

Battle of Fallen Timbers Commemorative Stamp Collection

Scope and Contents Notes

This collection consists of correspondence and a scrapbook related to the issuance of the Battle of Fallen Timbers Commemorative Stamp, September 14, 1929. Reverend Perry H. Baumann, who first proposed that the stamp be created, saved the items in this collection.

The correspondence is primarily between Baumann, the Postmaster General, Walter F. Brown, and Ohio Senator W. W. Chalmers. All of the letters concern receiving approval for the issuance of the stamp and details after approval.

The scrapbook is the story of Baumann's efforts to get the stamp issued at the time the Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument would be dedicated. It includes correspondence, newsclippings, and photos. One 100-stamp sheet, which was mounted in the scrapbook, was removed and encapsulated for preservation purposes. A second 100-stamp sheet was autographed by Herbert Hoover, President of the United States; Walter F. Brown, Postmaster General, a Toledo native; A. W. Hall, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Senator W. W. Chalmers; and Reverend Perry H. Baumann. Both sheets of stamps are kept in the Vault of the Blade Rare Book Room.

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Biographical Sketch
The Reverend Perry H. Baumann

In December 1928 a Toledo newspaper article announced the possibility of President Hoover participating in the unveiling of the Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument. Reverend Perry H. Baumann, an avid philatelist, read the article and recognized that a once in a lifetime opportunity was at hand.

Baumann originated the idea of having a stamp commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers issued simultaneously with the unveiling of the Monument. It took months of speeches at local organizations and letters to senators and the Postmaster General but the stamp was finally approved. It was issued September 14, 1929, the same day the Battle of Fallen Timbers monument was unveiled.

The Reverend Perry H. Baumann was pastor of Memorial Evangelical Reformed Church in Toledo from approximately 1925 until his death in 1939.

Baumann entered the ministry after graduation from Ursenus College, Pennsylvania and Mission House Theological Seminary, Wisconsin. He served in Indiana and Bellaire, Ohio for several years before coming to Toledo.

The Reverend Baumann died on June 26, 1939 of a heart attack while on vacation in Michigan.

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- Folder 1 Correspondence from Rev. Perry Baumann from May to August 1929
1. To Mr. Walter F. Brown, Postmaster General, Washington D.C., May 10, 1929. Gives background on Battle of Fallen Timbers.
 2. To Hon. W.W. Chalmers, Washington D.C., May 17, 1929. Stressing to Chalmers that he is to push for the Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp.
 3. To The Hon. Simeon D. Fess, Washington, D.C., May 17, 1929. Stressing to Fess that he is to push for the Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp.
 4. To Mr. Walter F. Brown, Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. May 27, 1929. Expressing hopefulness that Postmaster will approve Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp.
 5. To W. W. Chalmers, M.C., Washington, D.C., August 7, 1929. Thanking Chalmers for his support in efforts to issue the Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp; Lists first Day Post Offices; Asks that Chalmers request that Baumann be allowed to purchase first whole uncut sheet printed.
 6. To Mr. Walter F. Brown, Postmaster General, Washington, D.C., August 8, 1929. Thanking for approval of issuance of Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp and asking to purchase first uncut, whole sheet printed.
 7. To R. S. Regar, 3rd Asst. Postmaster General, Washington, D.C., August 19, 1929. Request for approximately 5,000 Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamps pre-cancelled with Toledo cancellation.
- Folder 2 Correspondence to Rev. Perry Baumann from May 14 to August 21, 1929
1. From Postmaster General, Walter F. Brown, May 14, 1929. Thanking Baumann for his letter with information on Battle of Fallen Timbers. Promise to give proper consideration to request for commemorative stamp.
 2. From Simeon D. Fess, Chairman of U.S. Senate Committee on the Library, May 20, 1929. Thanking Baumann for letter of May 13th and promising support.
 3. From W. W. Chalmers, 9th District Ohio, May 21, 1929. No success with former Postmaster General for getting a commemorative stamp of Battle of Fallen Timbers.
 4. From W. W. Chalmers, June 1, 1929. Sends copy of letter from 3rd Asst. Postmaster General.
 5. From R. S. Regar, 3rd Asst. Postmaster General, June 8, 1929. Acknowledges receipt of Baumann's letter requesting issuance of Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp.
 6. From W. W. Chalmers, June 12, 1929. Has promise from Postmaster General to consider stamp. Will need good likeness of Wayne.
 7. From W. W. Chalmers, June 15, 1929. Has print from Congressional Library to use for likeness of Wayne.

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- Folder 2 Correspondence to Rev. Perry Baumann from May 14 to August 21, 1929
8. From W. W. Chalmers, June 19, 1929. Passing on petitions and resolutions to Postmaster General.
 9. From W. W. Chalmers, June 21, 1929. Asking for exact date desire stamp to be issued.
 10. From W. W. Chalmers, June 27, 1929. Happy that date for issuance of stamp is September 4, 1929.
 11. From W. W. Chalmers, July 1, 1929. Asked Post Office Department to appoint Baumann as manager of A. Wayne Stamp Committee.
 12. From Walter F. Brown, August 10, 1929. Thanks Baumann for note regarding stamp.
 13. From Kenneth MacPherson, Secretary to the Postmaster General, August 14, 1929. Will return pictures within a few days.
 14. From F. A. Tilton, 3rd Assistant Postmaster General, August 21, 1929. Turns down request for 5,000 pre-cancelled stamps.
 15. Postal Telegraph from M.L. Eidsness, Supt. Division of Stamps, August 22, 1929. Will arrive Toledo next day.
 16. From Walter F. Brown, August 30, 1929. Department has directed that stamp shall be placed on sale 14th.
 17. From Walter F. Brown, October 3, 1929. Acknowledging letter from Baumann giving suggestions for new issue of postage stamps.
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous Correspondence
1. R.S. Regar to W. W. Chalmers, House of Representatives, May 29, 1929. To issue commemorative for Battle of Fallen Timbers.
 2. Secretary-Treasurer, Toledo Philatelic Society to Hon. W. W. Chalmers, M.C. House of Representatives, August 7, 1929. Thanks for issuance of Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp and request uncut sheet of 400 for Baumann.
 3. Walter F. Brown to W. W. Chalmers, August 29, 1929. Will do best to meet Rev. Baumann's wishes.
- Folder 4 Photographs of items in the collection
- Folder 5 Four covers, TOLPEX 89 Exhibition Station, February 25, 1989
- Folder 6 Cancelled commemorative cover, September 14, 1929 with block of 9 stamps inside

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Scrapbook created by Rev. Baumann

Inside front cover

- a) Newspaper article – “Hoover may visit Toledo for unveiling of monument.”
- b) Autographed photo of Bruce Wilder Saville, sculptor.

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- a) Toledo News Bee Article on “Mad Anthony”
- b) Print of Portrait of “Mad Anthony” Wayne.
- c) Autograph of William Wayne.

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- a) Photocopy of minutes and original action taken on Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp.

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- a) Signatures of various Toledo area organizations pledging support of issuance of Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamp.

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- a) Blank except for light pencil, “Personal account of getting of stamp.”

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- a) Toledo Philatelic Society. Letter n.d. – From Rev. Perry H. Baumann, President to Mr. Omer C. Thompson, Secy. Asking to present the cause of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of General Wayne and Battle of Fallen Timbers.
- b) Letter – May 17, 1929. To: Perry H. Baumann. From: Frazier Reams, Secy. Of Anthony Wayne Chapter Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution.
- c) Letter May 17, 1929. To: Mr. Stanley Hiatt, Commander, Toledo Post, American Legion. From: Frazier Reams. Asking to bring matter of stamp before the post.
- d) Letter – May 17, 1929. To: Capt. Grant Taylor, President, Anthony Wayne Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. From: Frazier Reams.
- e) Resolution – n.d. – Toledo Post #335 American Legion of Ohio. Signed by Stanley J. Hiatt, Commander.
- f) Letter – May 20, 1929. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: Dorman E. Richardson, Secy., The Y’s Men’s Club of Toledo, OH
- g) Letter to Rev. Baumann. From: don C. Minick; Toledo Americanization Bureau.
- h) Letter – May 20, 1929. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: Dorman E. Richardson, Secy., The Y’s Men’s Club of Toledo, OH.

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- i) Letter – May 22, 1929. To: Rev. Perry Baumann. From: Don C. Minick, Toledo Americanization Bureau.
- j) Letter – May 21, 1929. To: Don C. Minick. From: Vance Holden, Secy. of Garfield; Perry Stamp Club.
- k) Letter – May 24, 1929. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: Henry B. Herman, Secy., Lucas county Council, American Legion
- l) Petition/Resolution by Navy Post of Fallen Timbers Stamp.
- m) Letter – June 6, 1929. To: Simeon D. Fess, U.S. Senate. From: Henry B. Herman, Secy., Lucas County council, American Legion
- n) Letter – February 8, 1930. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: W.W. Chalmers. House of Representatives.

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- a) Letter – February 8, 1930. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: W.W. Chalmers. House of Representatives

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- a) Newspaper Clipping – “Views of New Monument” n.d. or Newspaper title.

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- a) Letter – August 14, 1929. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: Bruce Wilder Saville.
- b) Letter – May 23, 1930. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: Bruce Wilder Saville
- c) Back of envelope with notes of Rev. Baumann.
- d) Letter – August 30, 1929. To: Rev. and Mrs. Perry H. Baumann. From: W.J. Sherman.

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- a) Four (4) mounted photos of the Anthony Wayne home.

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- a) *Linn's Weekly Stamp News* – September 16, 1929. Front Page – “General Anthony Wayne” by Rev. Perry H. Baumann.
- b) Letter – n.d. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: George Thanking for article on Wayne.

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- a) Continuation of Article on Wayne by Rev. Baumann, which appeared in the September 16, 1929 issue of *Linn's Weekly Stamp News*.

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- a) Letter – June 28, 1929. To: Hon. W.W. Chalmers. From: Walter Brown, Postmaster General
- b) Postal Telegraph June 22, 1929. To: Rev. Perry Baumann. From: W.W. Chalmers. “Post Office Department desire immediately the exact date you want the stamp issued.”
- c) News clipping; n.d., no title for paper. “Brown Favors Stamp in Honor of Battle.”

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- a) Hand lettered – centered on page “First sheet of Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamps sold at Main Post Office Toledo, Ohio, September 14, 1929. Presented by Toledo Philatelic Society, to its president Rev. Perry H. Baumann.”

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- a) Handwritten on page – “We the undersigned, guarantee that this sheet of Fallen Timbers Stamps (lower right-hand pane #19829) was the first sheet sold through the window at the Toledo Post Office.”
- b) Four clippings.
- c) First Day Cover autographed by William Wayne.

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- a) Blank – First of stamps removed and encapsulated (Sheet kept in Rare Book Room Vault.)

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- a) Clipping – “Club to observe Historical Day.”
- b) Clipping – “Wayne’s Life Topic of Talk.”
- c) Clipping – “General Wayne Praised Highly by Toledoan.”
- d) Postcard – East Toledo Club Thursday Noon September 19th. Lecture on “The Battle of Fallen Timbers,” by Rev. Perry Baumann.

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- a) Hand lettered and centered on page – “First sheet of Battle of Fallen Timbers Stamps,” presented by the Postmaster General, Walter F. Brown to the Rev. Perry H. Baumann; Father of the Stamp and autographed by the President of the United States, Herbert Hoover; the Postmaster General – Walter F. Brown; the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing – A.W. Hall; Senator W.W. Chalmers; Reverend Perry H. Baumann.

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- a) Letter – September 12, 1929. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: Walter F. Brown. Sending 100 – stamp sheet of first printing of the stamp.
- b) Letter – February 27, 1930. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: W.W. Chalmers. Sending autographed 100-stamp sheet.
- c) First Day Cover autographed, by William Wayne.

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- a) Sheet of 100 stamps – removed and encapsulated (Kept in Rare Book Room Vault.)

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- a) Invitation to unveiling of Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument by Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society.
- b) First Day cover postmarked Waterville, OH, and autographed by William Wayne.
- c) Letter from Rev. E.M. Gearhart, Erie, PA, concerning mix-up of postmarks on First Day Covers.
- d) First Day Cover postmarked Erie, PA, and autographed by J.A. Hawley.
- e) Program for unveiling and dedication of Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument.

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- a) Two First Day Covers: 1 postmarked Erie, PA; 1 postmarked Perrysburg, OH – Both autographed by William Wayne

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- a) Booklet (31 p.) “The Romance of the Maumee Valley” issued with the compliments of The Ohio Savings Bank and Trust Company, 1924.
- b) The Historical Society Northwest Ohio Quarterly Bulletin, May 1929. Subject – Anthony Wayne.

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- a) Letter – August 10, 1931. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: William Wayne.
- b) Letter – May 17, 1929. To: Rev. Perry H. Baumann. From: William Wayne.

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- a) *Linn's Weekly Stamp News*, n.d. "Worthy President Retired" (Rev. Perry H. Baumann)

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- a) *The Toledo Philatelist*, Toledo, Ohio, June 1929, Volume #1, N9.