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WHOLE NO. 109

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Baseball is a popular topic for stamp collectors, though perhaps less so after last year's strike. A large number of Masons are associated with the sport including Alexander Joy Cartwright, a member of Lodge Le Progress de l'Oceanie, later Worshipful Master of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, considered the father of baseball and Aaron B. Champion, a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 81, Cincinnati, OH, the president of the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings, the first professional team.



Baseball had produced its own mythology from "Casey at the Bat" (recited for 30 years in vaudeville by De Wolf Hopper of Pacific Lodge No. 233, N.Y.), and the "Who's on First" routine immortalized by Bud Abbott (Daylight Lodge No. 525, Detroit) and Lou Costello in burlesque and radio to Babe Ruth's "called shot" in the 1932 World series off Bro. Charlie Root (Cornerstone Lodge No. 875, Chicago). It also has its own official song which was written by a Mason who had never seen a professional game!

Albert Von Tilzer (born Albert Gumm) was born in Indianapolis, March 29, 1878, and died Oct. 1, 1956, in Los Angeles. His four brothers Harry, Julie, Will and Jack were all in the music publishing business. He tried arranging in Chicago but gave it up to be a shoe salesman. In 1903 he moved to New York and began writing the first of over 500 songs. Among them were "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey" (1910) and "I'll Be With You In Apple Blossom Time" (1920). "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" was written in 1908; it has become almost a folk classic. It was first recorded by Billy Murray. In 1939 during the baseball "Centennial", Frankie Masters and his band had a big hit with it. It was sung in the movie of the same name in 1949 by Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly and Jules Munsch. Albert was raised in St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York, on March 21, 1905.

Even if you have no interest in baseball, you can still appreciate how it has been influenced by Masons over the years. Unfortunately, there are few, if any, Brethren in the professional ranks today. Maybe, just maybe, that's one of the reasons for the decline of the sport. Masonic principles no longer motivate people in the public eye. Too bad.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

- 128. Jeffrey Nelson, 121 E. Arikara Ave., Bismark, ND 58501
- 327. Burrell L. Robertson, 251 6th Ave., New Kensington, PA 15268
- 425. Robert W. Wheeler, 105 Chantel Crescent, Timmins, Ontario P4R 1G7
Canada

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 155. Earl F. England, 300 Wilson St., Van Meter, IA 50261
- 212. Leroy Buckley, 13512 96th Ave. N.W., Gig Harbor, WA 98329
- 285. Bill Bartlett, 2258 Dartmoor Cove, Memphis, TN 38119

CLOSED ALBUMS:

- 205. Carl W. Todd late of Pomfret, MD

As most of you are aware, a majority of the memberships come up for renewal in April of each year. This year there was a significant percentage of those renewals which were not received. Consequently, a letter was sent to each asking what the problem was - with no holds barred. The responses were varied: some losses of interest in the hobby, some wishing for different content of the Newsletter, some financial hardships, several cases of forgetfulness and one of religious interference. I continue to be amazed at those Brethren who cannot fit Freemasonry into their lives because of their religious beliefs - we are not a religious group; rather, we compliment religious groups. To each his own!

At the bottom line, we lost 24 members who did not renew - this number represents about 8% of the membership - much too high for continued existence. Please try to interest more new members in our Unit and its Newsletter. Show it around at stamp club meetings and Lodge meetings. If you need extra copies for this purpose, contact your Editor. We don't want to go out of existence.

ROSE BOWL PARADE MASONIC FLOAT POST CARD

Again this year the Grand Lodge of Masons of California will sponsor a float in the Rose Bowl Parade and would welcome any contributions to assist in the success of the program.

One of our members, Bro. Richard O. Wright, is again offering postcards which show the float at a cost of \$1.00 each plus a SASE. All proceeds are donated to the Masonic Float Committee in the name of the M.S.U. - last year we donated \$56.00.

Bro. Wright's address is:
13675 N. Hartley Lane
Lodi, CA 95242.



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PRESIDENT JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND FREEMASONRY

There was no important issue to be debated during the Presidential campaign of 1824. There were four candidates for the Presidency, one of them being John Quincy Adams, son of the second President - John Adams. The others were very prominent men - especially Andrew Jackson who was elected president four years later, defeating Adams who sought re-election. The slate was rounded out with Henry Clay who proved to be unsuccessful on three occasions, and William H. Crawford. One odd fact of the 1824 election was that all four candidates were members of the same political party, Democratic Republican. That party was soon dissolved and a new party, calling itself "Democratic", was formed. With the electoral vote being divided among four candidates, even though Adams received the majority, it was not enough for him to be elected. The election went into the House of Representatives as provided in the Constitution and he was elected there.

The country experienced a wave of anti-Masonry in the early 1820s. No doubt there was some basis for the hostility for the Fraternity had undergone substantial growth in the first two decades of the new century. Just how justified were the charges that Masons enjoyed favorable decisions from judges who belonged to the order, as well as favorable decisions taxwise, may or may not be true; but Masons were attacked not only in print, but in fact as well. Many Masonic Lodges were destroyed - several by fire. Halfway through the Adams term, the worst bit of violence struck the Fraternity. In 1826, William Morgan of Batavia, N.Y., commenced his campaign to destroy Masonry. He became a Mason, learned all the rituals, the sacred expressions, the secrets and the individual means to establish his identity with other members of the Craft. His pocket-sized illustrated expose appeared in 1827; the 98 page booklet is still available today in some used book stores. The old fable of Masons buying as many as they could find and burning them is probably not true.

In later years, on Nov. 2, 1838, Pres. Adams documented his feelings about the Fraternity in a letter to John Fellows, Esq., of New York:

"Accept my thanks for your obliging letter, dated September last, and which I duly received together with a very learned work upon the Mysteries of the Ancient Egyptians, Pythagoreans and Druids, and inquiring into the origin, History and Purport of Free Masonry--

"Considering the institution of Free Masonry as founded upon Imposture, Historical, Religious, Moral and Political, every historical research relating to it becomes interesting to me -- because no honest enquirer after truth can come to any other conclusion concerning it -- that the only means of wiping away the stain at present attached to the Society, is a total abandonment of the Oaths. I am happy to find this is your unequivocal opinion, as the Oaths are the vital part of the Institution, I trust the good sense of its ministers will at no distant day induce them to abandon with the Oaths, the whole system of fantastical absurdities connected with them."



Pres. Adams' term ended with the election of 1828 when he lost to Andrew Jackson, a Mason. In 1831 he was elected to Congress, serving until suffering a stroke at his seat in Congress and dying soon thereafter in the Speaker's Room.

-article contributed by Bro. Herman "Pat" Herst, Jr.

next preceeding the Full Moon" from 1860 to 1873 when the meeting was changed to the "Friday of or next preceeding the Full Moon" for the rest of its existence. The same reports show that George Herman Roelke was a Fellowcraft Mason in 1872 and was appointed Senior Deacon the following year serving in that position in 1874 also. In 1875 he was elected Secretary of the Lodge and continued as such until 1878. In the final year of the Lodge's existence, he was appointed Junior Deacon. These terms identify that the envelope shown above was posted sometime during the 1875-78 time frame.

While the value of this envelope and the two receipts is minimal, their importance as heritage items of a Masonic Lodge meeting during the gold mining days in California gives them special meaning to the Fraternity. It tells us that even in the days when gold and silver were the dominating values of the average man, for some there existed the values of the Masonic Fraternity which overshadowed the day-to-day life. This was demonstrated in the gold mining town of Spanish Flat by the meetings of Violet Lodge No. 138, F. & A.M. of the Grand Lodge of California.

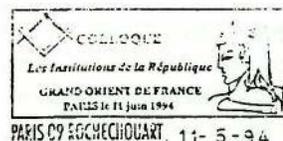
-article and illustrations provided by Bro. Charles A. Fricke

NEW ISSUES

- 1994 - Central Africa - 25th Anniversary of the First Manned Moon Landing, 2 se-tenant strips of 3 stamps, one pictures Buzz Aldrin.
- 1995 - Venezuela - 200th Birth Anniversary of Antonio Jose de Sucre - pane of 10 se-tenant stamps, two 25b stamps.
- May 8 - St. Vincent - V-J Day, pane of 6 stamps featuring J. Doolittle
- May - Antigua & Barbuda - 50th Anniversary of Victory over Japan, pane of 6 se-tenant stamps including Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. Claire Lee Chennault.
- Ghana - 50th Anniversary of Allied Victory in Europe, pane of 8 stamps including W. Churchill and Gen. Omar Bradley.
- Grenada - 50th Anniversary of Victory over Japan, pane of 6 se-tenant stamps including Jimmy Doolittle
- Turks & Caicos Islands - 50th Anniversary of Allied Victory in Europe, pane of 8 stamps including W. Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt
- June 26 - Marshall Islands - World War II, stamp and S/S picturing Harry Truman.
- July 17 - Marshall Islands - World War II/Potsdam Conference. stamp picturing H. Truman and W. Churchill.
- July 26 - Marshall Islands - World War II/Churchill's Resignation - one stamp
- Sept. 2 - Marshall Islands - 50th Anniversary of V-J Day, block of 4 se-tenant stamps including D. MacArthur.

FRENCH MASONIC CANCEL

Bro. Michel Khayat has sent in this example of a Masonic cancel issued by the Grand Orient of France on May 11, 1994.



LUIS ALBERTO PARDO VILLALON



Luis Alberto Pardo was born August 25, 1883, in Santiago, Chile and died there on May 30, 1935. He was a marine officer and pilot in Chile and is shown on a stamp issued in that country in January 1967 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the rescue of the Shackleton South Pole expedition by Capt. Luis Pardo (Scott No. 361). As commanding officer of the "Yelcho", Bro. Pardo rescued the crew of the "Endurance" who had been marooned on Elephant Island (1916) during the ill-fated expedition of the Weddell Sea. The King of England presented Bro. Pardo with 20,000 pounds sterling but Pardo refused the gift.

Bro. Luis Alberto Pardo was initiated on October 30, 1911, and was a member of the Lodge "Independencia", No. 38, Valparaiso, Chile.

SHAIKH MOHAMMED ABDO

Mohammed Abdo was born in Beneden, Egypt in 1849 or 1850 and died in Cairo on July 77, 1905. The 60th anniversary of the death of Abdo, Mufti of Egypt, was commemorated by a stamp (Scott No. 669) released by Egypt on July 11, 1965.



Bro. Abdo was initiated in Star of the East Lodge in Cairo.

SIR GEORGE COCKBURN



Sir George Cockburn was included with Viscount Horatio Nelson in a stamp released by Turks & Caicos Islands on April 17, 1985, as a salute to the Royal Navy. This British Naval Admiral was born April 22, 1772, in London and entered the navy at the age of 9. He became a rear admiral in 1812 and was responsible for the burning of the U.S. White House in 1814. He died on August 19, 1853.



Bro. Cockburn was made a member of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, on Nov. 25, 1811, and in 1812 was admitted to the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2, London.

-these three articles were extracted from "De Verlichte Loep", the Newsletter of the Netherlands Masonic Philately Group, "De Getande Rand"

Netherlands issued a stamp in May of this year which breaks their rule of showing a living person (same as the U.S.). It pictures a Dutch Freemason, Bro. Schroder and his family - the photographer happened to be his son. Further details will be published in a future Newsletter from the Netherlands.



SAMUEL DEXTER

An American jurist and statesman, Samuel Dexter was born in Boston, MA, on May 14, 1761. He was admitted to the bar in 1784, attached himself to the Federalist Party and was elected a Senator in 1798. President John Adams appointed him Secretary of War in 1800 and Secretary of the Treasury early in 1801. With the accession to the presidency of Thomas Jefferson in 1801, Dexter withdrew from public service and resumed the practice of law in Boston. He had no superior and few equals as an advocate before the U.S. Supreme Court. As a supporter of the war against Britain, contrary to most of his New England contemporaries who began a secession movement over the issue, he separated from the Federalists in 1812. He died on May 4, 1816.

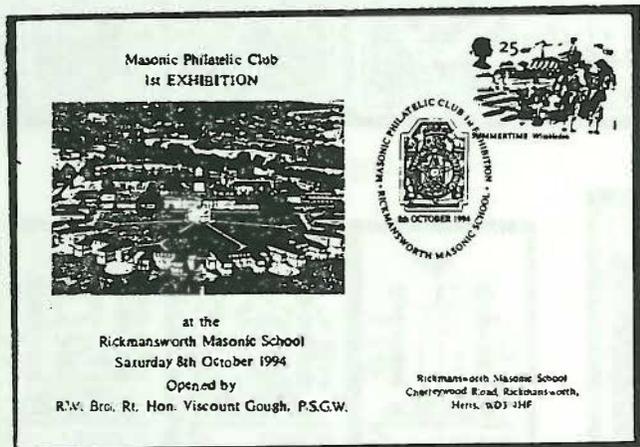
Samuel Dexter published "Letter on Freemasonry", "Progress of Science" and "Speeches and Political Papers". Although this publication would imply a relationship with the Fraternity, there do not appear to be any conclusive facts either for or against his membership. Can any of our readers provide any data on this possible case?

His portrait appears on the U.S. 3 cent documentary stamps issued since 1940 and the 3 cent silver tax issue of 1941.

-article provided by Bro. Gene Fricks,
Member No. 224 of Clementon, NJ

GREAT BRITAIN COVERS

Bro. Steven J. Turner, Member No. 167, informs us of a cover published May 9, 1995, for the 21st anniversary of the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent. The issue was limited to 500 covers and they are available from him for 2.50 Pounds or U.S. \$5.00 Sterling cheques payable to S.J. Turner, please leave payee blank on Dollar cheques or provide bank notes.



He also indicates that the Rickmansworth Masonic School cover of Oct. 1994 is still available at the same cost as above.

Bro. Turner's address is:
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London SE2 9QY
Great Britain

MASONIC STAMPS

One of our members has asked to see all the stamps issued to honor a Masonic Organization or Body. Too bad this isn't in color. Any others?

Cuba - 1956



Wallis & Futuna - 1994



Dominican Rep. - 1970



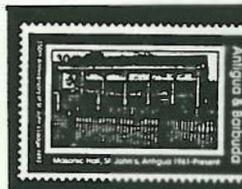
Belgium - 1982



Dominican Rep. - 1983



Brazil - 1977



France - 1993



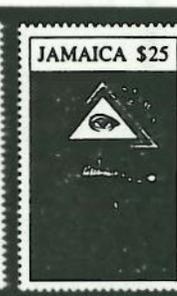
Netherlands Antilles - 1985



Barbados - 1991



Jamaica - 1992



Philippines - 1992



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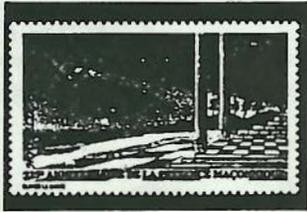
France - 1973 Philippines - 1987 France - 1994 Luxembourg - 1978



New Caledonia - 1994

Mexico - 1990

Brazil - 1973



Honduras - 1972



CRISANTO DE LOS REYES y MENDOZA

The Philippines issued a souvenir sheet on June 12, 1995, with four stamps to commemorate the 1872 Cavite Mutiny. One value depicts Bro. Crisanto De Los Reyes y Mendoza, a Chinese mestizo from Quiapo, who was a businessman by profession. He supplied the Arsenal de Cavite with goods such as iron nails, pipes, shears, screws, oil cans, tubes, locks, faucets, canvasses and varnish which he imported from England. A military court found De Los Reyes guilty of conspiracy and rebellion for which it sentenced him to ten years of incarceration. Captain General Rafael de Izquierdo ordered him to serve his prison sentence in far-off Cartagens, Spain, as De Los Reyes' assistance in facilitating the mutiny and his membership in a Masonic Lodge made him a threat to the political stability of the Philippines. Pardoned in 1876, he returned to the Philippines the next year and stayed there until he died on July 4, 1895. (Bro. Carlos Inductivo, P.O. Box 3312, Manila, Philippines, has copies of the S/3 for \$2.00 U.S. and FDCs for \$3.00 U.S., postpaid, airmail.)



NATIONAL ANTHEM (Ang Lupang Hinirang) Part 3



MASONIC POST CARDS

Pro. Robert W. Gilbert, Member No. 337 of Robesonia, PA, has shared a few more Masonic post cards from his collection.



KING WILLIAM III



Bro. Jan van Daalen, Member No. 76 of the Netherlands, has passed along a franked postal card which displays two stamps of William III, King of England and a Mason. At the bottom left is a cancellation proving that the card was "vervoerd naar Engeland" (transported to England) together with a deputation of Brothers from a Dutch Lodge.

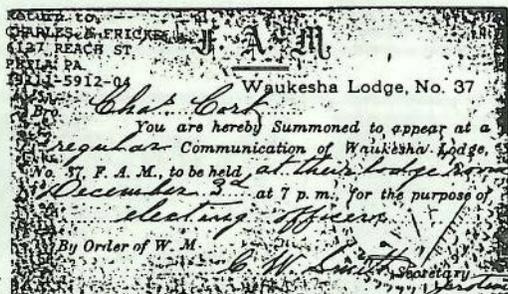
Bro. van Daalen stresses that he would like to find another couple of eminent researchers such as we had with Bros. Wessel Lans in the Netherlands and Bro. Marshal Loke in the U.S. They complimented each other and shared their light with members on both sides of the ocean.

PRINCE HALL'S MISSION: THE RISE OF THE PHYLAXIS SOCIETY

Pro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., Member No. 105 of Fort Leavenworth, KS, has written and published yet another book on Freemasonry. It provides the complete history of the Phylaxis Society as told by its founder, its impact on American Freemasonry and its importance to Prince Hall Freemasonry. Pro. Walkes states that he covers his relationship with the MSU/ATA and its leaders within his book. It is available from him at P.O. Box 3151, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027-0151 for \$25.00 each.

MEETING NOTICE FOR WAUKESHA LODGE NO. 37

When collecting U.S. postal cards the address side/front may establish the variety but the message side/back more often offers insight into Americana. One of my favorites are those postal cards relating to the Masonic Fraternity - a category with not a lot of material. In the case shown, the message side of a first issue 1 cent postal card (Scott UX3) has a meeting notice for December 3, 1875, for Waukesha Lodge No. 37. It also bears an embossed colorless seal of the Lodge. Apparently in 1875 the practice of sending Lodge notices was to use a penny postal card but the use of a seal is not common. The notice was a summons to appear at the meeting for the election of officers - this may have been the reason for the use of the seal.

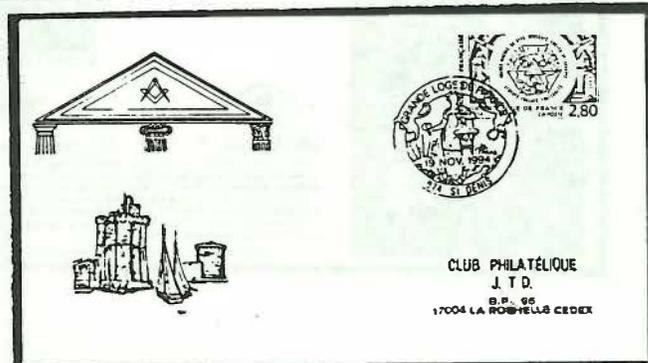


Through the kindness of the present W.M. of Waukesha Lodge, I was able to receive a copy of the minutes of that meeting which showed the results of the election. The meeting notice was signed by G. W. Smith, Secretary pro tem. As a result of the election, A. C. Nickell was elected Secretary with the Installation of Officers to be held on the first regular meeting in January 1876. The W.M. was also kind enough to provide some history on the Lodge itself. Dispensation was granted on January 10, 1851, in response to a petition by 11 members of Tracy Lodge No. 13 to open a Lodge in Waukesha, Wisc. The Charter was granted on June 9, 1852 and the Lodge acquired their own Temple in 1905. Several members of the Lodge served as Grand Master of the G.L. Wisconsin; others served notably during the Civil War; one was Governor of the State, Ambassador to Rome and Postmaster General. Other members were outstanding citizens of the State and Community.

The one cent postal card bearing the embossed Lodge seal of Waukesha Lodge No. 37 is a philatelic collectable but by combining it with the history of the Lodge it becomes truly a Masonic Heritage collectible.

-article and illustrations contributed by Pro. Charles A. Fricke

FRENCH MASONIC COVERS



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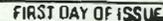
Another selection from our prolific cover-producing member, Bro. Edsel Hatfield, P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042





WILLIAM P. DUVAL, 1st. Gov. of Florida Territorial Gov. under presidents MONROE, ADAMS & JACKSON. immortalized in literature by Washington Irving as "Nimrod Wildfire" & by James K. Paulding as "Ralph Ringwood". Co-signer of the Gadsden Treaty for relocation of the Seminole to Southern Florida, Meor. in Jackson Ldg. # 23 R.R.M. helped organize the Grand Lodge of Florida. EDSEL





CLYDE BEATTY
Acknowledged to be the best of the Big Cat trainers, he was the first to mix several Lions & Tigers in the same act. M.M. in CRAFTSMAN Ldg. # 521, R.A.M. Monroe Chapter, K.T. Damascus Commandery # 42, Noble in Molekin Shrine Temple Detroit MI EDSEL





JOHN WORDEN, Lt. U.S. Navy Captain of the Monitor, he was ordered to protect the Minnesota from the ironclad Merrimac. After 4 hours exchange of heavy shot neither had been disabled. The last salvo fired by the Merrimac blinded WORDEN and permanently blackened half his face, but the Confederates were steaming away. Mason in Lexington Ldg. # 378, Brooklyn NY. He attained rank of Rear Admiral & became Supt. of the U.S. Naval Academy EDSEL





THOMAS "STONEWALL" JACKSON, C.S.A. Gen. BERNARD BEE C.S.A. (K.T.D.) killed at Bull Run, applied "Stonewall" to JACKSON'S stand at Manassas, VA attack. A brilliant tactician, he won every battle & sortie between Bull Run & Chancellorsville, where he was fatally wounded. Gen. Robert E. Lee wrote him "While you have lost your left, I have lost my right arm". Lodge unknown but his numerous contacts with the craft support his membership, probably in a Military Ldg. during the Mexican War. EDSEL





RAFAEL U.S. SEMMES
On June 19, 1864. After 18 months of decorations of U.S. Shilohing, Admiral Semmes elected to engage the Kearsarge off of Cherbourg FR. Lt. Com. Therein had served with Adm. PEARLUS at New Orleans, and had, similarly armored the Kearsarge with anchor chain draped amidships. That lesson learned from PEARLUS was undoubtedly the deciding factor in the momentous Union victory over Adm. Semmes. EDSEL





Frederick C. Douglas
Although a reputed anti-Mason it is more likely that his membership was actually toward JUSTIN HICKOK, Master for the principal character in John Brown's Cabin. He did not believe that Black people who became Prince and persons were trying to emulate the white man. HICKOK'S tombstone in Canada is inscribed with a Square & Compass and his son alluded to his membership. EDSEL





BERNARD B. BEE JR. Gen. C.S.A.
A Great War (Frederick) who served in the U.S. Army in France. He joined the confederacy and was in charge of the 1st of Bull Run under the command of Gen. Thomas Jackson and participated in the strategy of JACKSON that a retreat, BEE was killed a few moments later & was thought to be the only officer that would not have been through history. His Ldg. was known to be the 2nd Ldg. in the 1st Corps. EDSEL





ABRAM G. BEATTY, Maj. Gen. U.S. Army
Master of Rockland Maine, he organized the 4th Maine Infantry. They fought at Bull Run, Vicksburg, Antietam, Fair Oaks, Chancellorsville where he was ordered to "Go to General Lee in the woods" don't fire a shot until you see me. He was killed during the battle. He died, just the operation before he was. Junior brother of Aurora Ldg. # 36 Rockland Maine. EDSEL