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Postal History Society Releases Free Journal Issues

Denton, Neb. — October 29, 2015 — The Postal History Society has released complete versions of *Postal History Journal*, covering issues from June 2009 through October 2013, and made them available to the public on its Web site, www.postalhistorysociety.org.

In August, the society's board of directors decided to make the texts and images of its publication available for free to the wider postal history, philatelic, and history communities as a service both to scholars and to collectors. With each new issue's release, another issue from two years earlier will appear in the free collection. With the publishing of the October 2015 issue, the October 2013 issue, No. 156, appeared on the Web site.

Yamil Kouri, MD, the society's incoming president, remarked, "The Postal History Society continues to expand the access to the wide variety of articles in its award-winning journal, and to increase awareness of the richness of the field of postal history."

The journal, under the editorship of Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris, has garnered numerous awards. In August 2015, the journal garnered the Reserve Grand and Gold awards in the literature competition at the American Philatelic Society's StampShow.

The team of editors, longstanding collaborators, noted, "We are really pleased that the Society's own Web site offers complete back-issue files. New and potential Postal History Society members will be able to browse some of the fine writing in our back files, and appreciate some of the new directions taken by our authors."

The downloadable issues are in the pdf-format, readable across multiple operating systems and devices. The "Journals" section of the site contains a gallery of journal covers and links to the full-issue files. The newest free issue highlights diverse topics, including, "King George V Coronation Day Mail," "Quack Electro-Magnetic Medicine," "Freedom of the Press, U.S. Mails, 1830s," and "A Phantom Rate No More!"

The Society extends an open invitation to anyone interested in postal history to join the organization. U.S. memberships are \$35 annually. Included in the members' benefits is admission to all of the society's membership meetings as well as a subscription to the *Postal History Journal*, affording print-only access to articles for two years. The journal, published in February, June, and October, is an award-winning, full-color exploration of U.S. and global postal history that offers original research articles on all periods of postal history, reviews of literature in the field, and surveys of postal history offerings in other journals.

The Society offers medals to recognize the best postal history exhibits in American Philatelic Society competition. Exhibits coordinators may obtain details and request medals by contacting Barbara Johnson directly at APS headquarters, barbj@stamps.org, or George McGowan, Awards Chairman, geolotus2003@nycap.rr.com.

The Postal History Society, founded in 1951, encourages the study of postal history—broadly understood—among more than 300 members around the world. More information about the society is available on its Web site, www.postalhistorysociety.org.

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