



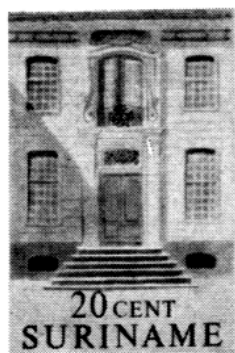
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Surinam's Masonic Temple



On April 1, 1961 the Government of Surinam issued an interesting set of stamps depicting various buildings. Their Philatelic Agency, in its press release, stated "A common cultural heritage unites Surinam and the United States. Both countries went through stages of Dutch and British colonization (New Amsterdam—now New York—was swapped by the Dutch for Surinam in 1667) . . . This is reflected in the charming colonial architecture of Old Surinam, now pictured on a new set of stamps of the newly autonomous State and neighbor South of the Border." The 20¢ stamp illustrated above shows a picture of the Masonic Temple of Concordia Lodge No. 9, located at Paramaribo, the capital of Surinam, which Lodge operates under the Grand Lodge of Netherlands.

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By the sign of the Gavel

Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, including the election of officers for the ensuing fiscal year, and as I write this, my last communication as President of your Club, I am beset by the mixed emotions of both sadness and gladness. Sad, that the time has passed so quickly though enjoyably, and glad to know that I have had the opportunity to serve a wonderful Club of such fine membership for the past two years.

If you have enjoyed my administration, it is because of your attendance at our meetings and your communications. It is my hope that you will give even greater support to my successor.

★ MEETINGS ★
First Friday of Each Month
Collector Club Building
22 East 35th Street, NYC.
10th Meeting—June 2, 1961
Annual Meeting
Election of Officers

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
"Gone but not forgotten."

It would be impossible for me to single out any individual for his assistance, for a successful biennium would not have been possible were it not for the active support of so many, and especially our working committees.

At this writing our Annual Dinner honoring Sam Brooks has not yet been held, but from the advance reservations all indications are that it will be most pleasant and successful. Full report of this event will appear in our next issue.

To all of you my heartfelt thanks, and, in closing, my best wishes to you and your families for continued good health, happiness and prosperity. Have a Happy Vacation and Summer Season!
—Emanuel M. Reggel.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER #2

The April meeting of the Chapter was a good one and well attended despite some stiff competition occasioned by extensive Craft work which was simultaneously scheduled at the Temple in which we meet. Some of our members were able to slip away from their lodge work during recesses and sat in the meeting for the interims.

The meeting was ably conducted by V. P. Dick Jaeger in the absence of our ailing president Don Goertz. Discussed was the feasibility of forming a party to attend the May meeting of the parent club in New York for the purpose of conferring the degree of Master of Philately. The prospects looked good and final arrangements were deferred to our May meeting.

A regular feature of each meeting is a five minute talk by one of our members on any subject of his selection which deals with Masonic philately. Dick Jaeger showed and described several stamps which have Masonic symbols incorporated in their designs. The U.S. Columbian issue is an

outstanding example of this work. The club auction was held despite the fact that auctioneer Jim Lambert left his prepared lots at home. Enough material was rounded up from the effects of those present to make up a nice sale.

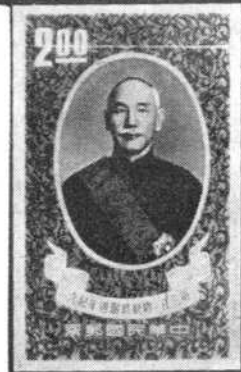
The featured presentation of the evening was a fine talk by Alan Coatoam on the subject of topicals. He reviewed the many reasons for the present popularity of this type of collecting, and proceeded to describe his own specialty which is medicine on stamps. Although not a medical man by profession, his knowledge of medical history and fluent usage of medical terms is remarkable, all having been acquired through research made necessary in the pursuit of his avocation.

The June 21st meeting will feature a talk on "Perfins" by member James R. Lambert. Jim is President of the International Perfins Club and holder of many awards which he won in both domestic and international competition. Since he is a recognized expert in the field of perfins and also an accomplished speaker, this meeting will prove highly entertaining and educational to all who attend.

—Raymond H. Runt.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Through the courtesy of The Directorate General of Posts, Taipei, Taiwan, we have been furnished with a copy of the stamps issued on May 20, 1961.



The upper inscription of Chinese characters on each stamp means "First Anniversary of President Chiang Kai-shek's 3rd Term Inauguration," and the lower inscription means "Postage Stamp, Republic of China." In addition to the portrait of Chiang on the 0.80 denomination there is a map of the Republic of China, the four Chinese characters thereon meaning "Recovery of the Mainland."

Although Chiang Kai-shek has been included in various listings of Masons, there has always been some question regarding this. Brother Walter R. Harbeson now advises us that he has received a letter from Bro. H. Moon Chen 33°, Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander in Taiwan in which the following is stated:

"President Chiang Kai-shek is definitely not a Mason. However his youngest son, General Wego Chiang is a Master Mason, Scottish Rite, 32°, and a Shriner from the Nile Temple and holds an Honorary Life Membership from the Afifi Temple of Tacoma, Wash. Since all the degree works are conducted in English, all Chinese must be fluent in the command of the English language. Therefore, our memberships are restricted to a certain degree to the language requirements. There are several prominent Chinese Government officials who are Master Masons."

This should clear up the question as to the Masonic standing of President Chiang. In any event, we are glad of this opportunity to salute this valiant leader of a courageous free nation.

Bro. Harbeson adds that Bro. Chen was born in Columbus, Ohio, while his parents were students at Ohio State University.

OUR MAY MEETING

Meeting opened at the appointed time; President Emanuel Reggel, presiding; Stanley Salomon appointed Secretary pro tem; Invocation by Sam Brooks. The death of Bro. Henry M. Friedman was reported; members stood for a moment of silence in respect to his memory. Brothers Sanna and Swan were reported to be recuperating satisfactorily from their recent illnesses.

The Study Group Night, in which we are participating, at the Collectors Club, was reported postponed from May 17th to September 20th.

Naval Lodge #69 will honor Bro. Fred Wendel on May 24th. Club members wishing to participate will meet at the Masonic Club for dinner at 6 p.m., or in the anteroom of Naval Lodge at 8 p.m.

Bro. Yarry reported on the progress of the Annual Dinner honoring Sam Brooks.

An application was voted on and accepted, from Bro. Norman Sturton Hale, of 1 Stuart Place, Conley Vale, N.S.W., Australia.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Bros. Carl Pihl, Irwin Yarry and Sam Brooks, submitted the following nominations for the officers for the year 1961-62, who are to be voted upon at our next Meeting:

- President, S. Duffield Swan
- 1st Vice-Pres., Shelton W. Osterlund
- 2nd Vice-Pres., Norman H. Schlmeyer
- Secretary, Stanley A. Salomon
- Treasurer, Joseph Munk
- 3 Year Governor, David Schwarz

Letter was received from Bro. Braynard asking for stamps for hospitals. This was turned over to Bro. Dave Schwarz who has done noble work in this endeavor.

Bro. Carl Pelander then took over and acted as Program Chairman for the balance of the evening, which had been designated as Past President's Night.

Sam Brooks displayed a collection, the first one he showed 25 years ago at our Club.

Dr. George Camnitzer showed some covers of the Eastern and occupied zones of Germany.

"Uncle" Jake Glaser showed a specialized collection of the Washington Bicentennials.

Carl Pihl showed no stamps but spoke in interesting fashion about various activities of the Club. He suggested that a committee be formed to visit the Lake Erie Chapter and confer the degree of Master of Philately. Arthur Heim was appointed to investigate the cost of such a trip.

Arthur Heim then displayed the Kanga Overprints of Congo.

Dr. Yarry exhibited his group of "Used Abroads" from the Ferrars H. Tows Collection.

Carl Pelander then spoke about the proper way of mounting stamps for exhibitions and showed a portion of his superb collection of Tonga.

—Stanley A. Salomon.

MASONS ON STAMPS CARL SCHURZ 1829-1906

Carl Schurz, German-American statesman, orator and journalist, was born in the village of Liblar, near Cologne, Germany, March 2, 1829. He was educated at Cologne and at the University of Bonn. In the revolutionary outbreak of 1848 he aided in



the publication of a liberal newspaper and took part in the revolutionary movements of 1849. As a result, he was compelled to flee the country.

After spending some months as a newspaper correspondent in Paris and London, he immigrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1852. After three years' residence there, he settled in Watertown, Wisconsin, where he entered with great zeal into national politics, becoming a leader of the German element of the newly founded Republican party.

Carl Schurz became a Mason on February 23, 1855, in Herman Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia, Pa., where he received all three degrees by special dispensation. He remained a member of that Lodge for over five years.

He studied law here, was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in 1859 at Milwaukee, Wisc. He was prominent in the Republican National Convention held in 1860 at Chicago, and in the ensuing presidential campaign. President Lincoln appointed him Minister to Spain in March 1861, but he resigned in December in order to enter the Union Army.

His record was highly distinguished. He was appointed brigadier-general in 1862 and promoted to major-general in 1862. He commanded a division at Bull Run and at Chancellorsville, was in charge of the 11th Army Corps at Gettysburg, took part in the Battle of Chattanooga, and resigned in 1865.

After the conclusion of the Civil War he entered newspaper work in St. Louis, then became U.S. Senator from Missouri from 1869 to 1875 and acquired a high reputation for ability on national policy. As Senator, he identified himself with the movement for the resumption of specie payments and with civil-service reform.

In 1875 Carl Schurz became a resident of New York. President Hayes appointed him Secretary of the Interior, which position was held from 1877 to 1881. He effected a thorough

going reform of that Department, introducing the merit system of appointment and promotion, and laying the foundations for a liberal and enlightened policy in the treatment of the Indians and in the administration of a public domain.

He was editor-in-chief of the New York Evening Post 1881-83. In 1887, he wrote "The Life of Henry Clay." He was president of the National Civil Service Reform League 1892 to 1901. Tariff reform and the purification of New York politics also received his support.

Carl Schurz died May 14, 1906. He is pictured on stamps of Germany 5NB9-10-11 and 691, the latter commemorating the centenary of his arrival in America.

—Marshall S. Loke.

MASONS ON STAMPS

Secretaries of the Treasury

Our indefatigable researcher, Bro. Walter R. Harbeson, has come up with the following listing of Masons shown on stamps, who have not been mentioned previously in The Masonic Philatelist, as far as he recalls.

Each of these Masons was a Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and all are pictured on revenue stamps, as indicated. He gives credit for the biographical data to "10,000 Famous Freemasons." With the exception of one or two of these stamps, they are not high priced ones. A few of these men appear on several of the revenue stamps.

George M. Bibb 1776-1859

Secretary of Treasury under Tyler 1844-45.

Senator from Kentucky 1811-14 and 1829-35.

Adjunct Professor of ancient languages in primary department of Masonic College of Kentucky.

First Master of Russellville Lodge No. 17, Russellville, Kentucky.

Past Master Lexington Lodge No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky.

Grand Master of Kentucky 1804.

Past High Priest Frankfort Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.

Shown on #R304; RD83.

Howell Cobb 1815-1868

Secretary of Treasury under Buchanan 1857-60.

Governor of Georgia 1851.

Confederate General.

Member of Congress 1843-51.

Presided over sessions of Provincial Congress that adopted Constitution of the Confederacy.

Past Master Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 22, Athens, Georgia.

Member A.A.S.R.-S.J.

Shown on #R307; RD88.

George W. Campbell 1768-1848

U.S. Representative from Tennessee 1803-09.

U.S. Senator 1811-14.

Secretary of Treasury 1814.

Minister to Russia 1818-20.

Past Master Greenville Lodge No. 43.

Reported to have held offices in Knoxville Lodge No. 2, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 59 and Tennessee Lodge No. 41, all of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Shown on #R292; RD71.

William J. Duane 1780-1865

Secretary of Treasury 1833. Removed by Jackson when he refused to withdraw Government deposits from United States Bank.

On staff of the "Aurora" newspaper, Philadelphia; and a prominent attorney.

Initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1811; withdrew Dec. 7, 1814.

Shown on #R298; RD77.

James Guthrie 1792-1869

Secretary of Treasury 1853-57.

Senator from Kentucky 1865-69.

President of L. & N. Railroad 1860-68.

Served in both houses of Kentucky Legislature 1827-40.

Member of Clark Lodge No. 51, Louisville, Kentucky.

Member Louisville Chapter No. 5, R.A.M.

Shown on #R306A; RD87.

Samuel D. Ingham 1779-1860

Secretary of Treasury under Jackson.

U.S. Congressman from Pennsylvania 1813-18 and 1822-29.

Was a Mason (affiliation not reported).

Shown on #R296; RD75.

Daniel Manning 1831-1887

Secretary of Treasury 1885-1887.

President of the "Argus" newspaper, Albany, New York.

President National Commercial Bank, Albany, New York.

Resigned as Secretary of Treasury to become President of The Bank of New York.

Member of Temple Lodge No. 14, Albany, New York.

Shown on Vehicle Tax Stamps of 1945-46.

Oliver Wolcott, Jr. 1760-1833

Secretary of Treasury 1795-1800 un-

der Washington.

Governor of Connecticut 1817-27 (elected 10 times).

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut 1818-20.

President John Adams appointed him judge for the 2nd District, embracing Connecticut, Vermont and New York; served until 1802.

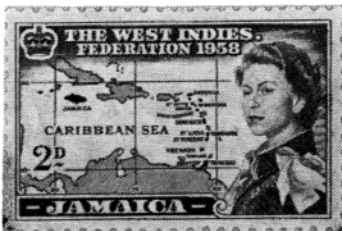
Was an aide to his father who became major general of militia.

Was in mercantile business in New York and founded The Bank of North America of which he was President from 1812-14.

He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 4, Hartford, Conn. on Jan. 28, 1784.

Shown on #R289; RD68.

JAMAICA
By Harold E. Gunter



At a recent meeting I displayed my collection of Jamaica stamps, giving the history and policies of that island, and mentioned that my father had participated in the activities there. I was then asked to write an article for the Philatelist, so will start as follows.

First I shall go back a generation. My grandfather, Thomas Gunter, was the first of the family to settle in Jamaica. Immediately prior thereto he was a midshipman on board H. M. S. "Druid," patrolling the Caribbean. In 1804, Jean Jacques Dessalines declared Haiti independent, after the uprising by the blacks, who murdered all the French and other female whites, and sent, aboard a schooner, all the white girl children to sea to be drowned.

The "Druid" captured this ship; hanged the captain and crew, and placed grandfather and a skeleton crew aboard to take the girls to Jamaica, where they were placed under the protection of Father Du Pont, S. J.

Thomas Gunter later married one of these girls, Claire Altinee Louise de Brasse, and settled in Jamaica where he was given employment in the counting house of Robert Dewar who was a produce merchant and confidential representative of the British Foreign Office.

Grandfather Thomas had 7 children; my father, Charles, was his second child. At the age of 16, on the death of father's mother, he succeeded his father in the employ of Robert Dewar. Thomas Gunter later remarried and then returned to England after death of his father, William. My father was then left with six children to support, three boys and three girls, the eldest 18 years and the youngest 18 months.

Mr. Dewar treated Dad more as a son than an employee, and, as the years rolled by, took him on a visit to England, where he had him appointed as his successor.

As I explained, Jamaica was then the only known place growing and exporting pineapples. It is of philatelic interest to mention that the watermark on the first stamps issued by Jamaica, 1860-63, represented a pineapple. Mr. Dewar and father were instrumental in exchanging pineapple sprouts for sugar cane shoots with Mr. Stevens and the Bostonians who were then exploiting the Sandwich Islands.

Jamaica was taken in 1655 by the British from the Spanish, and from the first Constitution under the reign Charles II, was a Crown Colony. principal exports, besides pineapples, were arrowroot, ginger, pimento, lignum vitac, lancewood spars, and dye-woods, such as logwood and fustic.

In 1883 the Colony surrendered its status as a Crown Colony and became a Crown Administration, thereby receiving a grant of £500,000, which was used for the purpose of establishing sugar mills and rum distilleries. A new Constitution took effect in 1944 under the reign of King George VI, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and an honorary Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. Jamaica is now a member of the West Indies Federation.



Mr. Dewar was an old man in his 80s when he disposed of his produce business, and he and my father induced the Colonial Bank to take over his

counting house accounts, selling the produce business to George and Brandy. Father and his brother, William, accompanied Mr. Dewar to England, where William studied the distillation process as applied to rum.

Father placed his brother Thomas in the Jamaica Railways Workshop, where he later became Assistant Manager. William on his return assumed charge of the distilleries at Cherry Garden and Spring Garden. Father became cashier of the Colonial Bank, under Manager Oscar Maurescaux.

You will note from the foregoing that the Gunters have always been actively foremost in the affairs of the island. In 1907 Kingston was destroyed by earthquake, and the insurance companies refused to pay the claims against them. My brother, Godfrey, fought for the claimants through the courts, and finally got an injunction from the Privy Council in England, forcing them to pay.

Geoffrey, a cousin, then an officer in the Volunteer Militia, aided in suppressing the looting by the blacks, following the earthquake. He has just finished a six months' term as Acting Governor of Jamaica, the first local personage to have acted in that capacity. This New Year's Honours list included a thoroughly deserved knighthood to Sir Geoffrey, who is now addressed as the Hon. G. C. Gunter, C.B.E., Custos of St. Andrew. Sir Geoffrey is also locally known as a noted philatelist and orchid expert.

(Editor's Note: Brother Gunter is one of our octogenarian members who seldom misses a meeting; he handles our "Back Issue" Department, and in addition gets out the special reminder notices for each meeting to members in the metropolitan area. At the recent Long Island Fair & Science-Industry Exposition, he took two first prizes in the Hobby Show, one for his illustrated and descriptive display of animals with accompanying stamps, and the other a scrap book "The Vanishing American." At the same show, he also took first and second prizes for hand leaving.

The Brooklyn Masonic Veterans Association has a motto, "The Best of Life is Yet to Come." Brother Gunter is surely another one of our older members who exemplifies this and the value of hobbies in keeping one mentally young after retirement from active work.)

OUR TREASURER ALSO GETS LETTERS

Herewith are excerpts from some of the recent letters addressed to "Dear Brother Joseph Munk."

From Bro. Richard P. Brown, P. O. Box 29, APO 69, New York, N.Y.

"Apparently I'm a bit confused and haven't sent in my 1961 dues before, so am enclosing \$3 now.

"This evening I attended our local Lodge (North Sea Armed Forces Lodge #829, Bremerhaven, Germany), and am enclosing a copy of their "Trestle Board." There was a good turnout to see three receive their first degree. N.Y. ritual is used here. Am also active in the local Sojourners Chapter, of which I am Secretary-Treasurer.

"The end of this month the local German Stamp Club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. We have gotten writeups in Linn's, Western Stamp Collector and New York Mirror that I know of, and quite a few have already requested covers.

Have been passing my copy of The Masonic Philatelist on to my father who has helped me for many years in the philatelic field, although not a collector himself. However, he has taken all of the Masonic degrees."

From Bro. George W. Starling, 332 Cherry St., Timmins, Ontario, Canada.

"Enclosed please find money order for \$3 being my dues for next year. Please convey to the officers and members my sincere greetings, and although distance and health make it impossible to attend any meetings, I always get very much satisfaction reading the account of meetings in The Masonic Philatelist."

From Bro. Raymond Peter Wellendorf, 1724 N. Lincoln Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

"Enclosed find my dues for next year. I have always been in hopes of getting to New York for the Annual Dinner, but not this year I know, as I am now 65 years young and am on Social Security. But I always enjoy reading the Philatelist and hearing from fellows belonging to the Club."

From Bro. Edward A. Mining, G. P. O. Box 1164, Sydney, Australia.

"Enclosed please find dues for current year. I shall be very glad to hear from any member who may be interested to write to me. Our Association here in Australia is making considerable progress, and we are enrolling new members at each meeting."

From Bro. Edward I. Broome, R.D. 2, Box 84, Vincentown, New Jersey. "It is almost a year since I was over in New York City, and took my Master of Philately Degree, which I enjoyed very much.

"Since then a lot of water has gone under the bridge and over the dam, and I have been unable to pay a visit to the Club at a meeting, but will try to do so in the near future.

"Incidentally enclosed please find my check for dues which I believe will pay me up and probably ahead. I am sorry that I delayed sending this, which was entirely unintentional; hope that this takes me out of the "dog house."

"I am continuously watching out for Masonic stamps and hope someday to make a fair to good showing on my collection. I almost have my Queen Elizabeth II collection complete, not in mint but very nicely cancelled used, which I am very proud of. Of course my U.S.A. is creeping along too, and I have a pretty nice showing in them.

"Give my regards to all who remember me, and I'll hop a bus to New York real soon I hope, and show my face at a meeting again."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Bro. C. J. Turner, Fort George Hill, St. George's, Bermuda:

"It has recently come to my notice that I am in arrears with Club dues, although I have received no notification of the fact, and have received 'The Masonic Philatelist' regularly. I therefore enclose remittance which should bring me up to date.

I look forward each month to receiving this publication, and I hope that I may soon get to New York again to attend one of your friendly meetings."

From Bro. Myrton Brink, 2206 57th Ave., Oakland 5, California:

"I have been building for quite a while a topical of Masonry on Postage Stamps, and when Bro. John Mirt of Chicago was active in the cover field, I was eagerly acquiring all he issued. They do make a very interesting album.

On two different occasions I have shown them at my Blue Lodge, and on other occasions at other Lodges, and the audiences were greatly interested."

Clark Mills, the sculptor who cast the bronze statue of Freedom (U. S. #573, 989, PR9/15) which was placed atop the national capitol dome in 1863, was initiated into Masonry in Lebanon Lodge No. 7, Washington, D. C. on May 4, 1849.—M. S. L.

MASONIC SYMBOLS ON STAMPS

By Marshall S. Loke

Acacia — Australia 170; Eritrea C7, C8, C9.

All-seeing eye — Egypt 200/1/2; U.S. 1001.

Anchor — France 647; Switzerland SP137 B141/2.

Beehive — Bulgaria 500; Romania 677.

Broken column — Cyprus 126; Honduras C163.

Camels — Listed in M.P. Vol. 12, No. 8, Page 11.

Cedars — Lebanon (many); conveying timbers "by sea in floats" Nigeria.

Flaming sword — Ireland 65, 76; U.S. Jefferson Credo.

Holy Bible — Brazil 716; Finland 241; Pitcairn Is. 17.

Hour glass — Pakistan 56.

Keystone — Spain 373/82; U.S. 854.

Maltese Cross — Malta J11/20.

Plumb line — Switzerland 280.

Star & Crescent — Pakistan 27, 28, 29.

Square & Compass — Gt. Britain 265.

Trowel — Gt. Britain 265; Hungary 1118; Poland 471; Romania 1029.

Two-headed eagle — Albania, Austria, Russia.

47th Problem of Euclid — Greece 58

Your writer offers this list as nucleus and will appreciate any additions that should be made.

FREEMASON STREET! Norfolk, Va. has a "Freemason Street" (zone 10). It was originally laid out as a road in 1762, but as the city developed, it became a street. Lacking a name, it was designated as "Freemason Street," because the Masonic lodge building was located on it. For many years the street was the only one of its name in the world. Proof that it was unique, according to the Virginia Masonic Herald, is the story that a letter was once written to a resident of Norfolk who lived on this street by a friend in Europe. The European addressed the letter with only his friend's name and the name of the street—no city, county, state or country. It was, of course, delivered. Other letters, similarly addressed, have reached residents of Freemason Street. A test letter was mailed at Evanston, Illinois, July 2, 1910 at 8:15 a.m. and was received at the Norfolk post office Aug. 1, 1910 at 8 p.m. The only other known "Freemason Street" is a two-block street in Edenton, N. C.

At least one resident of Freemason St., in Norfolk, Roland Hopkins, is a well known philatelist, but whether he is a member of the Craft this writer does not know.