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Anton Hechler: The Story of a 19th-century German immigrant* (Part 3)

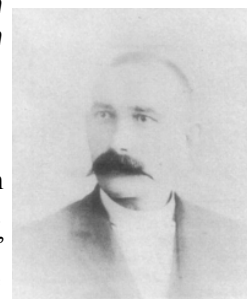
by Lorraine Rasmussen

Introduction by Giles du Boulay

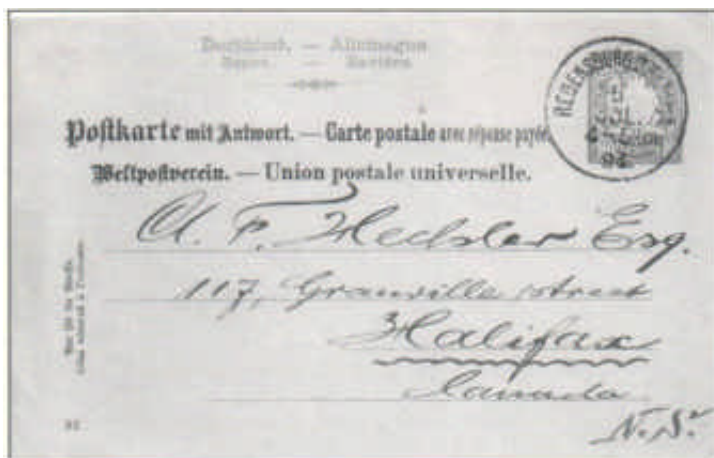
[Part 1 followed Anton from Darmstadt to New York, then Halifax and on to Clarence, Nova Scotia. Part 2 followed Anton through his United States mining adventures - then back to Halifax. Part 3 completes the serial. Some editorial license has been taken for the sake of space - Ed.]

A postcard from Wilhelm in 1894 reveals Anton's interest in philately. Wilhelm writes, "...This postcard with reply attachment, which may soon cease, is destined for you collection..." Reprinting of the 1886 issue of postal stationery cards with the Bavarian Arms stamp did indeed cease in 1895.

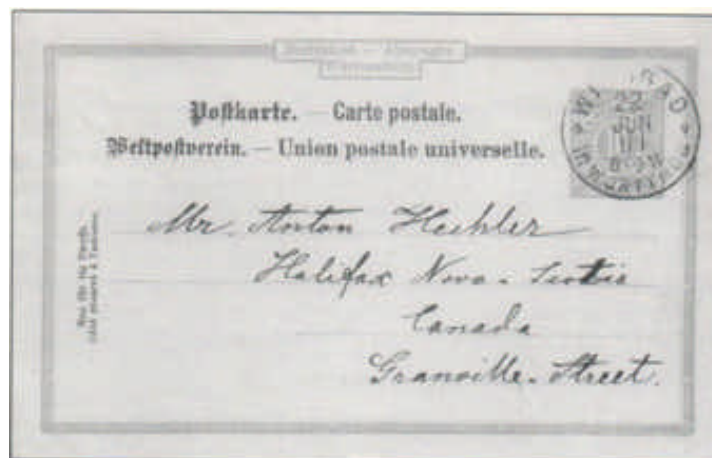
Anton's sister Kathe had also proved to be a faithful correspondent over the years.



Anton Hechler 1857-1908



An 1886 issue, 1892 reprinting, Bavaria UPU postcard with attached reply card (Mi. P24/II) sent from Regensburg on 8 July 1894 to Anton at 117 Granville Street, Halifax.



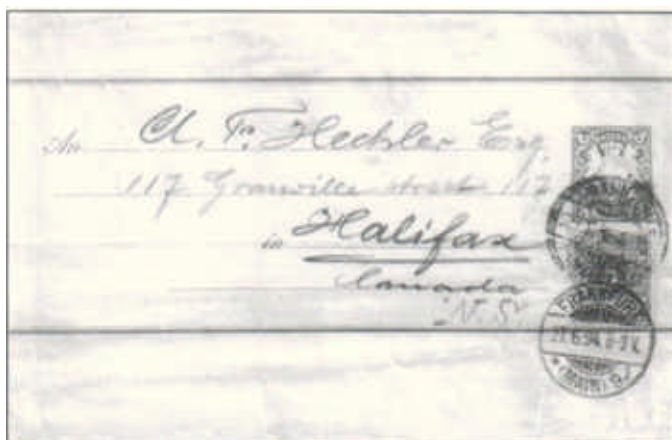
A UPU Württemberg postal stationery card (Mi. P 28/II) sent by Kathe in Wildbad on 22 Jun 1894.

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An 1892 issue 3 pf Bavaria wrapper (Mi. S 9) sent from Frankfurt on 7 June 1894 to Halifax.

Wilhelm Hechler himself travelled extensively throughout Germany. A Bavarian wrapper he sent to Anton in 1894 provides some evidence of that, as having purchased the wrapper in Bavaria he appears to have used it as a matter of convenience in Frankfurt. Consequently, the wrapper was franked with a 5Pf Reichspost stamp to pay the foreign printed matter rate whilst the 3Pf Bavarian imprint played no

part in the postage even though it was also cancelled.

The correspondence also includes a Württemberg postal stationery card from Wilhelm in 1894. On the back there is simply printed message "Die herzlichsten Glückwünsche sendet" without handwritten date or signature, to ensure the card was sent as printed matter. One can only speculate as to the particular reason why Anton received special wishes for good luck at this time; perhaps, as we shall soon learn, he had given notice of yet another change of direction.

Anton returned in early March 1895 to Salt Lake City where his wife rejoined him. An avid stamp collector from youth, he now planned to become a stamp dealer. Henry began to sell him stamps, encouraged him and suggested that he have letterheads printed "Utah Stamp Company, A.F. Hechler, Mgr." Since no such letterheads survive, Anton may not have heeded this advice. The only concrete evidence that he actually became a stamp dealer is the extant remnant of a sign, probably placed in the window of his home, on which are firmly stuck the number of stamps of the world flanked by the words "SOLD & BOUGHT" in bold black lettering.

Restless as ever, Anton returned to mining late in 1895. Letters from December 1895 to 1897 were addressed to him first in Mercur then Silver City, both in Utah, and both now virtual mining "ghost towns". Late in 1897, Anton broke his leg in an accident in Silver City and was hospitalized for a time. He returned to Salt Lake City. His brothers Henry and Wilhelm and his sister Kathe, as always, kept in regular touch.

Anton clearly could not stay in one place long, for in the summer of 1898 he and his wife returned to Silver City, In



A 10 pf Bavaria inland letter-card (Mi. K 2) uprated by 10 pf or the foreign rate, mailed by Kathe in Kolmburg on 22 Feb. 1898 to Salt Lake City

1899, Henry sent him two special pictorial covers promoting the forthcoming Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Anton and his wife saw in the new century in Silver City. He must have delighted to receive the splendid card below from Wilhelm celebrating the dawning century full of hope and



A special Reichspost 5 pf 'new century' card (Mi. P 43/II B) uprated by 5 pf for the foreign postcard rate, sent from Frankfurt to Silver City on 12 Jan 1900.

promise for the future.

The new century did indeed bring new status for Anton, now aged 43. He sent his brother Wilhelm a copy of a local newspaper in which it was reported that he had become (Honorary) Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Wilhelm sent a postcard of congratulations from Frankfurt on which he arranged the stamps with philatelic care [not illustrated]. Henry, in Halifax, promptly bestowed the title "Honorable" on Anton and addressed him by that title on all future correspondence.

Anton's newfound position and undoubted contentment at having at last become established was sadly all too soon to be thrown into turmoil. In September 1903 his wife suddenly died.

A new city with an alluring name beckoned - in the late winter of 1904 he moved, for what would prove to be his last time, to Eureka, Utah. This was the financial centre of the Tintic Mining District, which by 1899 had become one of the top mining areas in Utah. In 1869 it had developed from a camp to a settlement, then into a town, and was incorporated as a city in 1892. In 1979 it entered the National Register of Historic Places.

Sometime in the period running up to Christmas 1906, Anton remarried and had a son to whom Wilhelm became godfather. Anton's bride was 21 years his junior and bore him another son in 1907.

Henry wrote ...to his "Honorable" brother on 20 July 1908. It ...appears to be the last letter received by Anton, a pioneer in his own right, from any of his siblings. It is not known whether Anton answered it.

Sadly, on 12 August 1908, after years of searching for a rich lode of silver, Anton found death instead, at the bottom of the mineshaft down which he had fallen.

He now rests in his grave in Salt Lake City between his two wives. The tombstone is still there today, clearly engraved, although with his year of birth given incorrectly, after the passing of one hundred years.

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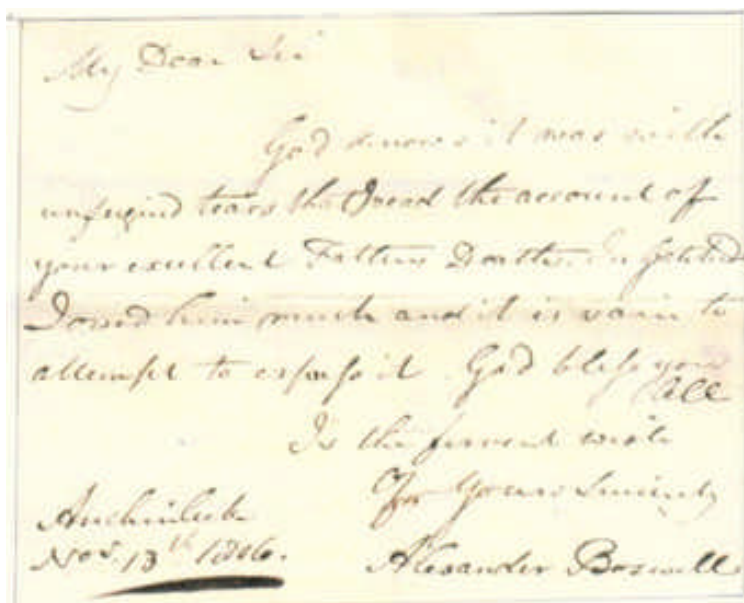
COVER STORY: BENEATH THE POSTMARK

by Rev. J. Raymond Corbett

Occasionally beneath or beyond the postmark there is an interesting story to be told. The following, I believe, is a good example. An entire, dates Nov. 13th 1806, from Auchinleck (near Kilmarnock) in Ayrshire to Edinburgh, shows a KILMARNOCK circular name stamp (Fig 1 0 below). It is a letter of sympathy written by Alexander Boswell to William Forbes on the death of his father Sir William Forbes, a well known Edinburgh banker (Fig 2 - right).

Alexander Boswell was born in 1785, the eldest son of James Boswell, the biographer of Dr. Johnson. He was a Member of Parliament for the County of Ayr and in 1821 received a knighthood. He was a devotee of Robert Burns and was responsible for the erection of several monuments to the poet's memory. Boswell produced two volumes of poems and songs which were highly popular in his own day.

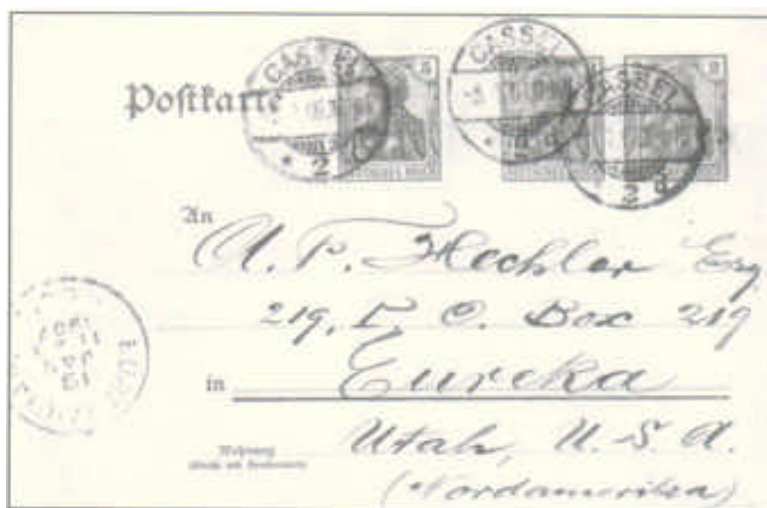
He wrote many articles to the newspapers which were frequently written in a sarcastic vein. One such article to the *Glasgow Sentinel*, was written anonymously regarding Mr. Stuart who confronted the proprietor of the newspaper



demanding the name of the author. He was informed it was Alexander Boswell and thereupon Boswell was challenged to a duel.

The duel took place a few miles north of Edinburgh at the Auchertool in the County of Fife. Facing each other at a distance of twelve paces they were called upon to fire. Boswell was struck in the shoulder, the ball deflecting to the spine. Doctors were sent for from Edinburgh, but Boswell died the following day, Wednesday, March 26th, 1822. Surely a tragic end to a notable life. Mr. Stuart immediately fled England to escape prosecution. Later Mr. Brothwick of the *Glasgow Sentinel* was put on trial for revealing Boswell's name.

As a footnote, it might be added that one of Boswell's descendants was General Auchinleck of Second World War fame, who commanded the Allied Forces in North Africa until he was replaced by General Montgomery. Sometimes 'Beneath the Postmark' can, I think, reveal an interesting story.



A 1906 issue 2 pf + 3pf 'Aufbrauchsausgabe' (use-up issue*) Deutsches Reich postal stationery card (Mi. P70), uprated for the foreign postcard rate and sent from Cassel on 5 Jan 1907 to Eureka, where I arrived just two weeks late on 19 January.

*The 2pf local postcard rate was discontinued on 1 July 1906. Stocks of 2pf cards were used up by adding a 3pf imprint to them.

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Seaside Book & Stamp Closed

Seaside Book & Stamp has closed effective December 31, 2010. Throughout the Recession of the last 2 years, fixed overheads like property taxes, rents and utilities have exceeded store revenues by about 2 to 1, so...

Amanda Lewis, formerly manager of Seaside Book & Stamp, has started a new business effective January 1, 2011. Amanda's new endeavor will focus on collecting supplies for Stamp and Coin collectors. Ms Lewis has agreed to honour any outstanding gift certificates and fill any prepaid supply orders of her former employer!

Amanda brings with her decades of experience in providing collectors with the material they need to fully enjoy the hobby. She is intending to place her first comprehensive order with supply manufactures on January 4. Please email her with any specific requests at any time and she will be happy to include your request in her regular ordering. Amanda has a list of collectors needing annual album supplement updates, but please contact her to make sure that she has your name on her list or simply to add to or change your standing order!

The final business name is subject to regulatory approval and will be communicated here in the near future. Payment for material at this point is limited to cash, cheque (to Amanda Lewis), PayPal or Interact e-transfer (simply go to the 'transfer' tab on your online or mobile banking service at one of the major financial institutions and follow the directions there).

Amanda has also made arrangements with The UPS Store (where we trust you get all of your printing and shipping done!) at 1096 Queen Street, Halifax, to have a display of collector supplies for sale (cash or check only at this point). You might even be waited on by an old friend there.

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Classifieds

HELP - ARTHUR A. BARTLETT

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Edmonton Stamp Club Spring National Show March 2011

The Edmonton Stamp Club's Spring National Stamp Show will be held March 25-27 at West Edmonton Mall, and is a RPSC-accredited national level show. An open invitation has been sent to anyone who has previously exhibited at a regional or local show, and has received at least a silver medal in open competition, to exhibit at a national show. **Exhibit applications will be accepted up to March 1, 2011.**

Please note: The multi-frame Grand Award from the show will be eligible for entrance in the summer APS annual Champion of Champions competition; the single-frame Grand Award will be eligible for entry to the AAPE One-Frame Champion of Champions competition (providing there are at least five single-frame competitive exhibits); and the Youth Grand will be eligible for entry to the APS Youth Champion of Champions competition (providing there are at least three competitive youth exhibits).

The following website provides further information about the Edmonton show www.edmontonstampclub.com/. Copies of the Exhibit forms and prospectus are also there or available for the NS Stamp Club by request.

Canada Post Rates Going Up

It probably comes as no surprise that Canada Post is putting the rates up for mail delivery as of January 17, 2011. The new rates are as follows:

Domestic Standard - \$0.59 up to 30g
 Domestic Standard - \$1.03 30 to 50g

USA Standard - \$1.03 up to 30g
 USA Standard - \$1.25 30 to 50g

International Std. - \$1.75 up to 30g
 International Std. - \$2.50 30 to 50g

The non-standard rates for Lettermail and Letter-post, up to, and over, 100g, have also been revised. Of note is the parity of the Domestic and USA rates eliminating the need for a separate Domestic rate stamp for 30-50g. Current postal rates can be found at canadapost.ca/rates