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## UP and COMING

Regularly planned activities have been cancelled, as have many philatelic shows in the near future as a result of the pandemic. We will update as we learn more.

NS Stamp Club Meetings –TBA  
Moncton Stamp Fair - Cancelled  
Friends of Philately - Cancelled  
Check out the status of other shows at

[www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html) or  
[www.csaonline.com/shows](http://www.csaonline.com/shows)

**Stay Home! Stay Safe!**

## THE PHILATELIC CREATIONS OF REV. NATHANIEL COLE

by Gordon Smith

The Rev. Nathaniel Cole was the United Church minister in Port Hood, NS from 1940 until 1944. He was born in Newfoundland in 1888. Based on a number of fancy covers that I own, the Reverend Cole must have been a bit of a philatelist. He had corner cards inscribed with his return address, Box 55 in Port Hood, in the upper left (see cover 1) as well as envelopes with his address professionally printed on the front (see cover 2).

He was received on trial as a Methodist minister in



Cover 2: Registered cover from St. John's NL dated Aug. 26, 1943 showing professional printing of Rev. Cole's address in Port Hood.



Cover 1: Cover to C.G. Whyte in Scotland, part of a set of first day covers mailed from Port Hood Island on July 1, 1942 to himself in Port Hood and to people in the UK. The bisected airmail label seems to be a personal signature, as it appears on a number of Rev. Cole covers.

Britannia Cove NL in 1911, Carmanville NL in 1912, and Glovertown NL in 1913. He then attended Victoria College in Toronto before serving in the First World War with the 9th Field Ambulance in France and Belgium from 1916 to 1918. Upon return from the war, he was ordained in Trinity NL from 1919 and served in the church in:

- New Aberdeen NS from 1920 to 1921
- La Have NS from 1922 to 1926
- Springhill NS from 1927 to 1929
- Onslow NS from 1930 to 1931
- Red Bank NB from 1932 to 1935
- Granville Ferry NS from 1936 to 1939
- Port Hood from 1940 to 1943
- Renfrew ON from 1944 to 1946
- Rawdon ON from 1946 to 1947
- Hastings ON from 1948 to 1954 and
- Windsor from 1954 to 1967

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Cover 3: Jan. 3, 1941 first flight cover Moncton to Bangor Maine that Rev. Cole received on 6 Jan. in Port Hood. Bisected airmail label appears again.

## REV. COLE CREATIONS CONTINUED

In 1968, he retired to London ON where he passed away in 1977.

Given the covers he created in Port Hood, I can imagine that he created similar envelopes elsewhere. I would be interested in hearing about any similar covers to or from Rev. Cole that people might have in their collections. Please contact me at [gs@postalhistory.ca](mailto:gs@postalhistory.ca).



Cover 4: Handmade reproduction of a cover containing a Port Hood Provisional. It is assumed that this is the work of Rev. Cole based on the stylized writing similar to the addressing on his professionally printed envelopes and the receiver of Miss M. Cole on Port Hood Island.