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In remembrance of **Neal Danielson** for his many contributions
to the Wichita Stamp Club and its Newsletter

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The Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter has won numerous awards from the American Philatelic Society as a publication of a local society. This is your Newsletter. Support it by submitting an article; words of wisdom; facts about a stamp or cover; an adlet or whatever you think might be of interest to other club members. The opinions expressed in the Newsletter are of the writer and not those of the officers or membership. WSC is a charter member of the American Philatelic Society and is also a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. Meetings are held at the Cessna Activity Cntr, 2744 Geo. Washington Blvd. Meetings begin at 5:30 pm and programs follow. Visitors are always welcome. The Wichita Stamp Club welcomes new members. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families.

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Fellow **members**,

As we begin the new year, I hope that you and yours are safe and healthy. I hope you enjoyed and found rest and renewal in the holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone again and sharing in the joys of our hobby. Just a reminder – If you have not yet paid your 2012 dues, please send them to **Bob Haines**. Also, there are still some slots open for programs to be given at our meetings. Please let vice president **Mike Ciskowski** know if you have a particular interest or would like to volunteer for a program. The Cessna Show will be held February 18-19 (9-5 on Friday, 9-4 on Saturday) at the Cessna Activities Center. The customary show certificates for WSC members will be available at club meetings and at the show. I hope to see everyone there. Stay safe and healthy. **Bob Cairns**, President

Door Prizes: At the January 5th meeting **John Findling** won the \$2.50 stamp show discount certificate, The following won Swedish souvenir sheets or booklet panes: **Norma Ciskowski, Jim Douthitt** and **Ralph Lott**.

Club Meetings and Programs

January 19 **Mike Ciskowski** leads a discussion of the stamps from Vatican City's early years.

February 2 Club Auction

February 16 National Airmail Week – Air Transport Mail presentation by **Ralph Lott**.

March 2: Show & Tell from the Cessna Show

March 16: **Bob Cairns** presents on Dead Countries.

All Club functions occur at the Cessna Activity Center and begin at 5:30.

The June, 2022 edition will be the last issue of the Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter edited and published by the current editor and publisher. Those who would continue the tradition are asked to correspond with our President, Bob Cairns. I will be happy to discuss any logistical and content related issues. Thank you. Jeff Lough

UPCOMING REGIONAL STAMP EVENTS

Louis Forster

2022

February 18-19

Cessna Stamp Club Show Cessna Activity Center

2744 George Washington Blvd Wichita, Kansas

Friday 9 - 5 & Saturday 9 – 4

June 17-18

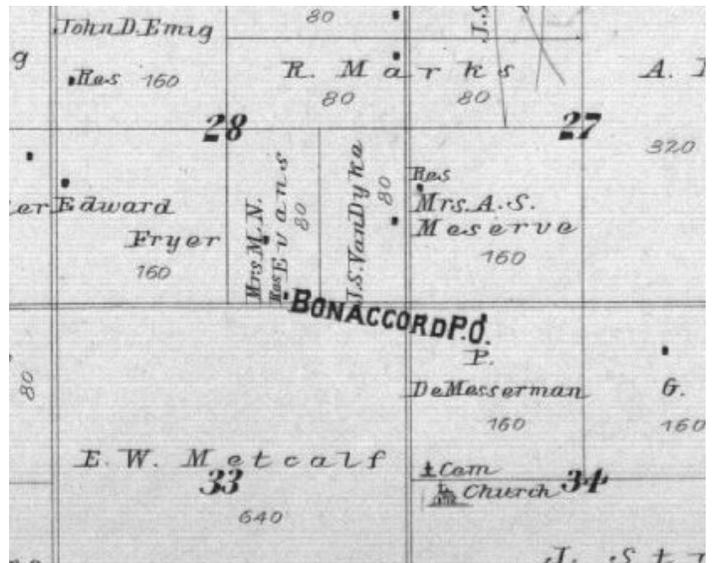
KNA Coin and Stamp Show Cessna Activity Center

2744 George Washington Blvd Wichita, Kansas

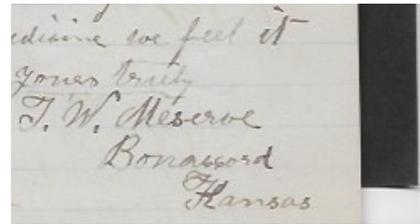
Friday & Saturday – times will be added later

Bonaccord *by Jeff Lough*

This post office in the southwestern part of Dickinson County was about 8 miles southwest of Abilene. The cover representing this farm-rancher home post office is otherwise a pretty typical Gavitt medicine envelope, with its business notations and late 19th century definitive. The dot, above the “O” in the abbreviation for post office in the map below on the right, is possibly the location of the post office which would place it on the P. Masserman farm and perhaps directly across the road from the farm that had been inhabited by the letter writer, T. W. Meserve. The George A. Olge & Company map was dated 1901. An appendix to the map indicates that T. W. Meserve was a farmer and stock raiser who had homesteaded the 160 acres in the 27th Section of Garfield township in 1873 and would have used the Bonaccord post office. The mystery would be why the same atlas (the Olge maps) would indicate that T. W. Meserve was the farmer and stockraiser at the location but the location was in the name of Mrs. A. S. Meserve. Atline S. Meserve was born about 1837 and Thomas W. Meserve was born about 1826. **Bonaccord** had been known by some as “Little Chicago.” It had been a center for milk, cream and egg production.

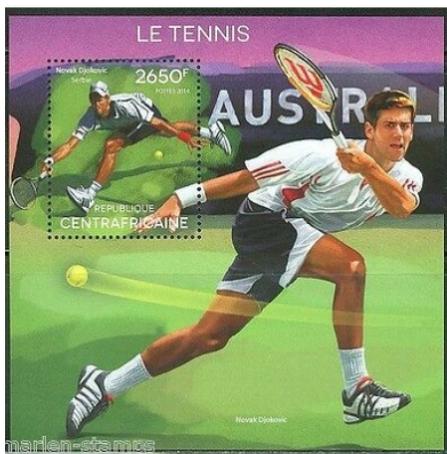


Here is a photo of children standing in front of the Bonaccord School in the early 1940s.



Tennis Day by Jeff Lough

If you follow sports or covid-news then you are familiar with the saga of Novak Djokovic, the Serbian world champion had such a difficult time with his refusal to take a covid shot and insisted that his greatness was such that he had a right to enter a country trying to control deaths among their citizens, Australia. The 2014 Central African souvenir sheet is remarkable with its Australian sign in the background. Somewhat contrasting is the 1948 Nicaraguan souvenir sheet indicating that these 4 tennis stamps are celebrating an amateur baseball championship.



Moodyville and Louis Vielle (Louisville), Kansas by Jeff Lough



Figure 1

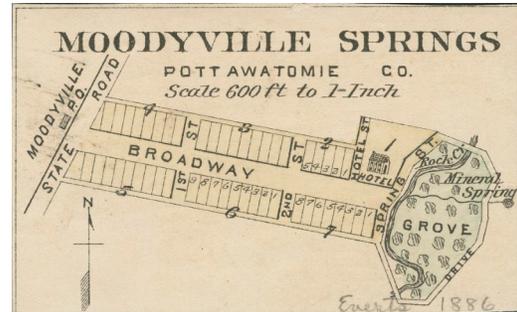


Figure 2



Figure 3



(Pottawatomie County) Figure 4

You don't find a **Moodyville**, Kansas postmark every day (Figure 1), even though the post office was open from 1879 until 1927. It was named after the gentleman who owned the area, Edwin Moody. Moody and a couple possibly "eclectic" doctors wanted to take advantage of a nearby spring to provide "cures" for those who would live in the nearby "resort" and partake of the mineral waters. Other localities in Kansas, such as Arrington in southwestern Atchison County and Geuda Springs in eastern Sumner County also had resorts to serve those who wanted a mineral springs cure.

On the left side of the 1886 Ewerts town plat map for Moodyville “Springs” you can see a “p.o.” indication for the post office’s location. A portion of a 19th century township map depicts Moodyville “Springs” location vis-a-vis the nearby town of Westmoreland and Rock Creek and also shows that Mr. Moody owned property to the south and west of his town. This cover was sent from Moodyville to the town of Louisville to the south. The railroad promotional map (Figure 4) shows Louisville’s, “Moody Ville’s” and Westmoreland’s relative locations.

Some say that Louisville was named from the first name of an Anglo settler. Some Native Americans would suggest that it was named for an early Indian settler, Louis Vieux (Figure 5) who settled on the banks of the Vermillion River outside the present day location of the town of Louisville. There he established a river crossing on the Oregon Trail; his daughter Rachel spoke of seeing the wagons passing in front of their home. The ill-fated Donner party was remembered by Louis' daughters as among those who camped at the Vermillion Crossing; Kit Carson and John Fremont also camped there. In addition to providing transportation across the river, Louis also sold grain and fresh horses, bought belongings which the pioneers decided not to carry with them further (reselling them in St. Louis, he was said to have bought and sold some items several times!) and provided assistance to the travelers going West. He made upwards of \$300 a day at this site. The stone foundation on a nearby garage is said to have been the original foundation of Louis' stables. Across the river, on the Louisville side and surrounded by a fence, stands the remains of the Louis Vieux Elm (Figure 6), once the largest elm tree in the U. S. Louis also served as a "caller" for the U. S. government.



Figure 5



Figure 6

As the result of treaty negotiations, the government made payments to the Potawatomi for lands they were forced to leave back East. Louis worked at the old pay station in St. Marys, KS calling out the names of the people waiting outside; they were then allowed to enter to receive payment. He also served on the Potawatomi tribal council, travelled to Washington DC on the tribe's behalf, and signed the treaty dividing the Kansas Potawatomi into two Bands, the Prairie Band who remained in Kansas and the Citizen Band who went to Oklahoma. In 1867, when the Citizen Band removed to Oklahoma,

Louis recorded a patent for 315 acres of land on the Potawatomi reservation in Kansas. It included his home place on the Vermillion River. When Louis died May 3, 1872 he left behind a 200-page will listing land holdings (half the town of Louisville, most of Belvue, farmlands and shares in 2 grist mills, personal property, grocery records (he had an affinity for canned oysters and chocolate!) and guardianship papers for several children. His marker is the tallest monument in the Vieux Cemetery. According to a newspaper account a procession of over 800 people accompanied his remains from Louisville to the Vieux Cemetery. His obituary in the Kansas "Reporter" dated May 9, 1872 tells of the death of "one of our oldest, most respected and useful citizens--everybody's friend..." Louis Vieux was the great grandfather of the great runner and football athlete Jim Thorpe. It seems possible that the town was named for him rather than for a white settler.



The 1883 Louisville cover with a brown double rim cds has an outlined Maltese cross as its killer for the stamp on the 1867 postal card. It's addressed to a student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.



Earlier wars have often contributed to the use of propaganda cinderellas.

The French issued especially overprinted stamps (F. M.) as well as several special stamps, for the use of the French military forces prior and during World War I. This cover was posted from the Martinique town of Riviere Pilote on February 5, 1905. It demonstrates the use of the second Franchise Militaire stamp. The contemporary photo is of the post office in Riviere Pilote.

