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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Related Materials

The National Postal Museum holds some items from [National Association of Postmasters of the United States conventions](#) .

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Biographical / Historical

The National Association of Postmasters of the United States started on October 6, 1898, when postmasters from first class offices, officials of the United States Post Office Department, and the postmaster general gathered for three-day meeting in Detroit, Michigan. The association's purpose was: "To promote the interests of the Postal Service; to cultivate the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to cooperate with the Post Office Department and executives thereof, in advancing the high standard of efficient and economical operation required in the interest of public welfare; to perpetuate itself as a truly fraternal organization working for the betterment of every branch of the Postal Service and the postmasters of every class; to encourage a closer and more friendly relationship between the different post offices of the country". Its first president was Detroit Postmaster Freeman B. Dickerson and its first vice present was William E. Hull, postmaster from Peoria, Illinois. At its founding membership was limited to postmasters of first-class offices, officials of the Post Office Department, and the postmaster general. In 1934 membership was opened to postmasters from all classes of offices. With this change, membership in the association grew from 888 to more than 4000. At the 1935 convention in Chicago, state chapters were established with the freedom to hold their own conventions, conduct their own business, and put forth a state publication.

The Colorado Chapter (Number 19) of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States was established in 1936, with J. O. Stevic as president; W. B. Giacomini, 1st vice president, Sterling; Angeline B. Adkisson, 2nd vice president, Longmont; Charles F. Horn, 3rd vice president, Pueblo; M. J. Brennan, 4th vice president, Durango; Herman H. Brown, 5th vice president, Eagle; and Roy Maxwell, secretary-treasurer, Fort Collins. The chapter publication was known as *The Colorado Postmaster* and was founded by Postmaster J. O. Stevic of Denver.

The National League of District Postmasters was an organization formed to help the welfare of district postmasters. Within the organization, states would have their own branch.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged chronologically.

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Congresses and conventions
- Postal service -- Employees
- Postmasters
- Postmasters -- United States

Names:

- Adkisson, Angeline B.
- Brennan, M. J.
- Brown, Herman H.
- Giacomini, W. B.
- Horn, Charles F.
- Maxwell, Roy
- National Association of Postmasters of the United States
- National Association of Postmasters of the United States. Colorado Chapter
- National League of District Postmasters. Colorado Branch
- Stevic, J. O.
- The Colorado Postmaster (Serial)

Places:

- Pueblo (Colo.)

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Second Annual Joint State Convention - Colorado Chapter, National Association of Postmasters of the United States and Colorado Branch, National League of District Postmasters - Programs and "The Colorado Postmaster" newsletter, June 1937, June 1937
Folder 1, Item 1	"The Colorado Postmaster", Volume 2, Number 2, June 1937
Folder 1, Item 2	Program - Second Annual Joint State Convention - Colorado Chapter, National Association of Postmasters of the United States and Colorado Branch, National League of District Postmasters, June 4-5, 1937
Folder 1, Item 3	Dinner program - Second Annual Joint State Convention - Colorado Chapter, National Association of Postmasters of the United States and Colorado Branch, National League of District Postmasters, June 4-5, 1937