, the material of the decal and the field that surrounds it employ a portion of an American Bank Note Company (ABNC) design from the reverse of a United States Postage Currency note. And the construction of the decal seems based on methodology described in a patent issued to Henry Loewenberg, in 1863. Loewenberg was an engraver and an inventor who worked with New York's Bank. Some progress in the mail study is apparent in some postage stamps that could not be traced.

I found the missing cover while examining an unopened lot of Middle County (Pennsylvania) correspondence acquired from a longtime dealer of central Pennsylvania postal history. The black yellow paper envelope, roughly sized open at right, was examined. The "D" envelope had no special markings to determine where it might have entered the mails. There are no markings on the reverse either. The envelope is addressed to "Mrs. A. E. McDonald, Belleville, Middle Co., Pa." and bears the address.

The "D" marking appears to be on a different hand used in dark ink over the address.



Figure 1. Sample cover to Belleville, Pennsylvania, with no special markings other than the manuscript "Due 6" affixed at upper left as a Loewenberg-style decal showing a reverse numeral 5.



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12/26/2023

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
79-E67P			
Scott's unless otherwise specified.			
LOWENBERG "TEST" DECALCOMANIA ESSAY ON COVER TO BELLEVILLE, PA., MS. "DUE 6" AT UPPER RIGHT.			
AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:			
IT IS GENUINE, THE IMAGE IS THE DESIGN FROM THE REVERSE OF PC1, THE GUM IS SCIENTIFICALLY MATCHED TO THE LOWENBERG DECAL, PC1. IT WAS NOT RECOGNIZED AS VALID POSTAGE AND WAS CHARGED 6¢ POSTAGE DUE. *****			

The article describes the discovery of a Loewenberg-style decal affixed to a cover sent through the mails on a "Due 6" unpaid envelope. This new decal utilizes a portion of the ABNCs engraved design found on the reverse of the Scott #PC1 postage currency note and physically matches the process described in Patent 40,489, whereby a printed design (the decal) is transferred to a surface (the cover), adhering with the gum-like substance. Significantly, this resembles the earliest known Loewenberg decal. The probable period of use is late-1863 or early-1864.



Figure 5. At left: enlarged mirror image of the cover decal (see Figures 1 and 2) with salient design elements encircled in green. At right, a close-up of the comparable portion of the Postage Currency note engraved and printed by ABNC (see Figure 4). The designs are identical. The green circles highlight duplicated elements, confirming the match: the word "for"; "Treasurer"; and "Receivable".



# Glenn Minshall

## Tonga's Tin Can Mail



May 1936 registered letter from Niufo'ou Island to Nuku'alofa, Tonga's capital.

# Tom Fortunato

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## A \$10 "Better Junk" Box Find



### Common Markings and their Order

1. dossier number written by the mailer relating to the reference number seen in the foreign newspaper advertisement soliciting Winter sales agents
2. mailing postmark
3. Paris main post office "ETRANGER" transit postmark noting foreign mail (on reverse)
4. TITANIC ship mark noting expected sailing vessel – uncertain if applied at the Paris post office or dockside
5. Washington, DC post office receiving postmark (on reverse)
6. purple receiving mark applied when received by the Winter Company
7. blue 6 digit internal identification mark applied by the Winter Company to the envelope and its content letter

### Titanic Covers that Missed the Boat



Over the decades a number of covers have been found that bear a "TITANIC" mark on them in 3 varieties. Sent from France, Denmark and Spain, all were mailed in March, 1912 with all sent to the M.A. Winters Company in Washington, DC, except one addressed to Seattle, WA. This site shares information about them to assist in proving their authenticity.

<http://www.titaniccovers.com>

# Bob Thompson

## Nicholas Seebeck

- Lived 1857-1899
- Stamp dealer, and printer
- Special focus Central and northern Latin American countries
- Had his own printing company and partner in Hamilton Bank Note Company
- Printed stamps for Dominican Republic, Columbian State of Bolivar, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras
- Late 1889-mid 1890s



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- And he got appropriate cancelling devices



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