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Editor's Musings

I have received more email from or about the FICC web site in the last few months than I have for a long time. Two emails were from non-members who found the site and sent questions to me. These are shown in the Mail Bag section on page 2.

The other emails were from an FICC member who had recently accessed the web site and found it "lacking" (my word, not his). The emails stated, "the forum is no longer working. Reviewing the web site, it appears the auction has not been in operation for almost a year. ... Also, when I click on the newsletter, I see a summary of each article. How do I actually open the full newsletter? By the way, it too is dated 2013, but I assume it is really 2014. ... I appreciate the extensive lists of first issues [in the Catalog section]; does the club have them available in an alphabetical sort. If not, are these lists available in Excel files, so one can create his own alphabetical list for want list and inventory purposes?"

Regarding the FORUM: I explained that I do not see this being reinstated in the near future – but I would like feedback from the membership. Does this on-line question/answer service have enough general interest to put effort into reviving it. Or is simply sending an email to me (and I will attempt answering it) sufficient? Let me know.

Regarding the Auction and Newsletter summaries: These were posted on the web site as an experiment to attract new members to FICC (web visitors had to join FICC to bid in the Auctions or to get the full Newsletters). After updating this several times without attracting new members, I stopped the quarterly updates in early 2013. Nick has recently posted notices on these pages to indicate they are no longer active.

Regarding an alphabetical listing of #1s: The list on the web was done chronologically to make updating easier as new countries are formed. I shared an alphabetical Word list (from Edo Rajh) as well as my personal Excel spreadsheet of #1s. Would placing an alphabetical list of #1s (without detailed data) interest members? Again, let me know if it is (or isn't).

Tim Balm

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Articles Wanted: Articles, letters, comments, suggestions, album pages or anything else connected with collecting first issues are always needed. Send your copy to the editor (e-mail address on front page, postal address shown in the return address on outer cover). **To be included in V22N3, articles must be received prior to May 15, 2014.**

Membership Directory: Members may obtain a free FICC Membership Directory by sending a SASE (No 10 envelope with 1 ounce US postage) to our Secretary. You can also request the Directory via e-mail as an Excel spreadsheet (contact information is on pages 1 and 9).

Back Issues: Back issues of the newsletter are available from the Secretary for \$7.00 per volume or \$2.00 for single issues. Electronic copies are available on a CD-ROM for \$10.00. Refer to the web site (www.firstissues.org) or contact the Secretary for more information (contact information is on pages 1 and 9).

Article Index: An index to the articles in *First Issues* from 1990 (V1, N1) to date is available. For a hard copy, send your request to Tim Balm (contact information is on page 1).

Bylaws: A copy of the FICC bylaws is available on the web site (www.firstissues.org). These were last printed in *First Issues* V18, N4.

Mail Bag

Web Site Contact - #1

I want to find the magazine article mentioned in a post [in the Forum section of the FICC web site] on June 18, 2005 about Chinese Treaty Ports. ... Could you direct me to [the cited] article?

Elizabeth Heeren, APS member
Email: December, 2013

[Editor: Although the Forum section of the web site has not been used since the site crashed in 20xx, Elizabeth found the posting via a Google search. It was my post, and I had mis-referenced some information as coming from Linn's Stamp news when it really came from Global Stamp News. I extended an invitation to join FICC, but Elizabeth was interested only in Chinese Treaty Ports, not First Issues.]

Web Site Contact - #2

I am a Masters student in History at the University of Malaysia, Penang. I am writing my final chapters on "History of Malaysian Philately". I have quoted from your page <http://www.firstissues.org/ficc/catalog/catalog01.html>. I have seen several names on the website. May I know whose name I should choose to put in my footnote of my dissertation. Please assist me at your earliest time convenient as I have to submit my dissertation on the 21st January this month. Your assistance and guidance in this matter is highly appreciated. Thank you.

Kartini Keyan, Malaysia
Email: January, 2014

[Editor: I replied providing Ms. Keyan with a footnote reference that did not include names]

Secretary's Report

Membership News: Two new members joined and one former member re-joined FICC since the last Newsletter went to press.

- George Cvejnovich, Jr, FICC #247, Miami Shores, FL, USA
- John Flanagan, FICC #248, Herndon, VA, USA
- Stephen Olson, FICC #228, San Francisco, CA, USA

Welcome George and John; welcome back Stephen.

2012 FICC Financial Report

Opening Balance 1-Jan-2012	\$3,680.08
Income	
Dues	\$558.00
Auctions #69-75	\$489.38
Donations	\$138.98
Back Issues/CDs	\$10.00
Total Income	\$1196.36
Expenses	
Newsletter Printing/Postage (V21N1-4)	\$581.52
Web Hosting/Domain Renewal	\$95.40
PayPal/Miscellaneous	\$3.74
Total Expenses	\$680.66
Ending Balance 31-Dec-2012	\$4,195.78

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Shahpura Exhibit Pages

By Sandeep Jaiswal, FICC #225

Shown on the next few pages are scans of 3 pages from my exhibit on the India Feudatory State of Shahpura. Figure 1 contains the background and introduction to this State. Figures 2 and 3 show covers and stamps from this State. Although not listed (yet) in the Scott Catalogues, this is very interesting material. This article wraps up the series of three articles on the India States Exhibits previously published in V21N2 and V21N3.

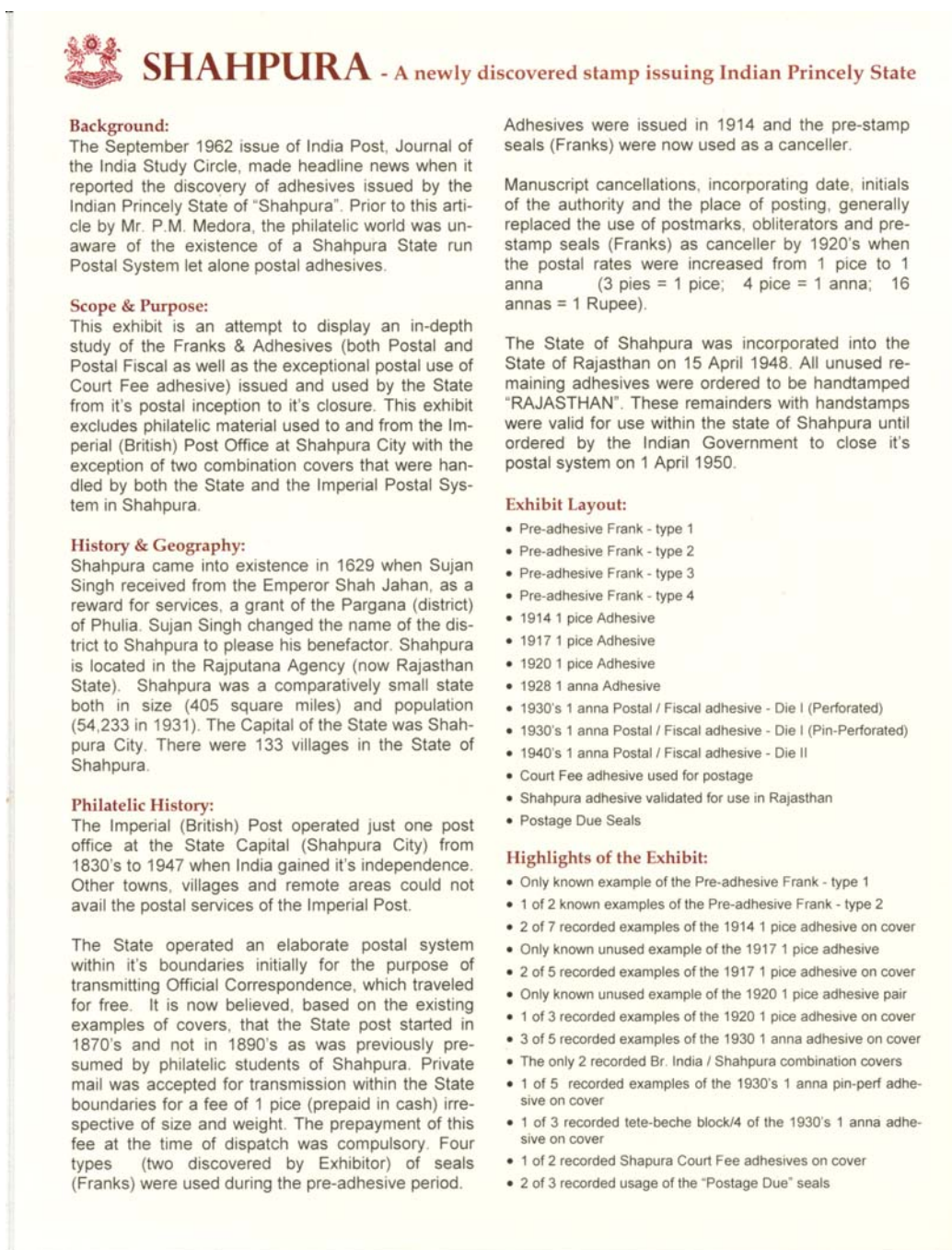


Figure 1 (65%): Introduction & Background to the State of Shahpura.

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Email to: editor@firstissues.org

<http://www.firstissues.org>

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Shahpura Exhibit (continued from page 4)**(2) Postal Adhesives**

1914 - 1948

4 different postage stamps (three stamps in 1 pice denomination and one in 1 anna denomination) were issued between 1914 and 1928. Sometime by mid 1930's the postal authorities decided to use the existing 1 anna Fiscal stamps for postal purposes. These stamps are referred to as the "Postal Fiscal" stamps of Shahpura. They were used for postage from 1930's till 1948 when Shahpura was incorporated into the Indian State of Rajasthan at which time the remaining unused "Postal Fiscal" stamps had to be validated for use by having them hand-stamped "RAJASTHAN".

Shahpura allowed the use of its 4 anna "Court Fee" adhesive for postage as and when it was deemed necessary due to temporary shortage of the "Postal Fiscal" stamps. Two covers bearing the 4 annas Court Fee adhesives have been recorded.

The postage rates were the same irrespective of size, weight and distance of travel - i.e. 1 pice for all ordinary mail, Registered mail was charged at 4 times the rate of Ordinary mail i.e. 4 pice = 1 anna. The rates were increased to 1 anna for Ordinary mail and 4 annas for Registered mail in mid 1930.

Shahpura was a very small State both in size and population and considering the fact that the literacy rate was less than 5% it is no surprise that only 20 covers have been recorded bearing postage stamps of Shahpura.

The stamps of Shahpura were valid for postage within the State only. They were not valid at the Imperial Post office in Shahpura City.

Exhibitor's Listing of Postal Adhesives

- | | |
|----|------------------------------------------------|
| 2A | 1914 1 pice carmine on bluish grey - perf |
| 2B | 1917 1 pice carmine on drab - imperf |
| 2C | 1920 1 pice carmine on drab - imperf |
| 2D | 1928 1 anna black on pink - imperf |
| 2E | 1930 1 anna red Postal Fiscal Die I - Perf |
| 2F | 1937 1 anna red Postal Fiscal Die I - Pin-Perf |
| 2G | 1940 1 anna red Postal Fiscal Die II - Perf |
| 2H | 1940 4 anna red Court Fee adhesive |
| 2I | 1948 1 anna Postal Fiscal ovpt. "RAJASTHAN" |

(2A) 1 pice carmine on bluish grey

1914

The 1914 1 pice carmine was typographed on bluish grey wove paper. The stamps were perforated 11 on 2 or more sides.



Ordinary notice cover posted on 24 Jan 1915 to Shahpura City, stamp tied by two line two line intaglio seal (Jaiswal type 3) ©

One of seven known covers bearing the 1914 1 pice carmine on bluish grey adhesive



Ordinary cover to Shahpura City, stamp tied by three line intaglio seal (Jaiswal type 4) -ex Haverbeck and Staal

One of seven known covers bearing the 1914 1 pice carmine on bluish grey adhesive

Figure 2 (75%): Two Shahpura covers showing the first issued stamp.

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Shahpura Exhibit (continued from page 5)

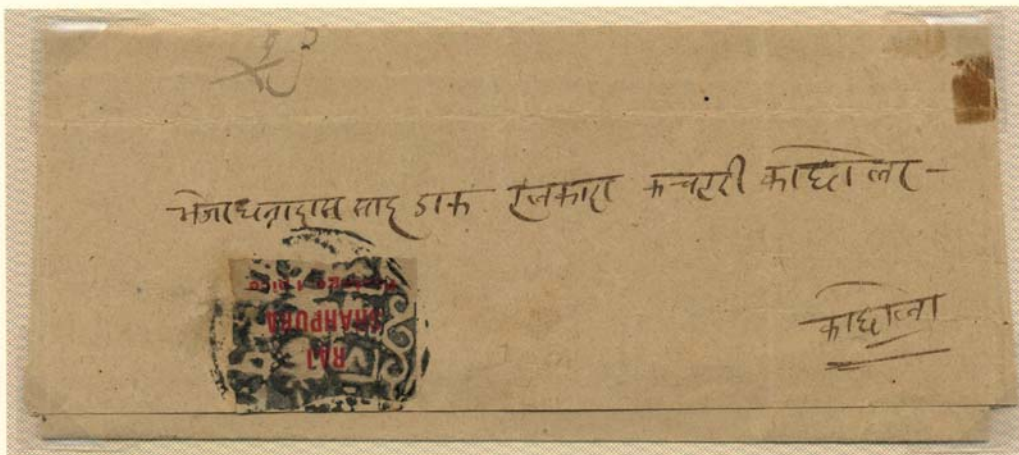
(2B) 1 pice carmine on drab

1917

The 1917 1 pice carmine was typographed on drab wove paper. The stamps were issued imperforate.



Only known unused copy



Ordinary folded letter from Shahpura City to Kachola, Shahpura dated 26 November 1917, stamp tied by two line two line intaglio seal (Jaiswal type 3)

One of three known covers bearing the 1917 1 pice carmine on drab adhesive



Registered cover with contents from Shahpura City to Partabpura dated 4 March 1917, stamp tied by three line intaglio seal (Jaiswal type 4) -ex Staal

One of two known registered covers bearing the 1917 1 pice carmine on drab adhesive

Figure 3 (75%): Shahpura stamp and covers showing the 2nd stamp issued.

Auction #77

Welcome to FICC Auction #77. The auction closes on April 30, 2014; bids received that after will not be considered. Please read descriptions carefully; lots occasionally have very similar descriptions. If you have questions, please contact me. Also, I will email scans of any specific lots you wish to see.

AUCTION RULES

1. Highest bid wins. In the event of tie bids, earliest postmark or email date stamp breaks the tie. Bid what you are willing to pay; winning bids are rarely reduced.
2. Auctioneer reserves the right to reject unreasonable bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Auctioneer's decisions are final.
3. All lots are sold "as is" without warranty by auctioneer or FICC. In case of a dispute, the auctioneer will contact the seller and provide the name of the buyer and nature of the dispute to allow direct settlement.
4. An expertizing policy exists for lots with a realized price of \$75 or more (contact auction manager for details).
5. The club receives a 10% fee from each lot sold. The fee will be split between the seller and the buyer.
6. Shipping charges are added to buyer's total. Lots will be mailed using normal USPS rates. Winning lots totaling more than \$200 will be insured, certified or registered.
7. Payment may be requested before shipment.
8. Bidding in this auction constitutes agreement to these rules.

SUBMITTING BIDS

Submit bids by email (Auctions@firstissues.org) or postal mail (Tim Balm, 5580 Senour Drive, West Chester, OH, 45069-1135, USA). If you are submitting bids by postal mail, you can (1) enter your bids on the bid sheet on page 11 and mail that, or (2) you can place your bids on a separate sheet of paper giving lot number, description, and the amount you wish to bid. Please include your name, FICC#, and address. Phone bids are not accepted.

#1s

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>CV</u>	<u>Min Bid</u>	<u>Your Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>
1	Antigua Sc#1 mint-regummed f/vf [APS cert states a crease, but is not seen]	\$950.00	\$200.00	_____	1
2	French West Africa Sc#1-3 mh vf	\$6.00	\$2.50	_____	2
3	Fujeira Sc#1-7 used(cto) f/vf	\$1.75	\$0.80	_____	3
4	Gibraltar Sc#1-2 used(m-cxl) f/vf	\$15.00	\$6.00	_____	4
5	Gibraltar Sc#1-2, 4 used(m-cxl) avg-f/vf	\$19.25	\$5.75	_____	5
6	Gilbert & Ellice Sc#1-7 mh f/vf [1-4 appear mnh]	\$203.50	\$85.00	_____	6
7	Gold Coast Sc#1 (perf 12.5) mng f/vf [3mm thin at bottom]	\$550.00	\$110.00	_____	7
8	Great Brit - Eritrea Sc#1-13 mlh f/vf [some mnh, #9 used]	\$62.55	\$25.00	_____	8
9	Greenland Sc#1 mnh f/vf [mnh is approx 2.5 x mh]		\$0.25	_____	9
10	Greenland Sc#1 mlh f/vf	\$0.30	\$0.10	_____	10
11	Greenland Sc#1-5 mlh f/vf	\$10.55	\$4.25	_____	11
12	Greenland Sc#1-7 used(l-cxl) f/vf	\$23.30	\$10.50	_____	12
13	Grenada Sc#1 used(l-cxl) avg	\$50.00	\$17.50	_____	13
14	Guinea Sc#168 mlh f/vf	\$3.00	\$1.20	_____	14
15	Guinea Sc#168-69 mnh f/vf	\$6.50	\$3.00	_____	15
16	Guinea Sc#168-69 mlh f/vf	\$6.50	\$2.60	_____	16
17	Liechtenstein Sc#1-3 mlh vf	\$212.50	\$95.00	_____	17
18	Mozambique Sc#1 mng f/vf [paper adh]	\$2.00	\$0.60	_____	18
19	Norfolk Isl Sc#1-4 (white paper -- SG#1a-4a) mhr vf-f/vf	\$120.00	\$42.00	_____	19
20	Russia - Off in Turk Emp Sc#1 mng hr close margins [signed Jemtschoujin, Schlesinger]	\$375.00	\$125.00	_____	20

Change of Government #1s

21	Austria Sc#405-31 (Styria) mh f/vf	\$380.90	\$150.00	_____	21
22	Cameroun (Fed Rep) Sc#343-51+51a, C38-40+38a, 39a-b,40a (17 stamps) mvlh f/vf	\$305.50	\$125.00	_____	22
23	France #475 (AMG) mnh f/vf (formerly Sc#2N1)	\$0.35	\$0.10	_____	23
24	France Sc#475-76H + 523A-J (AMG, frmly 2N1-20) mhr f/vf	\$50.55	\$17.50	_____	24
25	Gr Brit - Guernsey Sc#8 (Bailiwick) mnh f/vf [corner selvage]	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	25

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BID SHEET FOR AUCTION #77

👉👉👉 Bidding Deadline is April 30, 2014 👉👉👉
 (email bids to auctions@firstissues.org)

Name: _____

FICC#: _____

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>

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