

**Bibliography of References to the U.P.U. in Cuban Philatelic Literature**  
**by Ernesto Cuesta**

**<AF5201> Actividades Filatélicas**

"El 75 Aniversario de la Unión Postal Universal"

("The 75th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union")

AF, Yr.XXV, No.52, Jan-Feb-Mar 1952, p.8-22, Span.

Historical overview of the functioning of the world postal systems up to the formation of the Universal Postal Union (U.P.U.), followed by a listing of the main components of the treaty governing the U.P.U. that was put in effect on July 1, 1875, followed by further significant developments of the U.P.U. up to the celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1950, an event that member countries agreed to commemorate with relevant stamp issues.

**<AF5303> Actividades Filatélicas**

"Burda Falsificación de Sello Cubano" ("Poor Cuban Stamp Forgery")

AF, Yr.XXVI, No.58, Mar 1953, p.6, Span.

On a forgery of the U.P.U. overprint on the re-engraved Tobacco issue of 1950 (Scott 449-451).

**<ALEM0610a> Aleman, Luis**

"Correo Marítimo por el Caribe. 1779-1879" ("Caribbean Maritime Mail. 1779-1879")

Boletín 2, España 06, Exposición Mundial de Filatelia (Bulletin 2, España 06 International Philatelic Exhibition), Málaga 7-13 Oct, 2006, pp.30-59 (30), ill., Span. & Eng.

Description of the author's collection of eight frames explaining the origin and operation of the maritime mails in the Caribbean area from its onset until Spain joined the UPU. Each of the frames illustrates the covers and known postal markings that explain the routes utilized for mail transportation, the ships utilized, and other details of that era.

**<BEND8800> Bendon, James**

U.P.U. Specimen Stamps

Limassol, Cyprus: Published by James Bendon, 1988, 260pp. Cuba listings on pp.79-81, 235 (4).

**A handbook and priced catalogue listing all the Specimen stamps distributed by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union. Well researched by an acknowledged expert in the field—this is the standard reference work on the subject.** Contents: The UPU and Specimen Stamps, Historical background, Specimen Stamps, Distribution to UPU members, Receipt by UPU members, Priced Catalogue, Catalogue information, Index to territories, Territory checklist, Reference Appendices, Quantities for distribution, UPU membership dates.

**<C1601g> El Coleccionista**

"Series en preparación" ("Issues being prepared")

C, No.1, 2nd Epoch, January-February 1916, p.8, Span.

Report of news received of a new issue of stamps and postcards being prepared featuring effigies of Cuban patriots. Tentative denominations and patriots featured in each denomination are listed. Colors other than those to conform with U.P.U. requirements are said to be varied. The piece recommends the addition of some extra denominations. A salient feature of the piece is the citing of source pictures being considered for the portraits of the patriots to be featured on the stamps.

**<CABR0905c> Cabrera, Octavio**

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"Variedades de las Tarjetas Postales Cubanas de 1880 a 1882 de la U.P.U."

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### **<CABR1204a> Cabrera, Octavio**

"New Discoveries on the Plating of the 1880-1881 U.P.U. Cards"

"Nuevos Descubrimientos en el Plancheo de las Tarjetas de 1880-1881 de la U.P.U."

Co-Author: Robert Littrell (also listed as <LITT1204b>).

JCP, Vol.3, No.2, Issue No.8, Apr-Jun, 2012, pp.12-17 (6), ill., Eng.&Span.

Study that shows that the plates for double postal cards of the UPU 1880-1881 are derived from single postal card plates, based on observations from a group of 1881 cards examined. These results are also based on a previous study published by the same authors (see <LITT0909> = <CABR0909>).

### **<CABR1605b> Cabrera, Octavio**

"Cuba Stationery from the UPU Archive"

PSta, Vol.58., No3, WNo.408, May-June 2016, p.118. Also listed as <MENU1605b>.

Inquiry by Octavio Cabrera about manuscript markings on Cuban postal cards supposedly identifying them as specimens (see <TOWLR1605> in the same journal. PSta editor Wayne Menuz provides an answer to the inquiry under the same entry.

### **<CABR1610b> Cabrera, Octavio**

"The 1890's New Composition cards were an error—just not the first."

"Las tarjetas con la Nueva Composición de los 1890s fueron un error, pero no el primero."

JCP, Vol.7, No.4, Issue 26--Oct-Dec 2016, pp.16-17, ill., Eng. & Span.

Robert Littrell, in his work on the 1882 reply-paid postal cards, explained that in a reprint made between 1885 and 1890, the position of the stamps on the card differed from the original 1882 issue (see <LITT1101a>). Initially, this was catalogued as an error, but a supplement to the Laíz catalog refers to them as "Modified Composition Cards" (see <LAIZ1201>, p.223). At the end of the article, the author notes that this was not the first error in the "New Composition" cards, as upon examining archival proofs of the 1880 UPU double cards, he discovered another error, which he also illustrates and describes to conclude the article.

### **<CABR2307c> Cabrera, Octavio**

"Havana to Nassau – The Long Way."

"La Habana a Nassau – El Camino Largo"

JCP, Vol.14, No.3, Issue 53, Jul-Sep 2023, pp.18-19, ill., Eng. & Span.

Detailed analysis of the routing of a U.S. 2c Liberty card overprinted "Cuba.—2c. de Peso", revalued to 1c by a perforated "1" over the 2c overprint and with a 1c Cuba Columbus statue stamp added to make up the required UPU rate for a card addressed abroad, that was sent from Havana to Nassau via New York.

### **<CALV2200> Calvo Hernández, Bienvenido**

El Servicio de Correos Entre España y América (The Mail Service Between Spain and America)

Barcelona, Spain: Imprenta La Academia/Serra y Russell, 1922, 120 pp., Span.

**[Need copy; link is to Library of Congress reference information]**

Citing <GAHL8400>, p.213: Packed with information of sailing times, postal schedules, legislation, etc. Also has the UPU treaty of 1920 resulting from the UPU convention held in Madrid.

### **<COCK7000> Cockrill, Philip**

United Fruit Company—The History, the Ships, and Cancellations of the Great White Fleet, Series Booklet No.28  
Newbury, Berkshire, Enland: Published by Philip Cockrill, 1970, 44pp., ill. Reprinted in 1982.

Title is self-explanatory. The relevance to Cuba is that the ships of the company stopped at several Cuban ports (see map on p.43) and thus there are cancellations of the company on covers with Cuban stamps (see illustration on p.34). An explanation of the U.P.U. regulations governing the use of stamps of the visited ports is provided at the bottom of p.13 and into p.14. Listings of the ships owned by the United Fruit Company and its subsidiaries are

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provided together the type of cancellations they used, the year they were built, their tonnage, flag of registry, and owners. The cancellation types mentioned are all illustrated.

### **<CTP0311> Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste**

"Cuba"

CTP, No.277, 1 Nov 1903, p.355, in French.

Follow-up on the April report about the set of stamps planned by the new Republic of Cuba commemorating the proclamation of the Republic. The values and colors of the planned stamps are listed and it is noted that they do not conform with the standard colors stipulated by the U.P.U., so that it is surmised they will only be placed in circulation inside the Island. The planned quantities to be produced of each value in the set are given, but no information about the accepted designs is reported to be available.

### **<CUES2310a> Cuesta, Ernesto**

"Follow-up to the U.P.U. Stamp Issue"

"Seguimiento a la emisión de sellos de la U.P.U."

JCP, Vol.14, No.4, Issue 54, Oct-Dec 2023, pp.14-18 (5), ill., Eng. & Span.

Follow-up to <ZALD2310> noting discrepancies in the dates of issue of both the base "Habano Tobacco" stamps (Scott 445-447, Edifil 432-434) and the set of stamps overprinted to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.P.U. (Scott 449-451, Edifil 436-438). Also, verification of the fact that the "broken 8 in 1874" variety found in the U.P.U. overprinted stamp issue of 1950 appears only on a single position of the left bottom panel of 70 stamps of the four panel full sheets of overprinted stamps. Finally, the article shows the reconstruction of the full pane of the overprinted stamps with inverted surcharges last owned by Mr. Leonardo Palencia from images of the various blocks of stamps into which Leonardo cut the pane for selling parts of it while keeping some for his collection.

### **<ECHE1006> Echenagusía García, Carlos**

"El correo de Cuba con los Estados Unidos de América desde 1800 hasta la creación de la Unión Postal Universal" ("The Mails Between Cuba and the United States of America from 1800 until the Creation of the U.P.U.")

RF, Yr.XLIV, No.472, Jun 2010, pp.394-398 (5), ill., Span.

Mention of the military events of the 18th century which influenced trade and therefore Cuba's correspondence with other countries. At the beginning of the 19th century, Spain authorized the free trade of the Spanish colonies with foreign countries, resulting in an increase in the volume of trade and mail with the United States. The article shows five covers, prior to the entry of the United States into the UPU in 1875, which were transported by ships traveling between Cuba and ports of the U.S.

### **<ECHE1305b> Echenagusía García, Carlos**

"El correo desde Cuba al exterior vía de EE.UU. en los años posteriores a la creación de la Unión Postal Universal y antes de la incorporación de la isla a ella." ("Cuban foreign mails via the U.S. in the years after the creation of the Universal Postal Union but before Cuba joined.")

RF, Yr.XLVII, No.504, May 2013, pp.431-434 (4), ill., Span.

Before Cuba entered into the UPU in 1877, mail between Cuba and Europe was transported via the United States for which Cuba paid fees to the U.S. The article discusses six such covers mailed between 1874 and 1875 and explains the postal markings and fees appearing on them.

### **<ECHE1401> Echenagusía García, Carlos**

"Las agencias postales inglesas de Cuba"

("The British Postal Agencies in Cuba")

Part I: RF, Yr.XLVIII, No.511, Jan 2014, pp.18-19 (2), ill., Span.

Part II: RF, Yr.XLVIII, No.512, Feb 2014, pp.131-132 (2), ill., Span.

Part III: RF, Yr.XLVIII, No.513, Mar 2014, pp.207-208 (2), ill., Span.

Operation of the British Postal Agency in Cuba from its inception in 1842 until Cuba entered the UPU in 1877.

The article illustrates and describes several covers from Havana and Santiago de Cuba and explains the postal markings found on them. [Editorial comment: Page 207 of Part III is the same as page 132 of Part II and page 208 of Part III just illustrates and describes two covers from Havana to Paris via England.]

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### **<GUER5705a> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis**

"Historia y Filatelia Cubana. Reseña Histórica del Correo en Cuba. Epoca III. Desde la Aparición del Sello Postal Adhesivo Hasta el Cese de la Dominación Española"

("Cuban History and Philately. Historical Summary of the Postal Service in Cuba. Epoch III. From the Appearance of the First Adhesive Stamp to the End of the Spanish Administration")

BMI, Yr.1, No.5, May 1957, pp.2-9 (8), ill., Span.

In 1854, Spain decreed the compulsory prepayment of correspondence to the overseas provinces, and April 24, 1855 may be considered the beginning of the third period. The article includes an image of a cover bearing an adhesive stamp canceled in Havana on April 25, 1855. During the nearly half century covered by this third period, which would end in 1898 with the American intervention, several developments stand out: 1) the inauguration of Havana's internal mail service in 1855; 2) the compulsory prepayment of official mail in 1858; 3) the differentiation in 1877 of Puerto Rico stamps from those of Cuba through the application of a signature-style overprint; 4) the reorganization and improvement of the land and maritime postal systems; 5) the emergence and organization of insurgent mail, with the printing of stamps during both the Ten Years' War and the War of Independence; and, 6), the inauguration in 1888 of the service for letters with declared value and the dispatch of maritime parcels. Additionally, with the creation of the UPU in 1874, among the advantages of the incorporation of Spains and its colonies into the UPU, the author notes the change of the legend on the stamps for Cuba from ULTRAMAR to CUBA.

### **<HARG7903> Hargest, George E.**

"The Treaty of Berne, 1874, the Convention of Paris, 1878, and the Postal Unions"

AP, Vol.93, No.3, WNo.938, Mar 1979, pp.219-228 (10), ill.;

AP, Vol.93, No.3, WNo.939, Apr 1979, pp.315-320 (6), ill.

Overview of the 1874 Treaty of Berne which created the General Postal Union that started governing international mail rates between participating countries on July 1, 1875, and was later modified by the 1878 Convention of Paris which changed the name of the General Postal Union to the "Universal Postal Union". Cuba and Puerto Rico entered the Union on May 1, 1877, with a single weight letter rate of 5 céntimos and a postal card rate of 2 céntimos. This article discusses the application of the provisions of the Treaty through the use of various examples. It is an essential reference for the student of Cuban postal history in understanding the rates and regulations that governed mail with members of the GPU/UPU after May 1, 1877.

### **<HERNM0708> Hernández Machado, Juan**

Revista "Filatelia Cubana"-- Índice 1965-2006

Habana, Cuba: Obtained from the author as a Microsoft Word file , August 2007, 30 pp., Span.

Detailed index of the journal Filatelia Cubana for the period 1965-2006 covering the full lifetime span of the journal. The index is organized by subject matter. Item 37 in the index reads as follows:

37. Unión Postal Universal (UPU), UPAE, UPAEP (Universal Postal Union (UPU), Postal Union of the Americas and Spain (UPAE), Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (UPAEP))

### **<HILLR0809> Hill, Ronald**

"Cuba and France Issue Semi-Postal Stamps to Combat Cancer"

"Cuba y Francia Emiten Sellos Semi-Postales para Combatir el Cáncer"

CPa, Vol.19, No.54, Last Third 2008, pp.22-23, ill., Eng. & Span.

Article about the Cuban issue of two semi-postal stamps (Scott B1 and B2) honoring Marie and Pierre Curie for their discovery of radium as a tool to combat cancer. The stamps were an almost exact copy of a French stamp issued to collect funds for the "International Union Against Cancer", following a French proposal for every member of the UPU to join the effort. However, no other UPU member country responded except Cuba. The article details the story behind the stamp issue.

### **<KOUR9610c> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

"International Reply Coupon From Cuba"

"Vale de Respuesta Internacional de Cuba"

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CPa, Vol.VIII, No.22, Oct 1996, pp.46-47, ill., Eng & Span.

The author explains the origins and purpose of the UPU international reply coupons, and reproduces the front and back of a coupon purchased in Havana on October 1, 1918.

**<[KOUR9810d](#)> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

“A Puerto Rican Stamp Used in Cuba in 1887”

” Un Sello de Puerto Rico Usado en Cuba en 1887”

CPa, Vol.10, No.30, Oct 1998, pp.169-170, ill. Eng & Span.

Report on a cover sent in 1887 from Havana to Berlin. The letter was franked with two five-cent stamps, one from Cuba (Scott 125) and the other from Puerto Rico (Scott 68). In the author’s opinion, all indications are that the violation of UPU regulations went unnoticed by either postal administration.

**<[KOUR0009e](#)> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

“A Universal Postal Union Identity Card”

“Una Tarjeta de Identidad de la Unión Postal Universal”

CPa, Vol.12, No.36, Last Third 2000, p.110, ill., Eng & Span.

Report on an identity card printed by the UPU for the Cuban postal administration. The author suggests that it was used as identification for conducting postal transactions.

**<[KOUR0009g](#)> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

“Answers to Cover Number 2-00”

“Respuestas a la Cubierta Número 2-00”

CPa, Vol.12, No.36, Last Third 2000, pp.127-128, ill., Eng & Span.

Report of answers received explaining Cover Number 2-00 described in [<KOUR0005h>](#).

The cover analyzed, franked with five cents in Spanish postage stamps, was postmarked in Cuba on January 2, 1899, a date on which those stamps were no longer valid. Upon arrival in the United States, and in accordance with UPU agreements, a postage-due charge of 10 cents was assessed.

**<[KOUR0301e](#)> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

"Mail Through the Lines (Spanish-American) in Cuba During 1898."

"El Correo a Través de la Frontera (Española-Americana) en Cuba Durante 1898."

CPa, Vol.15, No.43, First Third 2003, pp.15-17 (3), ill., Eng & Span.

Article on a cover posted without postage in Havana and received in Santiago de Cuba on October 2, 1898.

Because at that time the easternmost part of the island was occupied by American troops, the letter was treated as incoming foreign mail. For this reason, a postage-due charge of 10 cents was applied, double the UPU international rate.

**<[KOUR0709e](#)> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

“Answers to Cover Number 1-07”

“Respuestas a la Cubierta Número 1-07”

CPa, Vol.18, No.52, Last Third 2007, p.40, ill., Eng. & Span.

Report of answers received explaining Cover Number 1-07 described in [<KOUR0701f>](#).

The cover which was sent from Cuba to Mexico in November 1878, belongs to the period in which Cuba already belonged to the UPU, but not Mexico. The author is not able to explain the franking on the cover because he was not able to find the applicable postal rates at the time.

**<[KOUR0808](#)> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

Early German Steamship Companies and Cuban Mail

(Postbeförderung über die frühen Liniendienste Deutscher Reedereien im Verkehr mit Kuba)

Microsoft PowerPoint presentation given by the author at a meeting of the Cuban Philatelic Society of America held at StampShow 2008 in Hartford, Connecticut, on 17 August 2008, 35 pp., ill.

The presentation covers the period before Cuba’s entry in the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in May 1877 and after Cuba’s entry in the UPU until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The following topics are covered:

- Early ship mail between Cuba and Germany.
- Early steamship mail between Cuba and Germany via the United States.



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- Mail carried by German steamship companies traveling between Europe and the United States.
- Mail carried by German steamship companies traveling directly to Cuba.
- Summary of German postmarks used on incoming steamship mail from the West Indies (and some via the United States).
- German Steamship Companies Agents' Markings.
- German Naval ship mail.

### **<KOUR0809e> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

"The First Cuban RECOMMANDÉ Markings"

"Las Primeras Marcas RECOMMANDÉ de Cuba"

CPa, Vol.19, No.55, Jan-Apr 2009, pp.10-14 (5), ill., Eng. & Span.

After Cuba joined the UPU on May 1, 1877, some French markings started to be applied to Cuban mail sent abroad since French was the official language of the UPU. This article briefly describes and shows several Cuban registered covers bearing such markings mailed abroad. These markings included the word RECOMMANDÉ which is the French equivalent of "registered". See <GONZ0901> for a report of an additional such cover from one of this article's readers.

### **<KOUR0905e> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

"Answer for Cover Number 2-09"

"Respuesta a la Carta Número 2-09"

CPa, Vol.20, No.56, May-Aug 2009, p.30, ill., Eng. & Span.

No reply was received to the request for an explanation of Cover Number 2-09 (see <KOUR0901b>), so Kourí surmises that the intention of the sender was to put the cover in the Cuban mails or possibly on board a ship soon after it left Cuba, but the letter never entered the mails until it arrived in New York where the Cuban stamps were not valid and thus a 5c. U.S. stamp had to be applied to the letter in New York to pay the international UPU rate.

### **<KOUR1801> Kourí, Jr. , Yamil H.**

"Mail from Mexico to Spain by British Steamers via Havana, 1842-1864"

"El Correo de México a España por Vapores Británicos vía La Habana, 1842-1864"

CPa, Vol.28, No.82, Jan-Apr 2018, pp.8-18 (11), ill., Eng. & Span.

After Mexico's independence, British vessels were the principal means of communication between the country and the rest of the world. The article examines correspondence sent from Mexico to Spain that was carried by British steamships. In general, this mail was prepaid in Veracruz and then traveled to Havana, which around 1840 was the main transshipment port in the Western Caribbean. In the author's view, up to the time of Mexico's entry into the UPU, there were four distinct periods in the way correspondence traveled from Havana to London. In the early years it was handled by the Empresa de Correos Marítimos; later by the Cuban postal administration; then by British steamers to London traveling as open mail; and finally by the same route but sent in sealed mailbags. Each of these stages is illustrated with covers, together with detailed explanations of the rates and markings applied.

### **<LEWIG1203> Lewis, Geoffrey**

"Philippines, Cuba, New Orleans, Inwards to Spain, 1836 Anglo-French Postal Treaty."

Display by Geoffrey Lewis FRPSL at the Royal Philatelic Society of London, 1 March 2012, 8 pp., ill.

This presentation consists of one page introduction followed by one page overviews of four exhibits by Mr. Lewis which have won one Gold Medal and three Large Gold Medals at international philatelic exhibitions, including an exhibit titled "Cuba Maritime Postal History Prior to UPU Membership in 1877" that won a Large Gold Medal at the Yokohama 2011 International Philatelic Exhibition (see page 5).

### **<LEWIG1805> Lewis, Geoffrey**

"CUBA--Maritime Postal History Pre UPU Membership of 1877."

Tel Aviv, Israel: Israel 2018 Philatelic Exhibition, 27-30 May 2018, 8-frame exhibit (128 pages), ill.

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Quoting from the exhibit's cover page: "The exhibit shows the development of routes, rates, and markings for mail carried from Cuba to other countries. Most mail was from Havana, the capital and major port. Mail from the southern port of Santiago de Cuba often travelled by different routes than Havana mail. Because of its geographical location, many of the branch lines connected Santiago with Kingston or St. Thomas. The exhibit includes a very few special covers originating elsewhere, but with important transit in Cuba."

**<LEWIG2404> Lewis, Geoffrey**

"Cuba Maritime Postal History Prior to UPU Membership in 1877"

("Historia Postal Marítima de Cuba Antes de Pertenecer a la UPU").

FDCW, CUBAFIL'24 Virtual Philatelic Exhibition, April 20 to 28, 2024.

Eight-frame exhibit (128 pages). Exhibited for the first time at a the CUBAFIL/24 virtual exhibition. The exhibit shows the development of maritime routes, their rates, and markings illustrated mainly with stampless covers from Cuba to other countries, with some covers originating elsewhere directed to Cuba, or with important transit through Cuba, Cuba being in a key geographical location for maritime travel and commerce.

**<LINN9710> Linn's Stamp News**

"Universal Postal Union has worldwide reach"

LINN, Vol.70, Issue 3600, 27 Oct 1997, p.35, ill.

General information about the founding of the UPU and listing of all member countries to date with Cuba becoming a member in October 1902.

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**<LITT1101a> Littrell, Robert**

"A History of Errors - The Cuban New Composition Cards"

"Una Historia de Errores - La Nueva Composición de las Tarjetas de Cuba"

JCP, Vol.2, No.1, Issue No.3, Jan-Mar 2011, pp.3-6 (4), ill., Eng. & Span.

The article studies the postal cards of the UPU from 1882 with a paid reply card. When observing the two cards of each pair, they are seen as a mirror image, where both the stamp of the outgoing card and the stamp of the reply card are located to the left of the text. The article indicates that there are some of these double cards in which both stamps are located to the right of the text. While catalogs consider this situation as a printing error, the author considers that they correspond to the plate of a printing run made between 1885 and 1890, which he calls "1882 reply cards with a new composition."

**<LITT1204b> Littrell, Robert**

"New Discoveries on the Plating of the 1880-1881 U.P.U. Cards"

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The authors demonstrate that the plate for the 1881 UPU double postcards was composed using the plate for the single postcards. They base this conclusion on a prior study published by the authors (see <LITT0909> or <CABR0909>). After examining a group of potential variants, they are left with only one unknown to finalize the definitive plate for the 1881 double postcards.

### <MACA2304> Macarrón Pliego, Rafael

“Correo Marítimo de Cuba con el exterior, Siglo XVIII hasta 1871 (final de las empresas mercantes)”

(“International Maritime Mails of Cuba, 17<sup>th</sup> Century to 1870 (end of the mercantile enterprises)”)

Teruel, Spain: Collection entered at the EXFILNA 2023 Spanish national philatelic exhibition held in Teruel from 19 to 23 of April 2023, where it obtained the Grand Award of the exhibition. The collection is organized so as to form a detailed specialized chronological catalog of the international maritime mails of Cuba starting with the establishment of the “Correos Marítimos del Estado” (“Maritime Mails of Spain”) by Royal Decree in 1764. Maritime mails continued under control of the Naval Ministry of Spain, up to the appearance of mercantile enterprises handling commerce with Havana in 1827. Thereafter, numerous other commercial ventures surged and evolved through 1871, ending in 1877 with the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). The introductory page of the exhibition provides a detailed overview of the contents of the collection.

### <MENU1605a> Menuz, Wayne

"Editor's Note to Chile UPU Specimens"

PSta, Vol.58., No3, WNo.408, May-June 2016, pp.92-97 (6), ill. Editor's note to <TOWLR1605>.

Supplement to <TOWLR1605> showing examples of various methods the UPU marked postal stationery from other countries of Latin America that it placed into its reference collection. On page 93, three Cuban postal stationery specimens from UPU reference collection are illustrated: Cuba UPSS Envelope No.9 and postal cards UPSS Nos. S1 and S2.

### <MENU1605b> Menuz, Wayne

"Cuba Stationery from the UPU Archive"

PSta, Vol.58., No3, WNo.408, May-June 2016, p.118. Also listed as <CABR1605b>.

Reply to an inquiry by Octavio Cabrera about manuscript markings on Cuban postal cards supposedly identifying them as specimens (see <TOWLR1605> in the same journal.

### <MITC2304b> Mitchell, Byron

“Acknowledgment of Receipt (Aviso de Recibo) from Puerto Rico and Cuba”

Co-Author: Raúl Pérez Rivera (also listed as <PEREZR2304b>)

POSS, Vol..44, No.2, WNo.166, Second Quarter 2021, pp.36-43 (8), ill.

Establishment of the “acknowledgment of receipt” service in Puerto Rico and Cuba for registered mail after the UPU established this service for registered mail in 1879, with comparison of the services and auxiliary markings used in Puerto Rico and Cuba.

### <NAPP8504> Napp, Joseph M.

"Quantities of Overprinted Issues"

POSS, Vol.8, No.2, WNo.28, 2nd Quarter, 1985, pp.5-6.

The author reviews annotations made in the accounting books of the firms that overprinted U.S. stamps after the war with Spain. He reports that the information found in some cases contradicts the quantities that had been accepted to date, and in other cases provides new information on the subject. A summary table lists, by date, the quantities printed and sent to Cuba of the overprinted stamps for regular mail, special delivery, and postage due. It also indicates the quantities of specimens sent to the Postmaster General, the UPU, and the Paris Exposition of 1900.

### <NAPP9807> Napp, Joseph M.

"U.S. Possessions Stamps printed for Specimen Use Purposes 1899-1907"

POSS, Vol.19, No.3, WNo.69, 3rd Quarter, 1998, pp.40-57 (17), ill.

The author notes that the stamps designated as *specimens* from the American possessions were printed for four possible destinations: specimens for the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General; for display in U.S.



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government stamp exhibitions; specimens for the Universal Postal Union; and for the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department. For each of these destinations, he identifies the distinctive characteristics and varieties of the stamps that were printed and sent. In the case of Cuba, shipments are documented for the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, for the Paris Exposition of 1900, and for the UPU. The article includes an example of the Cuban stamp (Scott E1) with the "ULTRAMAR" overprint. In the author's view, this overprint was applied in Portugal to one of the specimens sent to the UPU.

### <PALE2101> Palencia Norcisa, Leonardo

"The U.P.U. Inverted Surcharge"

"La Sobrecarga de la U.P.U. Invertida"

CPa, Vol. 31, No.91, Jan-Apr 2021, pp.108-111 (4), ill., Eng. & Span.

Overview of the discovery two full sheets of 70 stamps of the inverted surcharge error by Enrique Marcet, a reknown philatelist from Matanzas, Cuba. One of the sheets was sold by Marcet to Buenaventura Cruz Planas and is currently in the Cuban National Postal Museum. The other sheet was eventually bought by the author of this article and consisted of a vertical strip of 14 stamps (2x7) and a block of 42 stamps (6x7). The vertical strip was divided into two blocks of 4, one horizontal pair, and two single stamps by Mr. Palencia who traded them to other collectors, keeping the large block of 6x7 stamps for his collection.

### <PEREZR2304b> Pérez-Rivera, Raúl A.

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POSS, Vol.44, No.2, WNo.166, Second Quarter 2023, pp.36-43 (8), ill.

Establishment of the "acknowledgment of receipt" service in Puerto Rico and Cuba for registered mail after the UPU established this service for registered mail in 1879, with comparison of the services and auxiliary markings used in Puerto Rico and Cuba.

### <PETED8204> Peterson, Donald J.

"Registration of Mail in the Spanish Philippines, 1854-1898"

AP, April 1982, pp.338-342, 384 (6), ill.

Thorough discussion of registered mail regulations, rates, and markings in the Philippines for the period cited in the article's title, including the impact of joining the U.P.U. on the handling of registered mail. Although the article is strictly focused on the Philippines, it is of interest to the Cuban philatelist because of the similarities in the handling of registered mail in the Spanish colonies of the Philippines, Cuba, and Puerto Rico that were governed by similar regulations from Spain and later also by the U.P.U.

### <PETED8403> Peterson, Donald J.

"Postal Rates of the Spanish Philippines: The Universal Postal Union Period, 1879-1898."

AP, March 1984, pp.224-226, 278 (4), ill.

Useful information on the postal rates between Spain and her colonies and UPU member countries before and during the 1879-1898 period. Although the article places emphasis on the Spanish Philippines, it contains several specific references to Cuba and other general information of use to the student of Cuban postal history.

### <POSTb189807> Posts--Cuba--U.S. Administration, 1898-1902

"Order No. 296 of the Postmaster General"

Washington, DC: Post Office Department, Daily Bulletin of the Orders Affecting the Postal Service, Vol. XIX, No.5610, 23 Jul 1898, p.1.

Announcement of the modification of Order No. 161 of 26 April 1898, to allow postal communications between the U.S. and Santiago, Cuba. The order specifies the postal rates for all types of postal species and specifies that only U.S. postage stamps will be valid for the prepayment of postage. Articles originating in or destined for countries beyond the U.S. shall be subject to UPU rates and conditions.

### <POSTc194700> Posts--Cuba--Republic, 1902-1958

*République de Cuba: XII<sup>e</sup> Congrès de L'Union Postale Universelle-Paris, 1947*

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Habana: Ministerio de Comunicaciones (Ministry of Communications), Dirección de Correos (Post Office Directorate), 1947, 12 pp. plus ornate presentation covers, ill., in French.

Special Presentation Folder prepared by the Cuban postal administration for distribution to participants at the 1947 UPU Congress held in Paris, France. Offered for sale by Sandafayre Ltd. as Lot 2316 in Kwik-Bid Auction #4293 held on 29 May 2019.

### **<PSta1505> Postal Stationery**

"Market Report"

PSta, Vol.57, No.2, WNo.401, Mar-Apr 2015, pp.158-159, ill.

Report of the sale of two Cuban postal cards, UPSS S15 and S25, both with "ULTRAMAR" overprints by the Spanish post office for UPU specimens. Sold at HR Harmer auctions for \$650 and \$500 respectively.

### **<RODR0810> Rodríguez Collazo, Pedro Manuel**

Cuba y su Historia Postal (Cuba and its Postal History)

Hialeah, FL: Correo Mayor Publications, Oct 2008, 289 pp. plus covers, spiral bound, ill., Span.

The date of publication is taken from the inside back cover of the book.

The book is a comprehensive postal history of Cuba from its inception in the pre-philatelic maritime mails, through all of Cuban postal history phases and areas, up to the end of the pre-Castro Cuban Republic in 1959. The book is based on 40 years of work in which the author has distilled the content of all of his previous publications, added innumerable other pieces of information from his files, and produced the masterpiece of all of his philatelic publications. The book is a key reference for the study of all aspects of Cuban philately.

Following are the main sections of the book in the page order in which they appear:

Introduction—Front cover and background information (up to p.24)

Maritime Mails (pp. 25-46)

Early Stampless Period (pp. 46-62)

Establishment of Railroads (pp. 63-73)

State Maritime Mail Company (Empresa de Correos Marítimos del Estado) (pp. 73-78)

Introduction of Stamps (pp.78-85)

International Mails, Forwarding Agents, Railroad Markings (pp.86-113)

Spanish Transatlantic Company (Compañía Trasatlántica Española) (pp. 113-130)

British Postal Agencies (pp. 131-159)

French Postal Agencies (pp. 160-188)

UPU to US Administration (pp. 189-206)

Early Republic (pp. 207-229)

Development of Air Mail (pp. 230-263)

Management of the Mail Service (pp. 264-285)

Table of Contents and Ending (pp.286-289 plus back cover)

### **<ROY1410> Roy, Rudolph (Rudy), Jr.**

"1899 New Year's Greetings"

POSS, Vol.35, No.4, WNo.131, Fourth Quarter 2014, front cover plus pp.10-11, ill.

Reproduction of the front and back an 1899 New Year's Greeting Card sent by the New York Postmaster to colleagues in the U.P.U. Of interest is that on the reverse of the card are listed the first ten Military Post Offices established in Cuba by the U.S. as branches of the New York Post Office. The circular date stamps of the ten military post offices are shown with the dates appearing in the canceller corresponding to the dates that they were established. See <KOUR1501> for comments on the circular date stamps on the New Year's Greeting Card.

### **<STAR8200> Starnes, Charles J.**

United States Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations 1847 to GPU-UPU

Louisville, Kentucky: Leonard Hartmann, 1982, 74 pp. Cuba on pp.48,57,61.

See <STAR8900> for reprint and annotation.

### **<STAR8900> Starnes, Charles J.**

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### United States Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations 1847 to GPU-UPU

Louisville, Kentucky: Leonard Hartmann, 1989, 83 pp. Cuba on pp.48,57,61. [Need copy of cited pages.]  
Revised 2nd edition of <STAR8200>.

Quoting <WINT9205>: "This book compiled the U.S. rates to all foreign destinations for which information could be obtained. ... A quick, easy-to-use reference, such as the Starnes book, is the best way to obtain these rates when evaluating covers. This book is the best reference for rates from the U.S. to foreign countries before the UPU period." According to <WINT9205>, the book "addresses the deficiencies in Hargest's rate tables" (see <HARG7100>). The information in this book is vital to the Cuban postal historian for the understanding of rate markings on covers from and to Cuba to Europe via the United States.

### <TOWLR1605> Towle, Ross A.

"Chile UPU Specimens"

PSta, Vol.58., No3, WNo.408, May-June 2016, pp.91-97 (7), ill. Cuba on p.93.

Note: Page 91 of the article is mislabeled as being from the Jan-Feb 2015 issue of PSta.

Article on UPU Specimens of Chilean postal stationery from the reference collection of the UPU which sold its holdings at some point. The article describes the way the UPU marked items in its reference collection. The editor of PSta, Wayne Menuz (see <MENU1605a>), adds a note to the article providing examples of items from the UPU reference collection from other countries. On page 93, three Cuban postal stationery specimens from UPU reference collection are illustrated: Cuba UPSS Envelope No.9 and postal cards UPSS Nos. S1 and S2.

Also see <MENU1605b> for related reference to the manuscript notations on the shown Cuban items.

### <TYX8301> Tyx, Mark R.

"Mystery Solved: "ULTRAMAR" Handstamp on Cuban Republic Envelopes"

PSta, Vol.25, No.1, WNo. 218, Jan-Feb 1983, pp.1-4 (4), ill. Eng. See <TYX8306> for Spanish version.

Source of "ULTRAMAR" handstamp is attributed to Portuguese postal authorities who applied this marking to UPU specimen stamps and postal stationery prior to distribution to Portuguese colonies overseas. Two handstamp varieties are illustrated and a listing of Cuban postal stationery items displaying the handstamp is included. See <FRIC7610> for related article.

### <UPSS1509> United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS)

"U.P.U. Specimens"

PSta, Vol.57, No.5, WNo.404, Sep-Oct 2015, p.245.

Reference to listings of worldwide postal stationery sent to the UPU for distribution to member states on the UPSS Website ([www.upss.org](http://www.upss.org)) which were demonetized by overprinting them with the words "Specimen" or equivalent. Once on the UPSS Website, click on the left hand side button that says "UPU Specimens" and you will get an index page or "[Preface Page](http://www.upss.org/upuspecimens/index.php)" (<http://www.upss.org/upuspecimens/index.php>) which has several links to other pages as follows:

[UPU-Specimen-Postal-Stationery--Background](#)

[UPU-Specimen-Postal-Stationery--Website](#)

[UPU-Specimen-Postal-Stationery--Classification-of-Specimen-Types](#)

[UPU-Specimen-Postal-Stationery--UPU-Procedures](#)

[UPU-Specimen-Postal-Stationery--UPU members.pdf](#)

At the bottom of all of the previous pages there is a drop-down menu that says "Select a country".to view specific specimen information for the country selected. Selecting "Cuba" from the drop-down menu yielded the following page: [UPU-Specimen-Postal-Stationery--Cuba](#)

### <UPU187806> Universal Postal Union

"Universal Postal Union. Convention and final protocol signed at Paris, June 1, 1878."

Obtained from Internet address: <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/us-treaties/bevans/m-ust000001-0051.pdf>;

dated as signed on 1 June 1878, pp.51-62 (12), extracted from Universal Postal Union--June 1, 1878; Multilateral Agreements, 1776-1917; per headings on the cited pages.

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The protocol was ratified and approved by the Postmaster General and the President of the United States on August 13, 1878; entered into force on April 1, 1879; modified by additional act of March 21, 1885; and was terminated by convention of July 4, 1891.

### <UPU190300a> Universal Postal Union

Convenio de la Unión Postal de Correos--Firmado en Washington el 15 de junio de 1897  
(Treaty of the Universal Postal Union--Signed in Washington, D.C., on the 15th of June, 1897)  
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Hijos de J.A. García, 1903, 103 pp., Span.

### <UPU190300b> Universal Postal Union

Tarifa para el franqueo de la correspondencia internacional: Convenio de Washington--Firmado el 15 de junio de 1897  
(International Postal Rates: Washington Treaty--Signed the 15th of June, 1897)  
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Carrión Hermanos; Published as a "Boletín de Correos" ("Postal Bulletin"); 1903, 75 pp., Span.

### <UPU190300c> Universal Postal Union

Acuerdo para el cambio de valores declarados (entre España y varios otros países)--Firmado en Washington el 15 de junio de 1897  
(Agreement for the Exchange of Valuables Between Spain and Other Countries--Signed in Washington, D.C., on the 15th of June, 1897)  
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Hijos de J.A. García, 1903, 39 pp. + 12 unnumbered pages of forms, Span.

### <UPU190710> Universal Postal Union

"Recueil de renseignements concernant l'exécution de la Convention principale de Rome et de son Règlement"  
("Collection of information regarding the implementation of the major Rome Convention and its Regulations")  
Berne, Switzerland: Bureau International de L'Union Postale Universelle, 24 Oct 1907, 2 pp., in French.

### <UPU192000> Universal Postal Union

VII Congreso de la UPU--Servicios Hispano-Americanos  
(7th Congress of the UPU--Spanish-American Services)  
Barcelona, Spain: Published by Casa de América--Asociación Internacional Iberoamericana (House of America--International Spanish-American Society); printed by Imprenta La Académica, 1920, 24 pp., Span.

### <UPU192200> Universal Postal Union

Convenios de la Unión Universal de Correos y Postal Hispano Americana y acuerdos para el cambio de valores declarados: giros y paquetes postales  
(Treaties of the Spanish-American Universal Postal Union and Arrangements for the Exchange of Valuables, Money Orders, and Postal Packages)  
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Reus, 1922, 291 pp. + index, Span.

### <UPU192200> Universal Postal Union

Convenios y acuerdos de la UPU relativos a las cartas y cajas con valores declarados; giros postales--y reglamentos para ejecución de los mismos  
(Treaties and Agreements of the UPU on Mail and Boxes Containing Valuables; Money Orders--And Regulations Governing the Same)  
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Reus, 1922, 266 pp., Span.

### <UPU200010> Universal Postal Union

The Universal Postal Union--Constitution and General Regulations  
Article of 146 pp. obtained from the Internet at the following address:  
<http://www.icann.org/tlds/post1/TLD-Annex-C1-Constitution.htm>  
The article is part of an application dated 11 October 2000 by the UPU for the top level domain **.post**. submitted to ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). It includes a detailed history of the UPU, a General list of UPU member countries and of territories included in the Union, a listing of the UPU Constitution and "Additional Protocols to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union", the UPU General Regulations, and a

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“List of Congress decisions (Paris 1947 to Seoul 1994) relating to the Constitution, the General Regulations and the operation of the Union”.

**<[ZALD2310](#)> Zaldívar Serrano, Ernesto**

“Cuba and the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (U.P.U.)”

“Cuba y el 75 aniversario de la Unión Postal Universal (U.P.U.)”

JCP, Vol.14, No.4, Issue 54, Oct-Dec 2023, pp.1, 3-13 (12), ill., Eng. & Span.

Report that at the 12<sup>th</sup> Universal Postal Union (U.P.U.) Congress held in Paris in June 1947 the member nations decided that to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.P.U. in 1949, member nations would prepare a stamp issue to celebrate the event.. As a result, 182 postal administrations issued stamps for the commemoration, some in 1959 and others in subsequent years. Cuba issued its U.P.U. commemorative stamps in 1950 by overprinting 250,000 sets of the 1, 2, and 5 cents stamps of the Habano Tobacco stamps of the regular issue of 14 April 1950 (Scott 445-447, Edifil 432-434), with red letters reading “U.P.U. 1874-1949” (Scott 449-451, Edifil 436-438). The article continues to describe and illustrate multiple varieties generated in the overprinting process.

**<[ZALD2401](#)> Zaldívar Serrano, Ernesto**

“The U.P.U. “International Letter Writing Week” in Cuba.”

“La “Semana Internacional de la Carta” de la U.P.U. en Cuba.”

JCP, Vol.15, No.1, Issue 55, Jan-Mar 2024, pp.1, 3-11 (10), ill., Eng. & Span.

Historical overview of the creation of the “International Letter Writing Week” at the 14th Congress of the Universal Postal Union (U.P.U.) held in 1957 and its subsequent implementation in Cuba, illustrated by several covers with commemorative cachets from 1957 and subsequent years 1958 and 1959.