

“The Headsville Post Office: From West Virginia to Bellefonte”

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Synopsis

The objective of this article is to trace the history of the Headsville Post Office from its origins in West Virginia in the 1860s, to its installation at the Smithsonian Institution in the 1970s, and to its relocation in the early 2000s to its current location at the American Philatelic Center (APC) in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The history is shown in photographs, documents, and covers.

The article is significant to the American Philatelic Society (APS) as the Headsville Post Office has been at the APC for over 17 years and will be there for an undetermined length of time. APS members and the general public may want more information about the post office, and there was nothing as in-depth as this article available.

The author did research at the American Philatelic Research Library, online, and by contacting a number of persons and organizations. Below is a list of major resources consulted.

The article contains many illustrations, and at the end is a list of acknowledgements and a list of resources cited.

Major Resources Consulted

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