

The Founding of the "Philatelic Society, London" and the Progress of the Swedish Relations with The Royal Philatelic Society London



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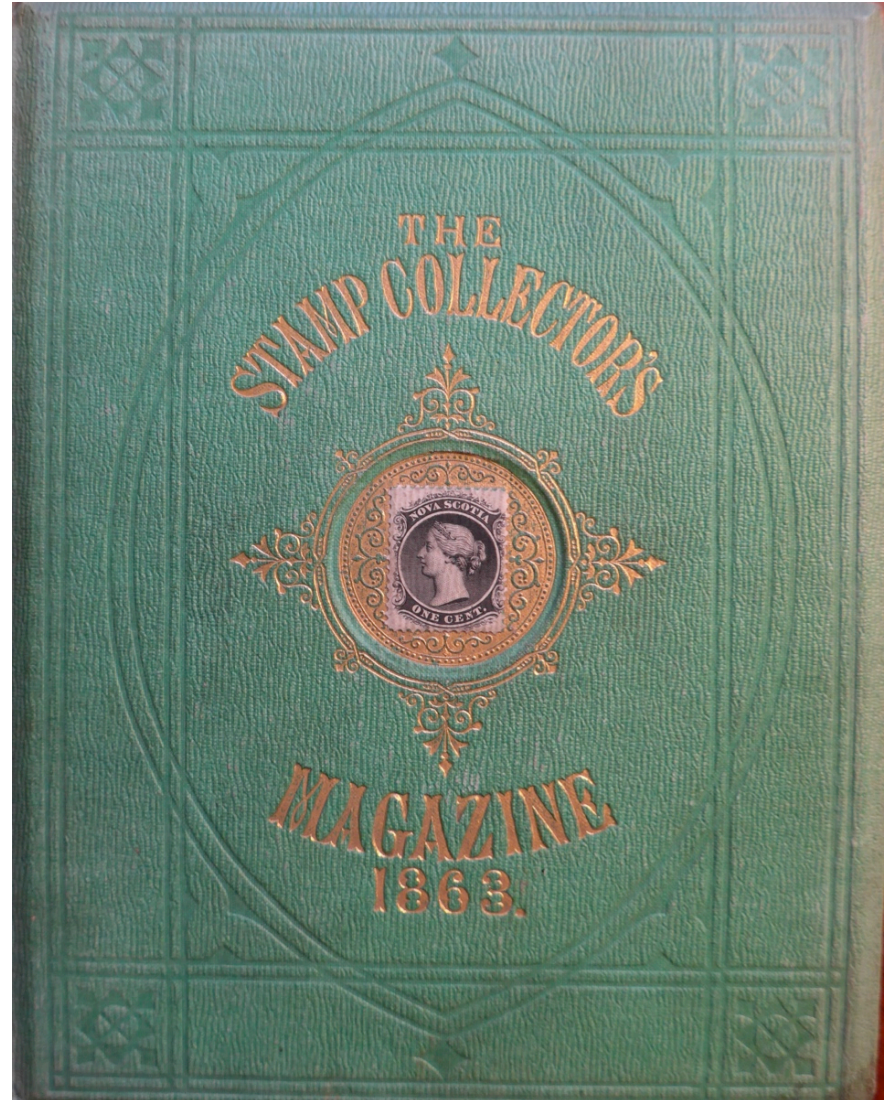
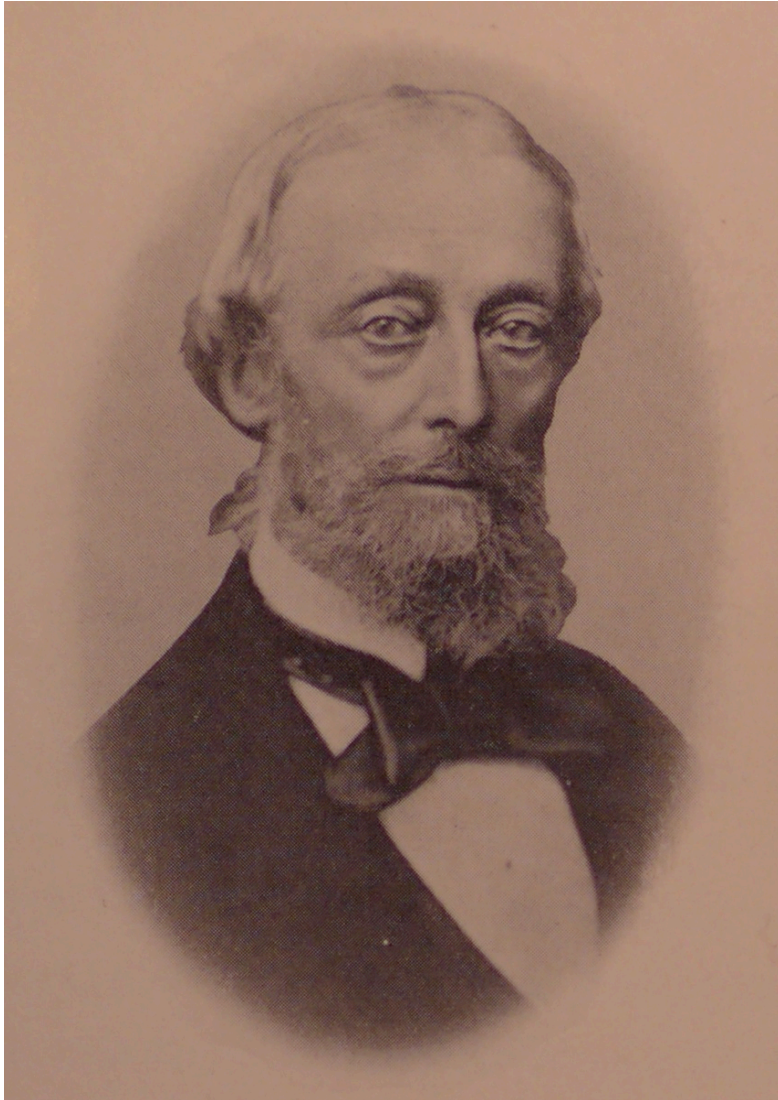
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London in the 1860s



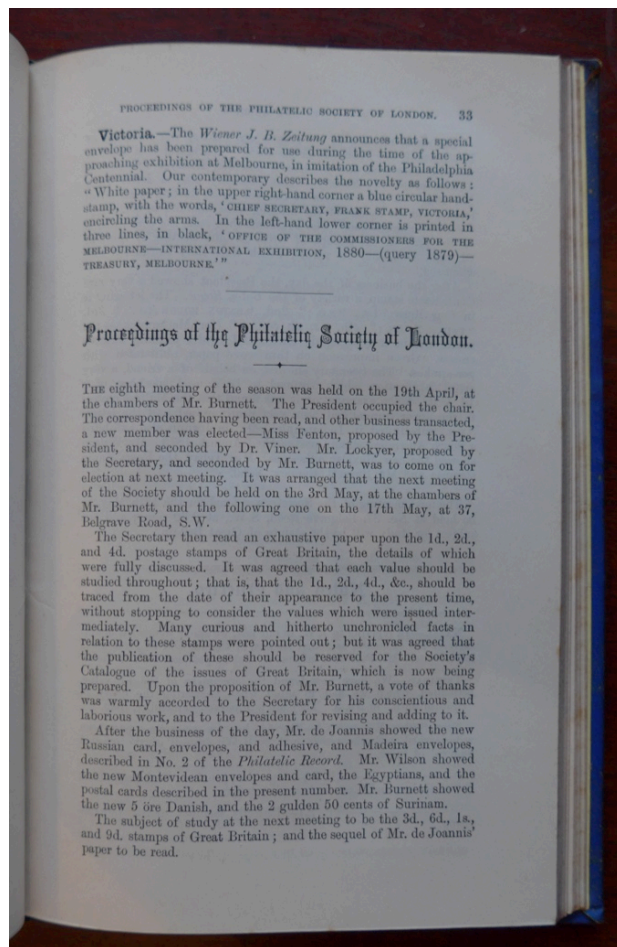
Charles W. Viner (1813-1906)



Edward L. Pemberton (1844-1878)



The Philatelic Society, London



The oldest existing philatelic Society in the world, established in 1869.

The Prince of Wales became King George V (1865-1936)



- King 1910-1936
- 1896 HRH The Duke of York became President of the Society, an office he continued to hold until his accession to the throne as HM King George V in 1910
- In 1924 granted the Society permission to use the Royal Arms on its stationery and publications



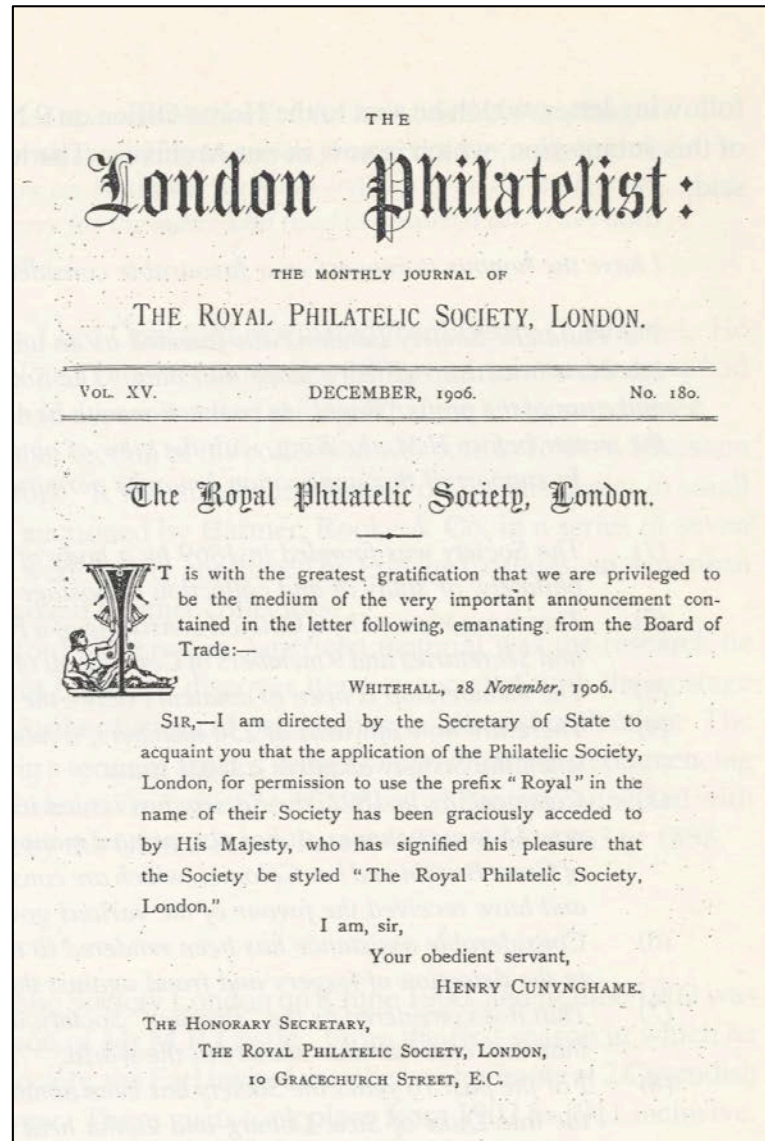
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King Edward VII (1841-1910)

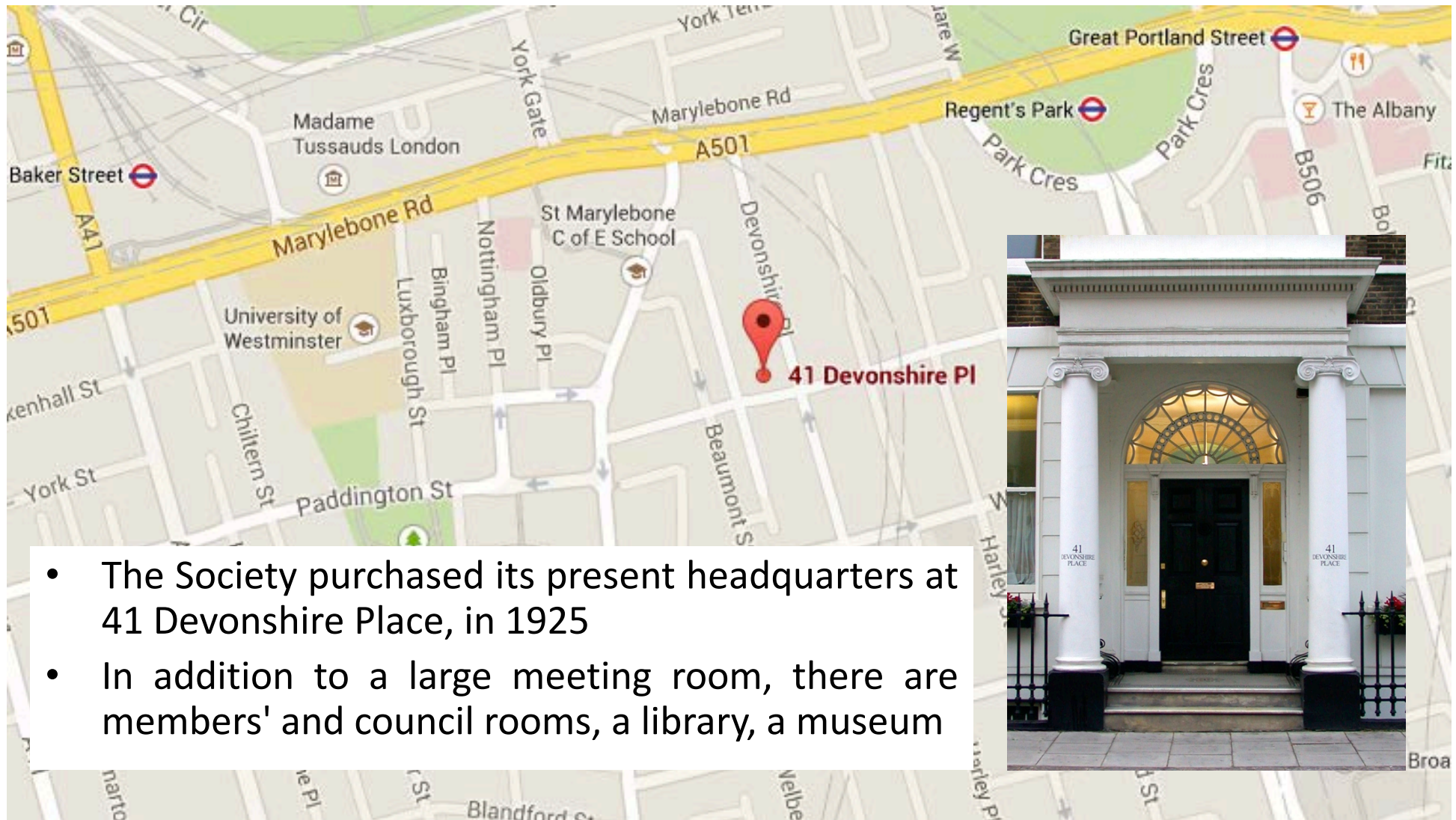
- King 1901-1910
- Permission to use the prefix 'Royal' was granted by HM King Edward VII in 1906
- The Royal philatelic tradition has since been maintained
- Today the Society is honored by the Patronage of HM The Queen
- Her Majesty graciously allows a selection from “The Royal Philatelic Collection” to be displayed at the Society's opening meeting each season



The "Royal"



41 Devonshire Place, London W1



- The Society purchased its present headquarters at 41 Devonshire Place, in 1925
- In addition to a large meeting room, there are members' and council rooms, a library, a museum

Royal Philatelic Society London

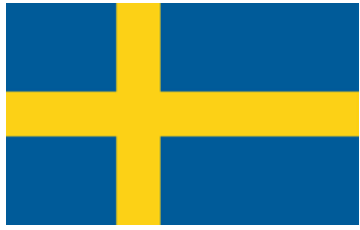
The RPSL welcomes philatelists by addressing The Royal Philatelic Society London as:

“... the home of philatelic excellence, expertise and friendship ...

“The Royal” as we are universally known, is committed to move with the times”

[Frank Walton President]

- The oldest existing philatelic Society in the world, established in 1869 as “The Philatelic Society, London”
- The home of philatelic excellence, expertise and friendship
- Over 1,400 overseas members
- Almost 900 members in the United Kingdom
- Libraries, collections and archives go back to the beginning of the postage stamp and beyond
- Meetings of two types are held from September to June on alternate Thursdays
 - the first is of a formal nature, at which one or more papers are read accompanied by displays by individual members, and usually starts at 5 p.m.
 - the second consists of a display of stamps, postal history etc. in the frames contributed by one or more members, with or without a written paper. This meeting is open from 1pm to 6 p.m.
 - Tea is served to members and their guests at all meetings



The Progress of the Swedish Relation to The Royal

- It took 24 years until the first Swedish philatelist was registered as a member in 1893
 - 1893 Axel de Reuterskiöld
 - 1907 Fredrik Wilhelm Andréén, Hilmer Djurling and Sixten Keyser. They were all three stakeholders of the Stockholm Philatelic Club (founded in 1886)
 - 57 past Fellows (34) and Members are recorded in the files
- Currently we are 78 Fellows and Members originating or residing in Sweden, which is a more than a 100% increase compared to 10 years ago
 - 22 of the Swedish Members are Fellows
- The longest current active membership is by Tomas Bjäringer
 - Member since 1971 and elected Fellow 1974
- With the appointment of Jan Berg FRSPL as the overseas representative for Sweden in 2007, the Swedish contingency of Fellows and Members were joined together as a group and addressed regional activities taking place in Sweden



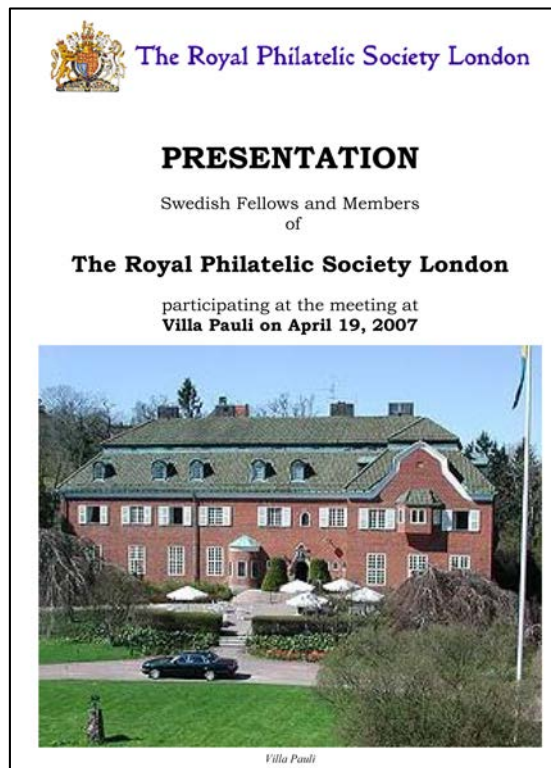
The Overseas Representative



Jan Berg FRPSL



2007 in Stockholm





2010 in Göteborg



The Royal Philatelic Society London

PRESENTATION

Swedish Fellows and Members
of

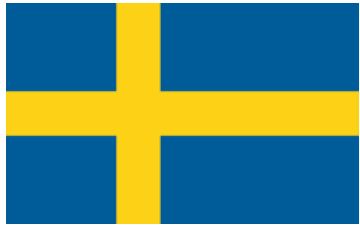
The Royal Philatelic Society London

participating at the meeting at
Hotel Eggers on April 16, 2010



Hotel Eggers





2016 in Stockholm





Swedish Fellows

- All in all 56 Swedish members have been elected Fellows
 - 34 past members
 - 22 active members
- The latest three to receive this recognition are
 - 2016 Kjell Nilson
 - 2016 Roland Nordberg
 - 2016 Åke Rietz
- Two Swedes have been awarded the highest honour in the power of the Council to grant, that of Honorary Life Fellowship
 - 1954 Nils Strandell
 - 2013 Tomas Bjäringer



5 p.m. Presentation

- The first kind of meeting is of a formal nature, at which one or more papers are read accompanied by a display. It usually starts at 5 p.m.
 - The first Swede to present such a paper for the Society was Erik G.E. Leijonhufvud on 2 November 1911 with the title “Some Notes on the Stamps of Sweden”
 - The second was Tomas Bjäringer on 20 February 1975 who gave his paper with the title “Some New Aspects on Collecting Swedish Stamps from 1855-1920”
 - Co-joined with Lauson Stone from the United States of America, Tomas gave a second paper with the title “Swedish Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations 1855-1895” on 5 May 1988
 - The philatelic couple Anna-Lisa and Sven Eric Beckeman gave a paper on 24 January 2002 with the title “Sweden 1855-72”
 - On 24 September 2004, Robert Odenweller RDP HonFRPSL from the United States of America gave a presentation of “The Stamps and Postal History of Nineteenth Century Samoa”, for which he was co-joined by Jan Berg who displayed no less than eleven of the twelve wall frames of selected pages
 - Finally Jonas Hällström presented a paper on 28 January 2010 with the title “The History of the Square-Rigged Sailing Vessels”



5 p.m. Presentation



2010

*The History of the Square-Rigged
Sailing Vessels*

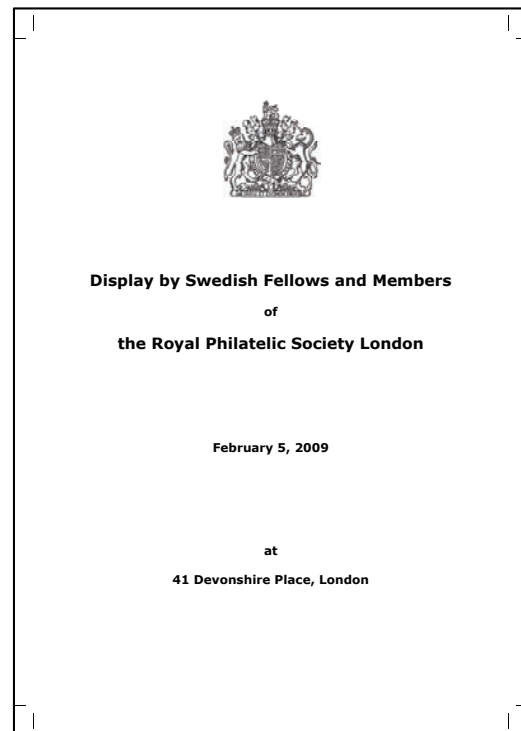


1 p.m. Display

- The second kind of meeting forms a standing display of stamps, postal history etc. in the 52 frames, with or without a written paper or handout. This meeting is open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Three Swedish members have individually been able to perform such a standing display, all three during the current active period.
 - On 27 October 2011 Björn Sohrne FRPSL gave a standing display with the title “Persia – Postal History to the 1930s”.
 - On 31 October 2013 Gustaf Douglas FRPSL gave a standing display with the title “Classic Sweden”
 - On 5 June 2015 Richard Bodin FRPSL gave a display with the title “Swedish Military & Volunteers’ Mail Abroad”
- At every Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June, the yearly Society medals are awarded. The Tilleard Medal in silver is awarded for the best standing display during the relevant period. Of the three Swedes giving such a large display, two of them have been awarded the Tilleard Medal



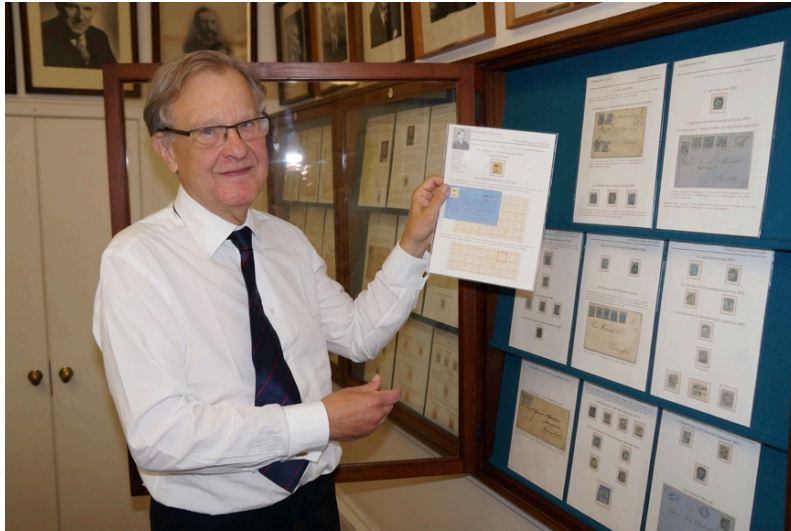
1 p.m. Display in 2009



The increased activity level among the Swedish members of The Royal was recognized by the then President of the Society; John Sacher CBE FPRS, who invited the Swedish contingency to give a standing display at the society meeting on 5 February 2009.



1 p.m. Display



2013
Classic Sweden





1 p.m. Display



2015

*Swedish Military &
Volunteers' Mail Abroad*

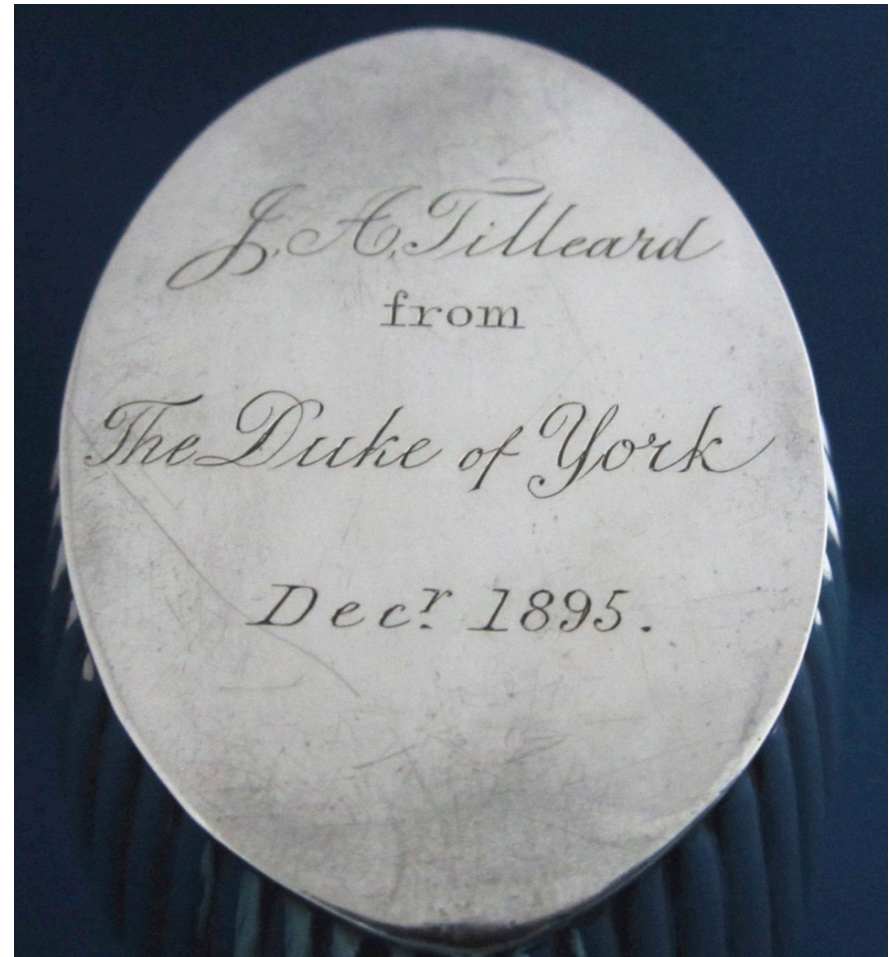


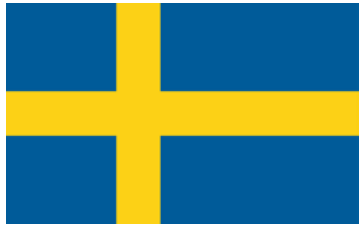
John Alexander Tilleard (1850-1913)



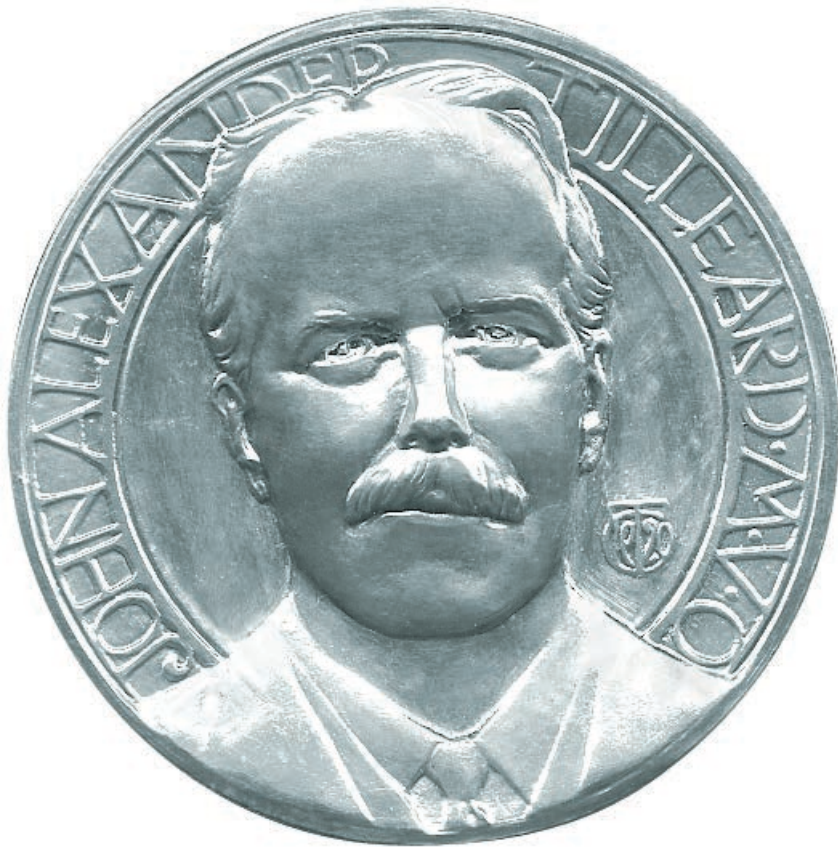
- Served as Honorary Secretary from 1894 to 1913
- Contributed to the participation of two philatelist princes to the Society: Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, brother of future King Edward VII, elected honorary president in 1890, and Alfred's nephew George, Duke of York and future King George V
- In 1906, he helped the Philatelic Society, London obtain the "Royal" prefix
- The first curator of "The Royal Philatelic Collection"
- In memory of Tilleard, the Royal Philatelic Society London created the Tilleard Medal, for the best philatelic display on 41 Devonshire Place
- His name was recorded as one of the original "Fathers of Philately" on the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists" in 1921

Tilleard Teaset





Tilleard Medal



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2012 Björn Sohrne

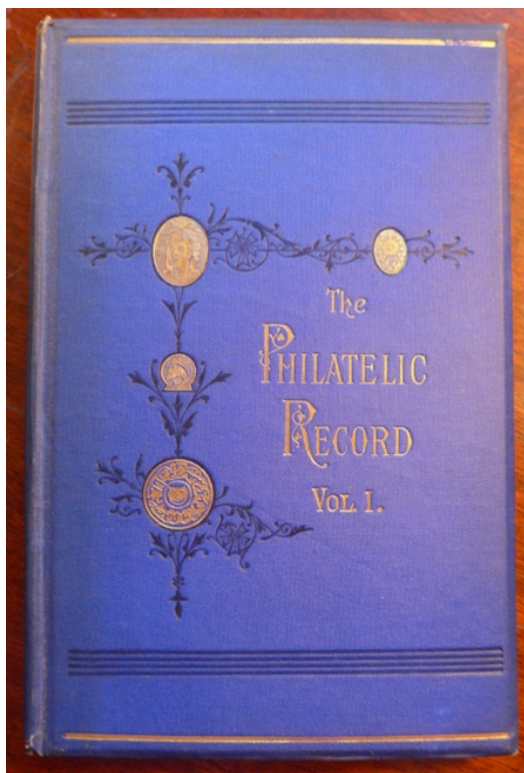
Persia – Postal History to the 1930s



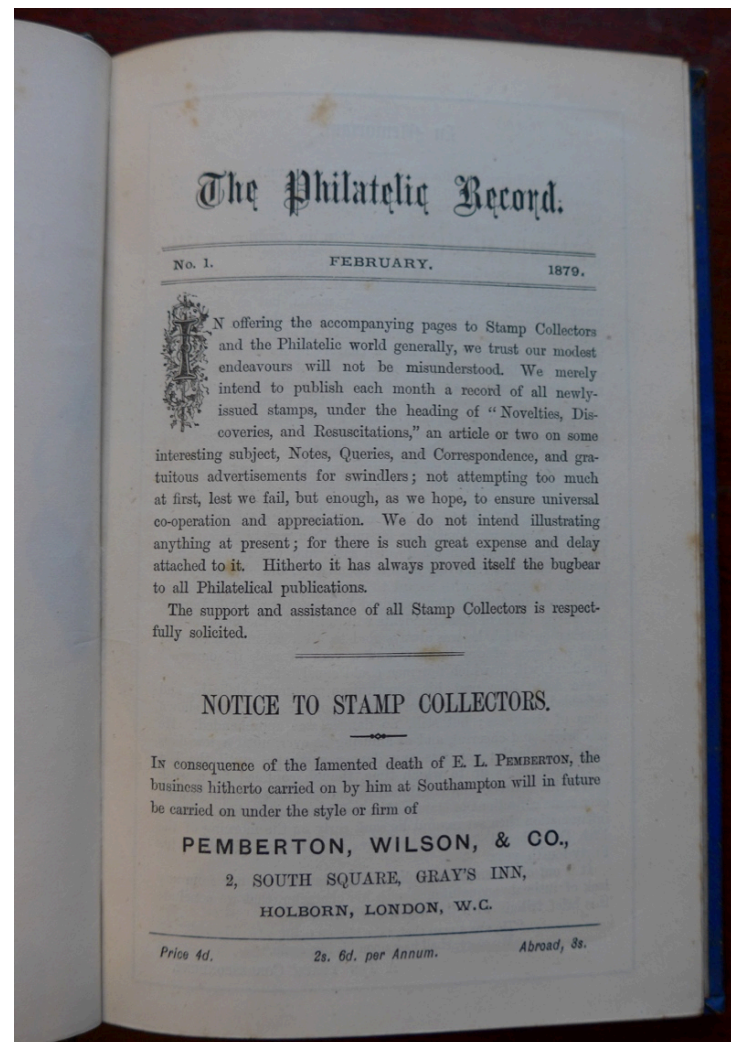
2014 Gustaf Douglas

Classic Sweden

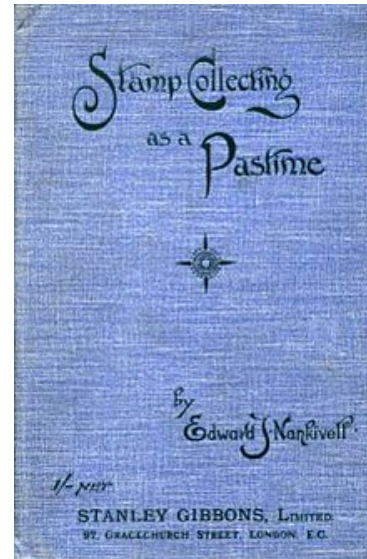
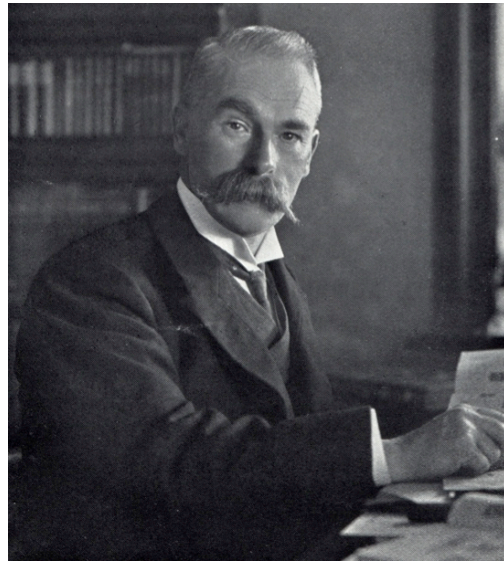
The Philatelic Record



- “The Philatelic Record” was an important early philatelic journal published in 36 volumes between February 1879 and 1914
- It was originally published by Pemberton, Wilson and Company of London and later by Buhl & Company when it was merged with “The Stamp News” to form “The Philatelic Record and Stamp News”, under the editorship of Edward J. Nankivell.



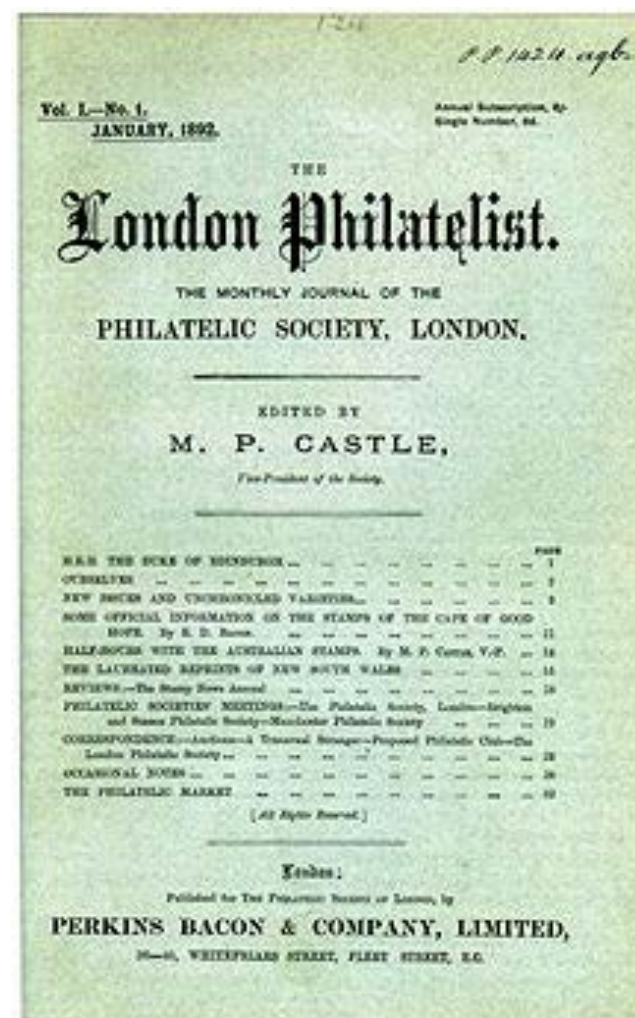
Edward J. Nankivell (1848-1909)



- Member of the “Institute of Journalists” in London and an avid early stamp collector. Stamp collecting was a relatively new hobby and not taken seriously at all by the people, who considered it only something to amuse children
- Nankivell was upset by the lack of respect the public had for his beloved hobby and he wrote “Stamp Collecting as a Pastime” as a passionate plea for the acceptance of stamp collecting as a serious pastime for everyone from the Prince of Wales to ordinary school children
- Editor of “The Philatelic Record” and “Stamp News”

The London Philatelist

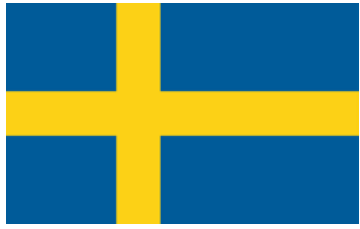
- The Society has published its own journal, *The London Philatelist*, since January 1892
- This has a worldwide reputation and is sent free to members ten times a year, as well as to a large number of other organisations at home and overseas
- Editors:
 - Jan 1892 - Feb 1917 Marcellus Purnell Castle FOP
 - Apr 1917 - May 1937 Thomas William Hall RDP
 - Jul 1937 - Jan 1940 Henry Wood
 - Feb 1940 - Jun 1946 Alwin Larmour
 - Jul 1946 - Dec 1954 Henry Robert Holmes RDP
 - Jan 1955 - Dec 1974 Arnold Strange
 - Jan 1975 - Dec 1982 Stuart Rossiter
 - May 1983 - Jun 2001 George Ernst Barker RDP
 - Jul 2001 – Dec 2014 Frank Walton RDP
 - Jan 2015 ... Steve Jarwis





The London Philatelist

- (1912) Leijonhufvud, Erik Gustaf Evert, *The Stamps of Sweden*, LP Vol. 21 p. 26-34. 66-69, 95-99
- (1957) Menzinsky, Georg, *The Swedish Lion Stamps 1862-1872*, LP Vol. 66 p. 101-104, 123-128, 153-156
- (1977) Bjäringer, Tomas, *Sweden 1855-72*, LP Vol. 86 p. 120-127
- (2006) Hällström, Jonas, *How to Deal with the Concept in a Thematic Collection*, LP Vol. 115 p. 293-297
- (2014) Hällström, Jonas, *The Golden Collection of Swedish Philately*, LP Vol. 123 p. 2-21
- (2015) Hällström, Jonas, *Caravel Postal Stationery from Denmark 1927 to 1952*, LP Vol. 124 p. 50-68
- (2015) Heijtz, Stefan, *Post Office Museum to be Opened in the Falkland Islands*, LP Vol 124 p. 69
- (2015) Gustafson, Per, *Divided Postcards with Postage Due 1902-1907*, LP Vol. 124 p. 194-208.
- (2015) Pålman, Sven, *VOC Handstamps at the Cape of Good Hope*, LP Vol. 124 p. 212-213
- (2015) Nilson, Kjell, *The Swedish Mail and the War 1939-1948*, LP Vol. 124 p. 363-395
- (2016) Nordberg, Roland, *The Prelude to the First Stamp Design of Costa Rica*, LP Vol. 125 p. 455-465



The London Philatelist

- It is most interesting and notable that Per Gustafson who joined as late as in 2014 was published already the year after, in 2015, and the year after that was awarded The Tapling Medal as the best paper in The London Philatelist dealing with any aspect of philately

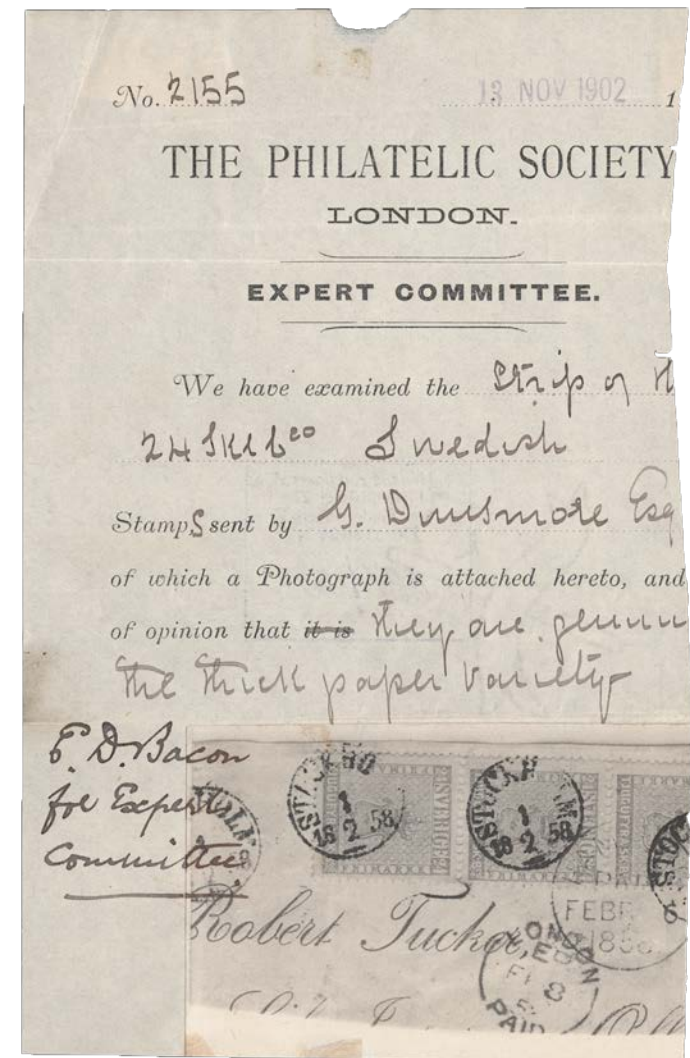


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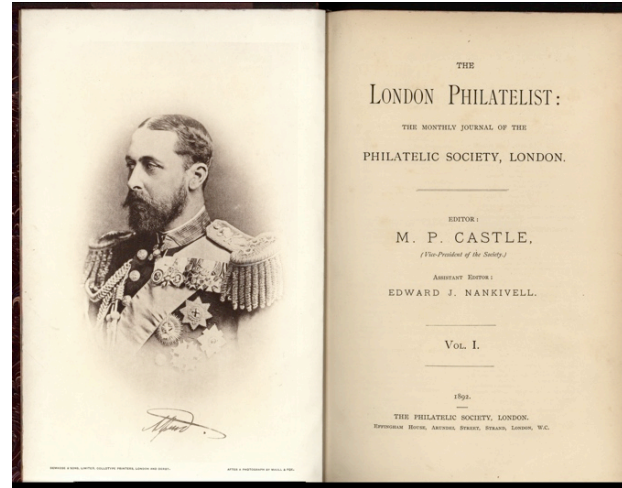


The Expert Committee

- One of the most valued contributions to philately is made by the Expert Committee which was for a hundred years a committee of the Society, and which since 1983 has operated under the auspices of RPSL Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Society
- Stamps and covers may be submitted to the committee who will give an opinion as to its genuineness or otherwise, and will issue a certificate accordingly
- As part of its own reference material, the committee maintains a comprehensive collection of forgeries and fakes
- Each member is yearly entitled to two certificates free of charge



Marcellus Purnell Castle (1849-1917)



- British philatelist who was President of the Royal Philatelic Society London from 1913 to 1917
- First editor of "The London Philatelist"
- Castle's collecting interests were in Australian States and Europe of which areas he created large collections
- He won the highest award for his display of New South Wales at the London International Philatelic Exhibition 1890
- His name was recorded as one of the original "Fathers of Philately" on the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists" in 1921

Edvard B. Evans (1846-1922)



- Member of the Philatelic Society London from 1875
- One of the original three members of the RPS Expert Committee in 1894, and helped edit and publish many of the Society's handbooks
- One of the first forty on “The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists” in 1921

James Ludovic Lindsay Earl of Crawford (1847-1913)



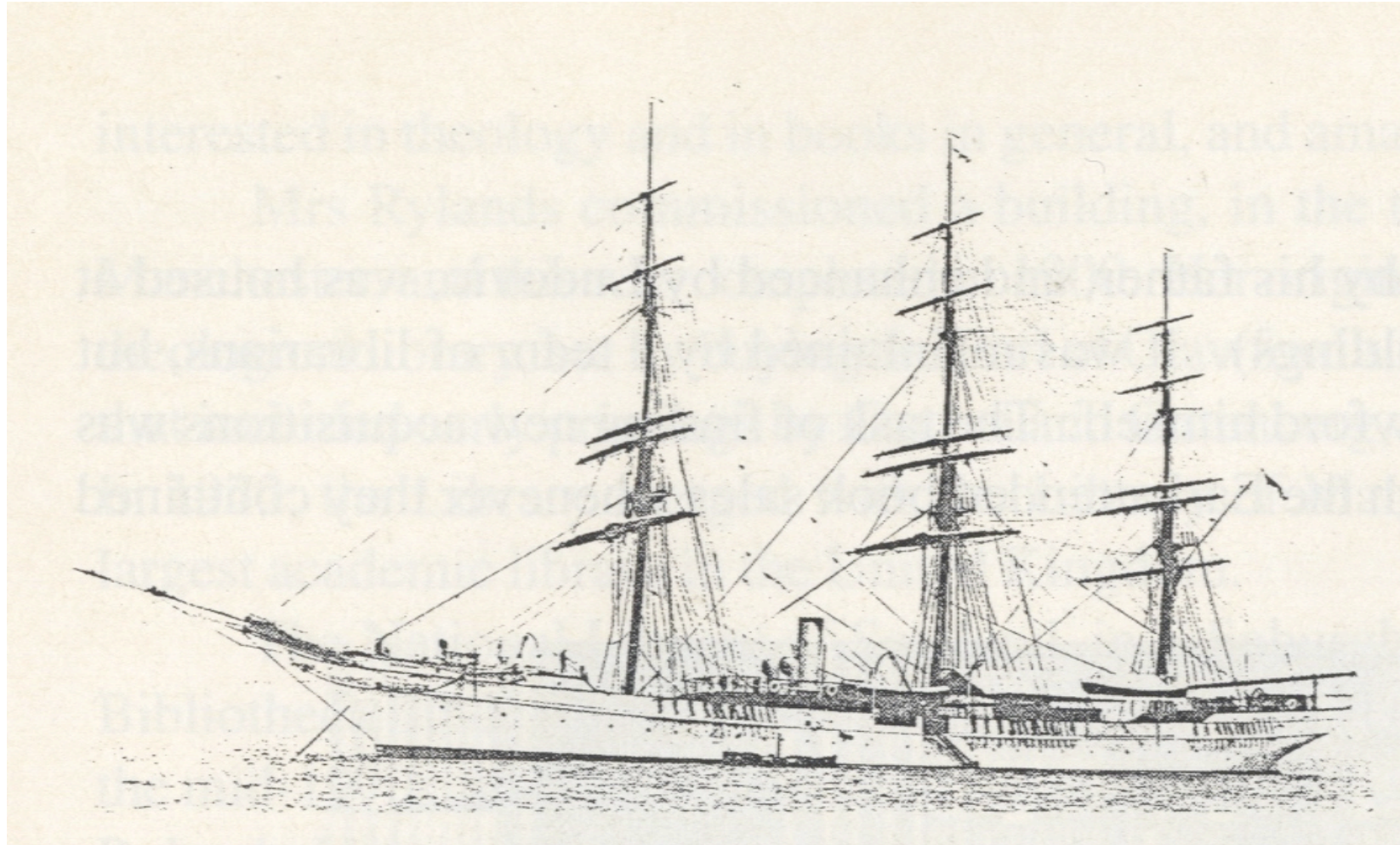
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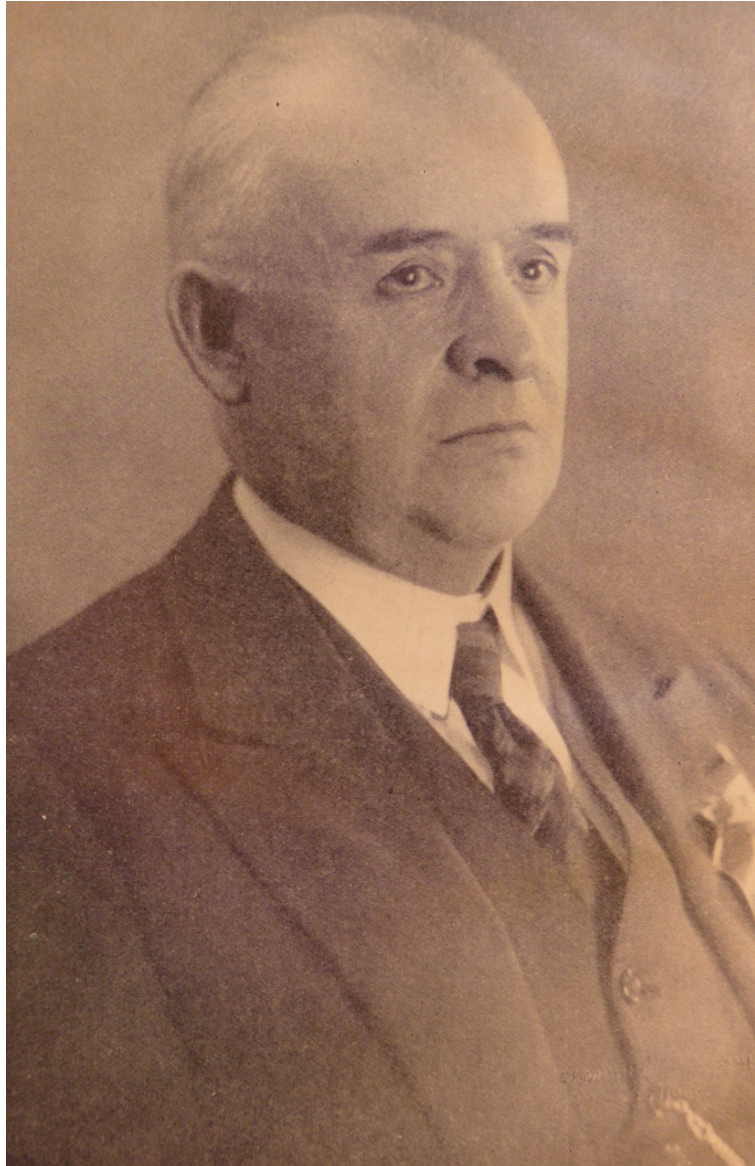


- Crawford's philatelic interests grew out of his work in extending the Lindsay family library
- Crawford formed notable collections of the stamps of the Italian States, the United States and Great Britain
- The 26th Earl of Crawford had by the time of his death in 1913 amassed the greatest philatelic library of his time
- His name was recorded as one of the original “Fathers of Philately” on “The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists” in 1921

VALHALLA



Charles James Phillips (1863-1940)



Earl of Crawford (1847-1913)



- Purchased a large collection of philatelic literature (the world's largest and most complete collection of philatelic literature) formed by John K. Tiffany of St. Louis (first president of the American Philatelic Society)
- Eventually Crawford's collection was given to the Philatelic Section of the British Museum, in London
- The “Crawford Medal” was established by the Royal Philatelic Society London in Crawford's honour for distinguished contributions to philately



Crawfordmedaljen



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1979 Örjan Lüning

Luftpostens historia i Norden - The history of airmail in Scandinavia



1982 Sigge Ringström

The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World, Part I and II

Sir Edward Denny Bacon (1860-1938)

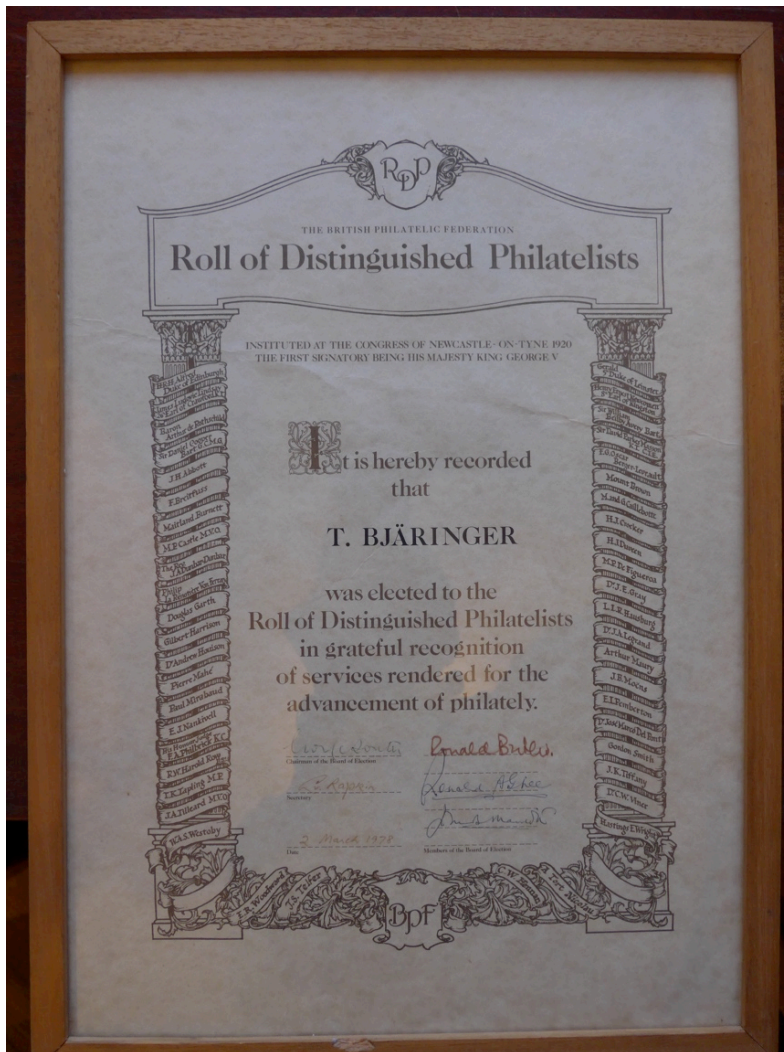


- Full-time philatelist with two main collections: Japanese stamps sold to Philipp von Ferrary and postal stationery sold to Thomas K. Tapling
- Joined the Philatelic Society, London in 1880 in which he served in every possible main post. He was elected President in 1917
- Known to help some British collectors to manage their philatelic possessions. The first one was Thomas K. Tapling
- Published in 1911 the catalogue of the Crawford Library
- Curator of the “Royal Philatelic Collection” between 1913 and 1938
- Entered the “Roll of Distinguished Philatelists” in 1921

Sir Edward Denny Bacon's notebook



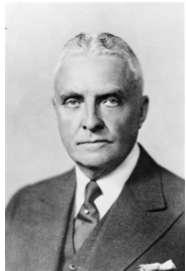
The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists



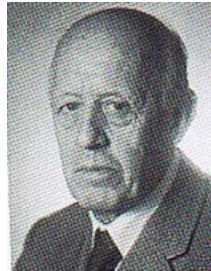
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The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists



1922 Nils Strandell



1957 Georg Menzinsky



1977 Sigge Ringström



1978 Tomas Bjäringer



1994 Börje Wallberg



2000 Gunnar Dahlvig



2003 Gustaf Johansson



2006 Bertil I. Larsson



2016 Jonas Hällström

Fathers of Philately

HRH Alfred Duke of Edinburgh

James Ludovic Lindsay

26th Earl of Crawford

Arthur de Rothschild

→ *Daniel Cooper*

J.H. Abbot

F. Breitfuss

Maitland Burnett

M.P. Castle

J.A. Dunbar-Dunbar

Philipp la Renotière von Ferrary

Douglas Garth

Gilbert Harrison

Andrew Houison

Pierre Mahe

Paul Mirabaud

E.J. Nankivell

→ *F.A. Philbrick*

R.W. Harold Row

→ *T.K. Tapling*

J.A. Tilleard

W.A.S. Westoby

Gerald 5th Duke of Leinster

Henry Ernest Newcomen

8th Earl of Kingston

William Beilby Avery

David Parkes Masson

Mount Brown

F.G. Oscar Berger-Levrault

M & G Caillebotte

H.J. Crocker

H.J. Duveen

M.P. de Figueroa

J.E. Gray

L.L.R. Hausburg

J.A. Legrand

Arthur Maury

J.B. Moens

E.L. Pemberton

Jose Marco del Pont

Gordon Smith

J.K. Tiffany

C.W. Viner

Hastings E. Wright

Sir Daniel Cooper (1821-1902)



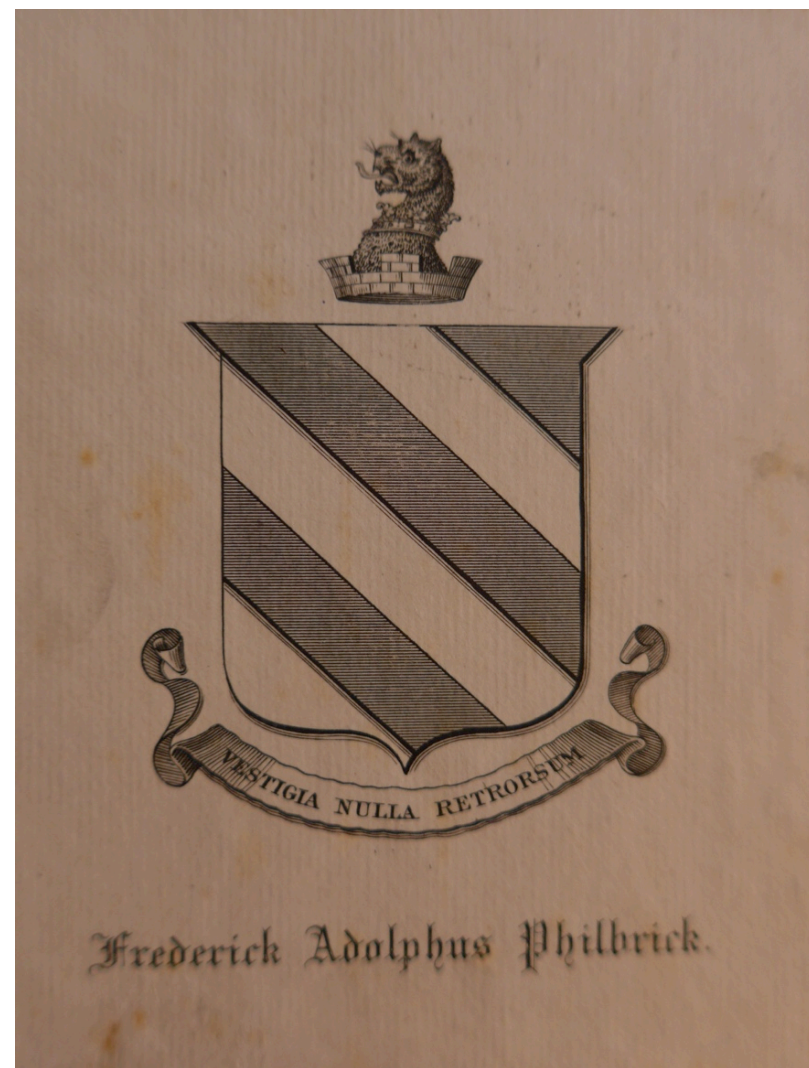
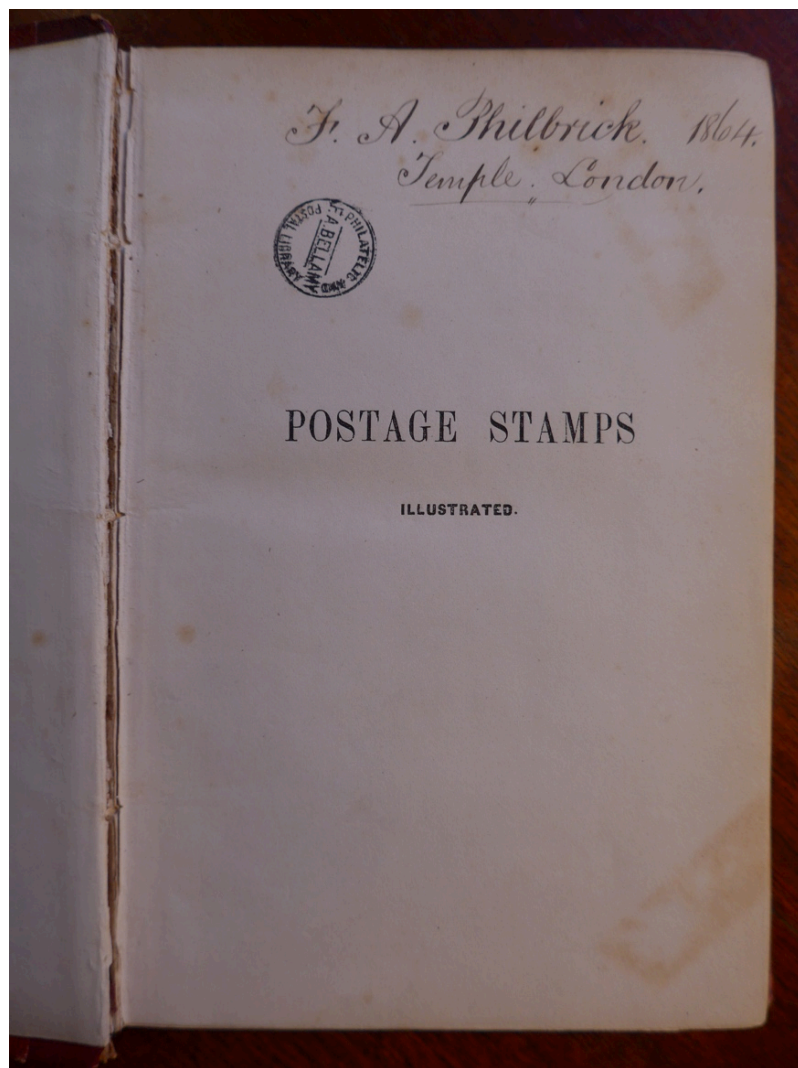
- Founder and the first president (1869–78) of the The Philatelic Society, London
- His Australian postage stamps was sold to Ferrary in 1878 for £3,000 (the first four-figure price for a collection)
- The “Sir Daniel Cooper Lectures” sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society are in his honour
- His name was recorded as one of the original “Fathers of Philately” on the “Roll of Distinguished Philatelists” in 1921

Frederick A. Philbrick (1835-1910)

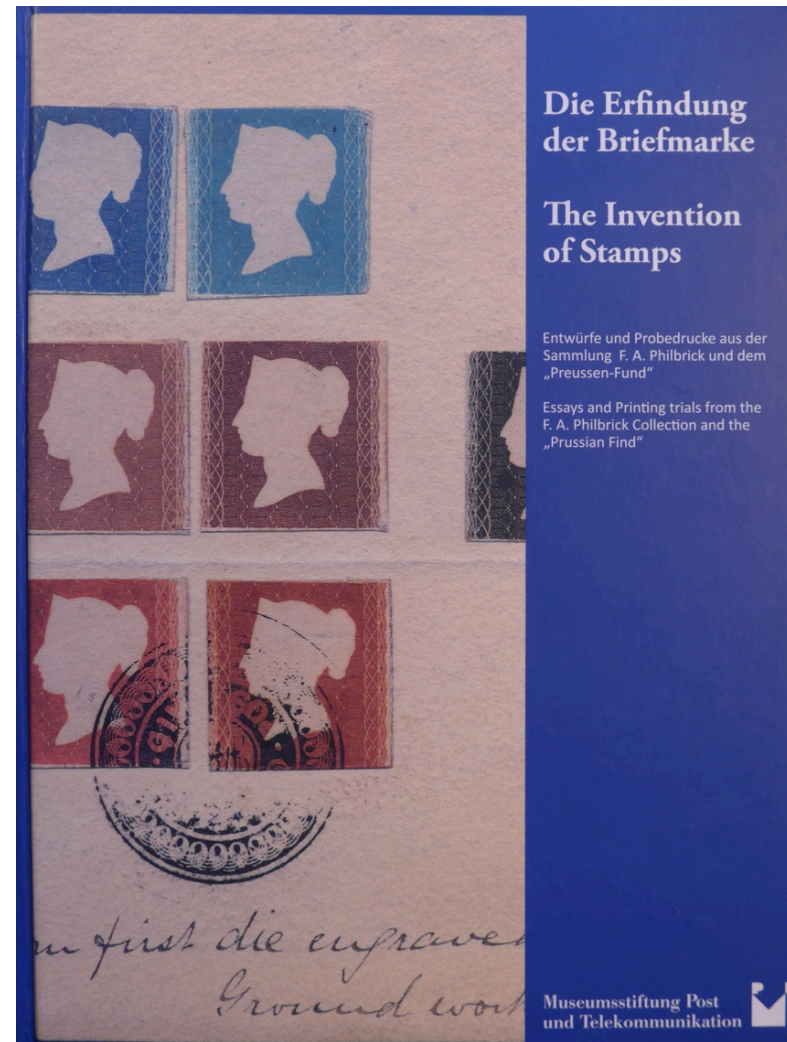
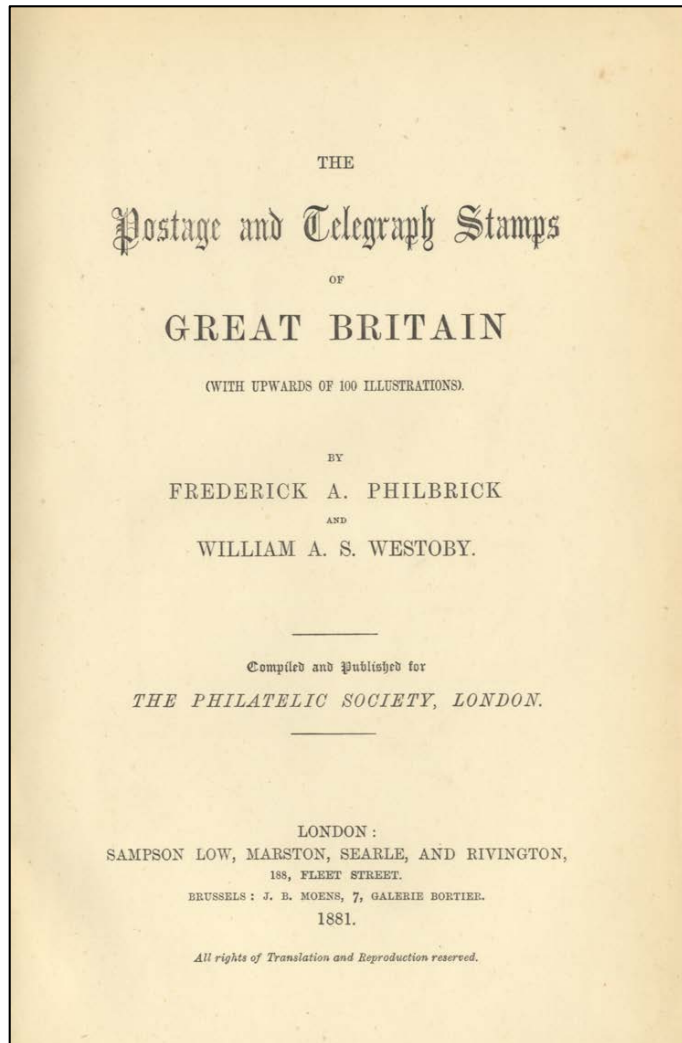


- One of the founders of the "Philatelic Society, London", its first Vice-President and was President of the Society between 1879 and 1892
- Philbrick was also an honorary member of the Fiscal Philatelic Society
- Two pseudonyms used by Philbrick in his philatelic writing were, "An Amateur" and "Damus Petimusque Vicissim" (the motto of British Guiana)
- His name was recorded as one of the original "Fathers of Philately" on the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists" in 1921

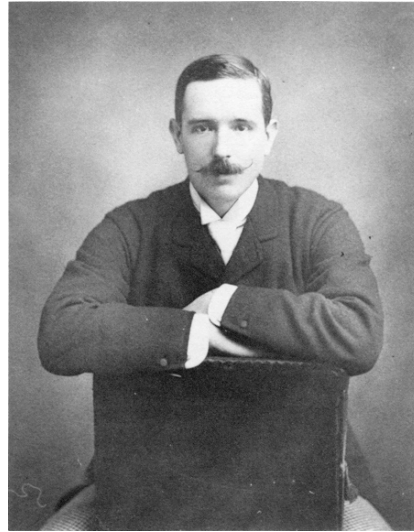
Frederick A. Philbrick (1835-1910)



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Thomas K. Tapling (1855-1891)



- By 1887 his collection was second only to that of Philipp von Ferrary
- Tapling joined the Philatelic Society, London in the early 1870s and became Vice-President in 1881
- The Tapling Medal in silver was created in his memory by the RPSL and first awarded in 1920
- His name was recorded as one of the original “Fathers of Philately” on “The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists” in 1921

Fathers of Swedish Philately

GÖRANSSON, John

GYBERG, Lars

NORDSTRÖM, Jacob

WENNBERG, Wilhelm August

HEGERMANN-LINDENCRONE J.F.

ARBORELIUS, Olof

LEVIN, Astley

ROSENLÖF, Gustaf

LICHTENSTEIN, Heinrich

LINDSTRÖM, Albert

OSSBAHR, Richard

LJUNGSTRÖM, Ernst

JOHANSSON, Josef

ARSENIUS, Fredrik

WULFF, John

LEIJONHUFVUD, Erik Gustaf Evert

ANDRÉEN Fredrik Wilhelm

BERGHMAN, Israel

KJELLSTEDT L. Harald

TAMM, Cläes Adolf

BENZINGER, Fredrik

PHIL, Johan Albin

WILMS, Ernst

BACKMAN, Georg Wilhelm

WENNBERG, Harry

WESTBERG, Nils

HOLMBERG, Nils Victor Bernhard

KRAEPELIEN, Oscar

LANGE, Rudolf

WIKSTRÖM, Einar

STRANDELL, Nils Wilhelm

SUNDSTEDT, Harald Josef Emmanuel

VON ROSEN, Eric

LAGERLÖF, Hans

OLOFSSON, Helge

OLOFSSON, Gustaf

KEMPE, Johan Carl

HELLMAN, Dagmar

SJÖBERG, Hugo

SAHLIN, Gösta

TILLMAN, Filip

DIEDEN, Herbert

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AHLSTRÖM, John

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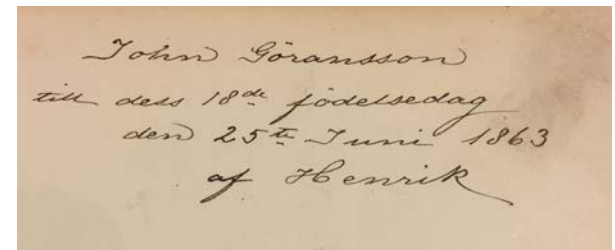
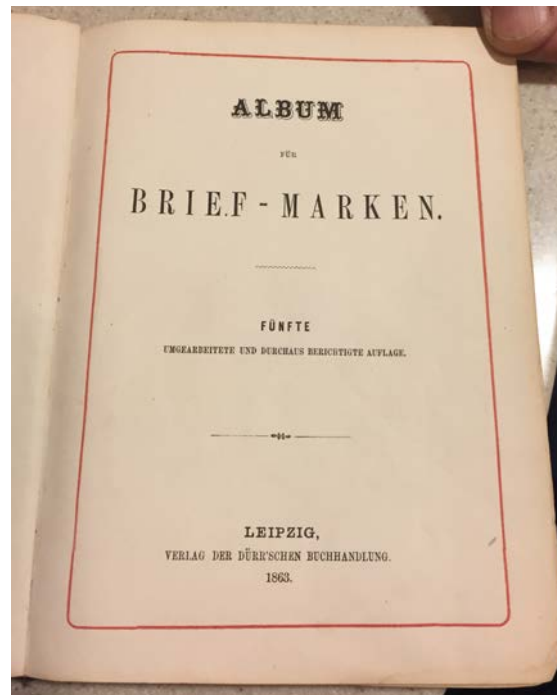
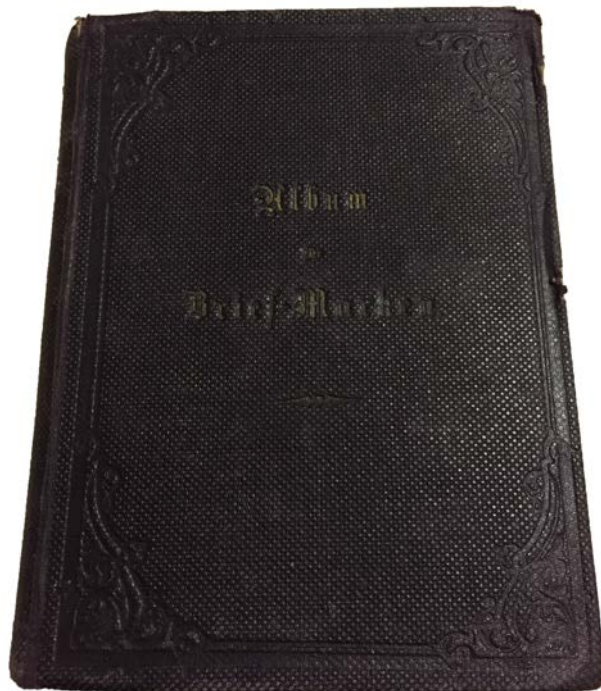
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CARLSTRÖM, Diego

John Göransson (1845-????)



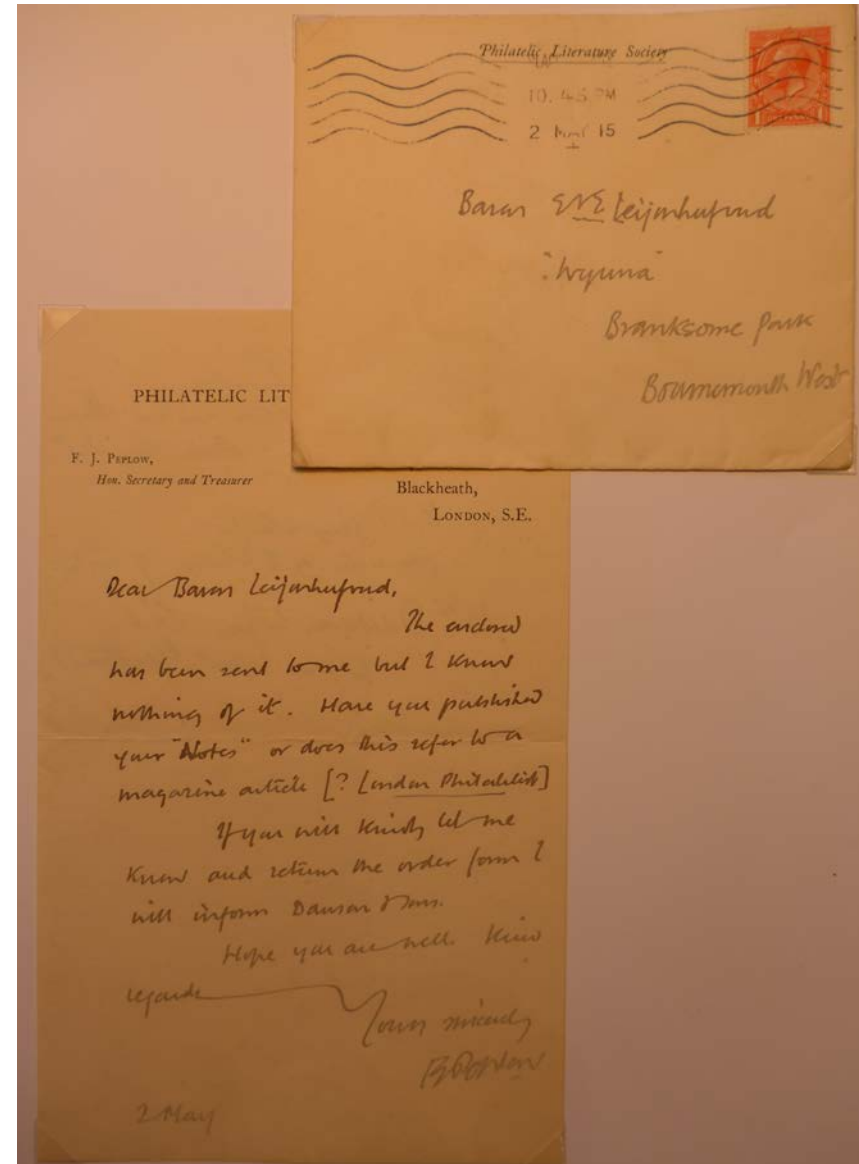
- Who was he?
- His album from 1863 is the earliest recorded in Sweden and was auctioned at FRIMÄRKSHUSET in Nov 2016



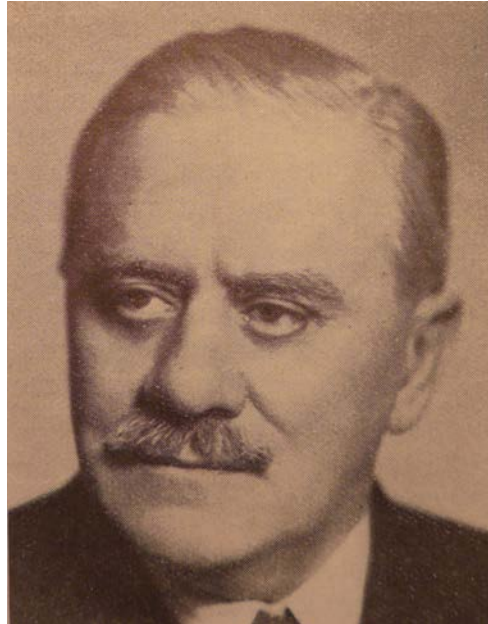
Erik Gustaf Evert Leijonhufvud (1862-1943)



- The first Swedish philatelist of international status
- “Captain” of the Philatelic Club of the International Philatelic Exhibition in London 1912
- In 1922, being the first Swedish collector owning the 3 Skilling Banco Yellow
- His massive collection of unused Swedish stamps of the first issue has never been surpassed



Fredrik Benzinger (1868-1953)



- One of the first prominent Swedish "General Collectors" of the whole world with a focus on the rarities and covers before 1890
- Formed a marvelous collection of Sweden in 50 volumes owing one of the best collection of Sweden ever brought together
- In 1926 he was one of the founders of "Postmusei Vänner" (The Friends of the Postal Museum in Stockholm)