

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
452 MADISON AVENUE
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February 13th, 1962

Dear Miss Rigney:

I am enclosing herewith the current issue
of the Newsletter of the Philatelic Museum, in which
reference is made to the Dorsey Wheless collection
which you so generously gave to the Philatelic Museum.
In a few weeks we hope to begin construction of the Museum.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

F. Cardinal Spellman

(Enclosure)

Archbishop of New York

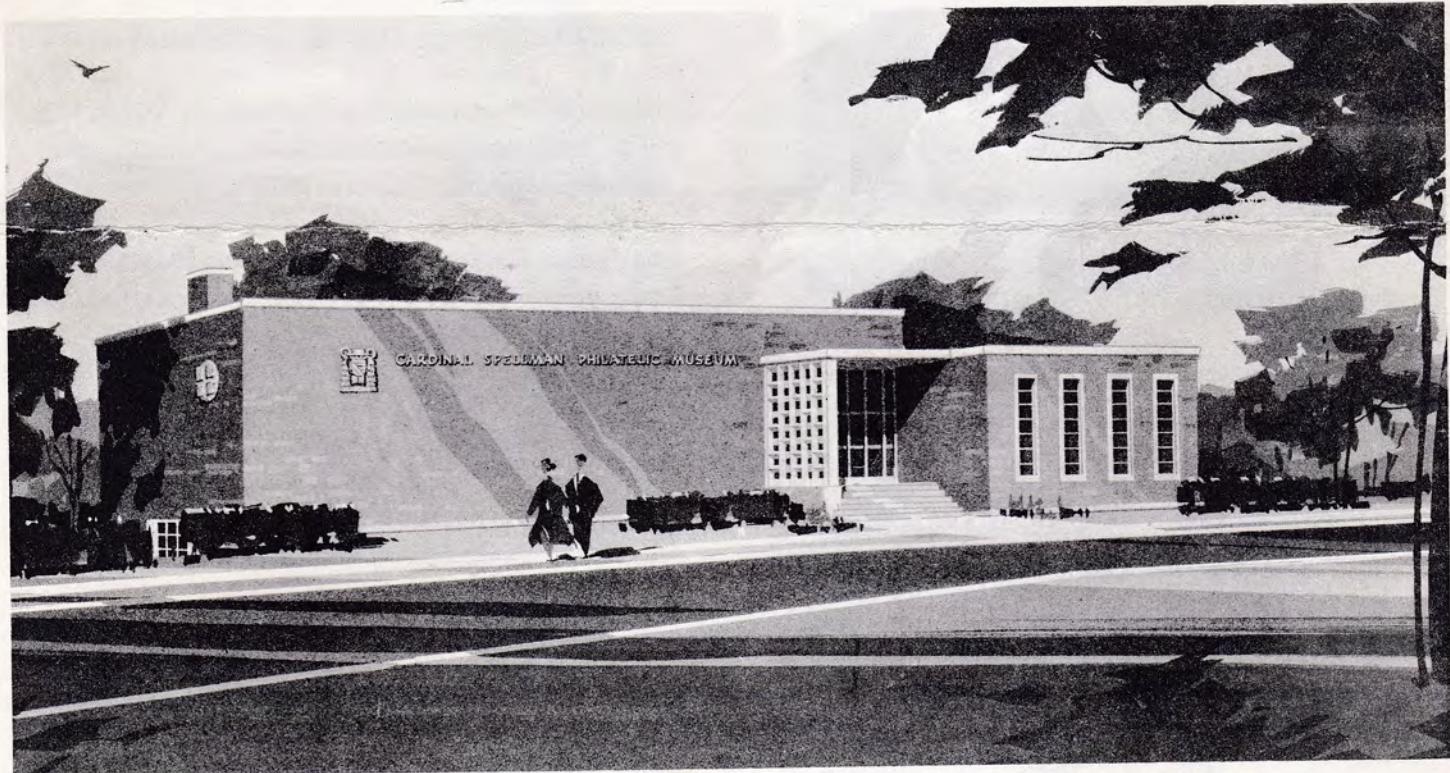
Miss May A. Rigney,
National Tuberculosis Association,
1790 Broadway,
New York

CARDINAL SPELLMAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM, INC.

NEWSLETTER

Regis College, Weston 93, Massachusetts

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CARDINAL SPELLMAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM, INC. Regis College, Weston, Massachusetts

CSPM HOME CHAPTER FORMED

The Home Chapter of Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum was formally established at a meeting of the members, January 21, at Regis College. The Home Chapter takes the place of what was formerly known as the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Society.

Officers for the Chapter are: Julian Carpenter, president; Arthur Lohan, vice-president; Charles McMahon, secretary; Miss Rita Murphy, treasurer.

William Quinn was appointed program director. Co-hostesses for the year are Mrs. Arthur Lohan and Mrs. Charles McMahon.

MUSEUM BIDS SENT OUT

Drawings and Specifications for the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum were issued Thursday, February 1, to seven contracting firms. Their bids are due Wednesday, February 21. Architect for the Museum is Eugene F. Kennedy, Jr., F.A.I.A., of Maginnis and Walsh and Kennedy, Boston, Mass.

The Museum will be built on the campus of Regis College, Weston, Mass. Construction will begin the first week of March.

CSPM PAPAL STATES COLLECTION

by Rev. Herbert A. Phinney

The first album of the 22-volume CSPM collection of Papal States stamps contains such items as the 1/2 bajocchi in a series of vertical and horizontal pairs and a corner stamp with 8 dividing lines. There are several mint copies in almost every shade and usually more than one used copy.

In the 1 baj there are vertical and horizontal pairs, and copies with 8 dividing lines. Various shades are also in this section of the collection with occasional constant varieties.

In the 2 baj section all the shades are represented. There is a vertical strip of 3 used as well as an unused pair.

The 3 baj has several copies with the 8 dividing lines. One particularly beautiful stamp is from the corner of a pane. There are pairs even in the deep shades.

On the page devoted to the 4 baj, in addition to the usual run of all shades, there are 2 singles and a vertical pair of the oily gray ink.

In the 6 baj there is a "seldom seen" in the "Bath" paper.

Printing of 1854

A section of the first album in the CSPM Papal States collection contains the oily gray printings of 1854. This section includes vertical pairs in the 3, 5, 7, and 8 baj.

There are two pages of the 2 baj showing many copies of the missing period, the small period, the missing pearl, the defective pearl, all varieties of the broken tiara, and the frameline breaks. Many of these are on the following eight pages in the album.

One page of the 3 baj is made up of the constant varieties showing the following defects: without tassel, broken tassel, without curl, broken "B," broken "AJ," and a host of minor varieties.

A feature on the page given to the varieties of the 4 baj is a vertical strip of 3 used with the center stamp showing a broken "O" in "BOLLO" and a broken inner circle.

Two pages of stamps and three pages of covers display most of the major and minor varieties of the 5 baj.

The 6 baj section has all of the catalog plate varieties.

There are pages of transparencies of the first issue, stamps on creased paper, and stamps that had been washed to defraud the Post.

The last page of the album of Papal States first issues has two copies of the 5 baj forgery postally used, three copies of the 8 baj forgeries postally used, and a cover carrying a postal forgery of the 5 and the 8 baj. The cover was mailed from Bologna to Milano.

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CHRISTMAS SEAL COLLECTION PRESENTED TO MUSEUM

Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum recently acquired the Dorsey Wheless collection of United States Christmas seals, essays, color trials, and progressive proofs.

Two years ago, shortly before he died, Dorsey Wheless, formerly of Scott Stamp and Coin Company, gave to Miss May A. Rigney his extraordinary collection of United States Christmas seals on which he had worked for many years. He asked Miss Rigney to combine his collection with the material she had accumulated while serving at the headquarters of the National Tuberculosis Association. The material is unquestionably the most complete and largest specialized collection of its type ever assembled.

The collection was presented to Cardinal Spellman by Miss Rigney in December and His Eminence forwarded it to the Museum.

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George Washington said:

"I cannot forbear intimating the expediency of facilitating the intercourse between the distant parts of the country, by a due attention to the Post-Office and Post-Roads."

J. F. Schroeder, Maxims of Washington.



Mrs. M. A. Rigney
430 E 20th St.
New York, N.Y.

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culosis Association before he
retirement. The material is un-
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Last week Miss Rigney pre-
sented the huge collection to
Francis Cardinal Spellman, to
be permanently kept at the
Cardinal Spellman Philatelic
Museum, in Weston, Mass.

IN THE EVENT of your not having seen the attached news item which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune on DEC 10 1961 we are sending it for your attention.

Wheless Christmas Seals

Shortly before he died two years ago, Dorsey Wheless left his extraordinary collection of U. S. Christmas seals, essays, color trials and progressive proofs on which he had worked for many decades, to Miss May A. Rigney. He asked her to amalgamate this with the material Miss Rigney had accumulated while serving at the head

Very truly yours,

Ernest A. Kehr

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Dear Miss Rigney:

How wonderful it was to have chatted with you again. And even more pleasant, to get so promptly, the progressive color proofs I can use at class. Thanks ever so much.

I expect to be seeing His Eminence as soon as I get back from some lecturing out west next week, and shall ask, but am confident he'll be delighted to have Dorsey's collection of seals.

Will let you know as soon as I have his own answer. In the meanwhile, all best regards,

Ernie

Dear Mr. &
With separate
over I have sent a few
items that His Eminence
may want to add to the
Seal Collection. I think
you would not mind
taking them up when
you next pay him a
visit.

Something else I would
like to ask you, to put
a small item in your

Section of
the Tribune, if you think
it proper. 12/5/61
of the Dorsay Whelans
Collection ^{NTA} will be housed in their
The Cardwell Spellman
Philatelic Museum.
The reason for this is several
of my Colle~~ctor~~ friends & C~~o~~
wanted me to sell it
the Collection and this
would be a means of
tell my them the story &

CARDINAL SPELLMAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM, INC.
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WESTON 93, MASSACHUSETTS

April 9, 1962

Miss May A. Rigney
430 East 20 Street
New York 9, New York

Dear Miss Rigney:

Mr. Ernest Kehr forwarded the Christmas seal envelopes and literature to the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum which you so kindly gave him to bring your collection up to date. It is my hope to work on the collection during the summer in order that we may have an attractive Christmas seal exhibit ready for the Museum next December. We are deeply grateful to you for your interest and for the unique collection which you have given to the Museum.

With every best wish.

Sincerely yours,



Sister M. Fidelma, Executive Director
Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Inc.

SMF/n

Copy to Ernest Kehr

William J. Rigney
650 Amherst Lane
Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831

Oct. 14, 1975

Dear Sister Edna:

I thank you for your letter containing the estimate which should be adequate for my purpose. I had hopefully anticipated a larger figure but realize that without an active market for comparisons such an estimate is very difficult to attempt.

Mary & I are glad that you enjoyed your visit & hope that you will feel free to repeat it, as we will continue to be in touch.

You had asked me for some background material on Mary & I gave you some "off the cuff" information. Since then I have, as time permitted, made some notes in pencil to send you when checked and organized. A letter from Mrs. Prescott, however, anticipated me. She enclosed a tentative draft of a biographical record, which is commendable but inadequate in the circumstances. I attempted to make a few changes, but decided instead to send along my pencil notes & take the liberty to make a few suggestions.

It would not do at all for the record to imply that the N.T.B. was formed in the early stages. They had a new organization & it yet big enough to realize or anticipate the future development of the seal companies on a national basis. My alterations might offer a better approach.

William J. Rigney
650 Amherst Lane
Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831

I know that you are aware of my lack of facilities to present these data in proper form but hope that with the added perspective in these notes Mrs. Prescott will be able to do a nice job. Of course all of it need not be included. I should be happy to review the results and collaborate with any further data that I might recall or learn from some of May's personal effects not yet disposed of.

An incidentally Wheeler's background of which I gave you a brief verbal sketch goes back to the founding of Annapolis Md. The Dorseys his mother's family arrived in the fleet along from England.

My apologies to you and Mrs. Prescott for not being more prompt in replying to her letter and for inflicting my atrocious hieroglyphics on you.

With my renewed thanks and appreciation I am also enclosing material told me with the notes & the menue from our dinner at the Club

Sincerely
William J. Rigney

Many and very
good wishes

October 8, 1974

Mr. William J. Rigney
Amherst Lane, Apt. 65-0
Jamesburg, N.J. 08831

Dear Bill:

In the name of Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum I thank you for your very generous donation of Christmas Seals, both United States and foreign. David Power has sorted them and is now incorporating them in the major Christmas seal collection, which was given by your sister several years ago.

Joseph E. Landry of Norumbega Stamp and Coin Co., 297 Auburn Street, Auburndale, Mass., has placed the total value of \$7,550 on your gift.

United States National Tuberculosis Association Seals	\$3,000
United States Local Tuberculosis Association Seals	1,000
4 vols. Foreign Seals	3,500
Misc. lot (Boys' Town, American Bible Society, etc.)	50
Total value	<hr/> <hr/> \$7,550

I take this opportunity to thank you again for your gracious hospitality to me when I went to your home to pick up the seals. I enjoyed my visit so much and appreciate your many kindnesses to me.

Gratefully yours,



CARDINAL SPELLMAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM, INC.
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September 24, 1974

Mr. William Rigney
Amherst Lane
Apt 65-O
Jamesburg, N.J. 08831

Dear Mr. Rigney,

After Sister Fidelma's delightful visit with you during the summer when she returned with your generous donation of additional collection of tuberculosis stamps and relevant material from Miss May Rigney's collections, she asked me to write you in an effort to obtain more information of a biographical nature about your late sister.

I have made a rough draft of what Sister remembered from her conversations with you, and if you would be kind enough to look it over, correct and supplement it with other pertinent information which you think would be of value to the Museum, it will be appreciated.

In displaying such a comprehensive collection as that which now comprises our tuberculosis seal holdings we like to give some information regarding the person or persons involved in assembling it. Mr. Dave Powers who is our consulting expert on the T.B. material is now sorting it and preparing for our files and exhibitions.

Thank you for whatever additional information you can give us about Miss Rigney, and her work and interests.

Sister Fidelma sends her warmest regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy M. Prescott
(Mrs. Earle M. Prescott)
Assistant Curator

incl.

29 York Ave.
Watertown, Mass. 02172
September 21, 1973

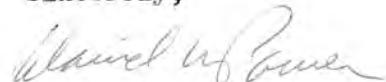
Dear Mr. Rigney,

It was a pleasure to meet both you and your wife this past Sunday at the museum. I very much enjoyed viewing the material that you brought along with you. Sister also was most pleased with your visit and very happy with the prospect that you might donate your material to the museum. Your material along with the present collection would make the museum collection the most extensive Christmas Seal collection anywhere in the world. This would certainly be a proud achievement for the museum. I also enjoyed the foreign seals which you had as I also collect all foreign Christmas Seals. It certainly makes my collection look small as most of this material is impossible to obtain without a direct connection with personnel of other seal issuing countries.

By the way. You mentioned a large lot of misc. seals you have. If these are not assembled please do not just discard them as I collect all types of seals whether Christmas seals or not. As you mentioned I someday hope to find time to sort out misc. seals and put together a meaningful collection of many different types such as Easter, Boy's Town, Sister Kenney, etc.

Once again it was a pleasure to meet and talk with you. Hope to see you again sometime in the future.

Sincerely,



October 3, 1978

Mr. Ernest Kehr, President
Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Inc.
Regis College
Weston, Massachusetts 02193

Dear Mr. Kehr: (Ernie, if I may)

Not so long ago I read in Mekeel's Stamp News that you had been made president of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum. I was especially interested because I recall how close you were to the Cardinal and how kind you were to my sister in giving her a real moment of happiness by introducing her to him.

It eventuated that in her effects I came upon memorabilia which included many stamps. Visits to the museum and acquaintanceship with your charming predecessor, Sister Fidelma, resulted in the museum acquiring this private collection of May's.

It now happens that after several years of rather serious illness and with the understanding that I must face certain realities, I have been going through more of May's effects and have found quite a collection of TB memorabilia, and some foreign, which could possibly be duplications of what you have or some of it new. I also have considerable "poundage" of first day covers going well back into the 19th century, some of them commemorating historic events.

I have no knowledge of how to handle such a collection and wonder if on any basis the museum would be interested in acquiring it. As I am in the 82nd year and have been ill, I am unable to drive any distance. Would you or any of your colleagues, while in or near New York, be interested in coming to see if the collection would be of help to you? I would certainly welcome such a visit.

I should add that I would be very happy to see you again because of your kindness to my sister and her high regard for you.

Sincerely,

Please give our best wishes
to Sister Fidelma.