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Collecting and Exhibiting

- 1990-present – Collects, studies, and writes about fakes, fantasies, and forgeries of the Confederate States of America.
- 2000-2026 – Collected classic period stamp boxes.
- 1981-1984 – Exhibited “Tokens of Affection” – a postal history collection showing rates from 2¢-80¢ on U.S. Valentine covers of the early classic period. Won Reserve Grand and Favorite Exhibit at HOUPEX 1983, as well as numerous other national shows at the Gold level (before there was Large Gold). Collected Classic Valentine covers from 1976-1984.
- 1970-1973 – Exhibited “Evolution of Confederate Postal History,” co-owned with Brian M. Green. Won Grand Award at FLOREX 1972 and Vermeil in Lima, Peru, 1973.
- 1969 – Became actively involved in organized philately when she joined the American Philatelic Society (APS), Confederate Stamp Alliance (CSA – now the Civil War Philatelic Society, CWPS), and Society of Philatelic Americans (SPA). Mentored by the top philatelists in those societies and brought aboard in committee and leadership roles from the beginning.
- 1965 – First introduced to Confederate postal history

Business Career

- 2000-present – Full-time retail dealer specializing in American Civil War stamps and postal history with a focus on the Southern side.
- 2012 – Appraised the Confederate “Lost Plate” by request of Smithsonian National Postal Museum (NPM), which was purchased for display in William H. Gross Stamp Gallery
- 2009 – Appraised a major holding for the heirs of August Dietz, Sr. (“Father of Confederate Philately”)
- 1989-1999 – U.S. consultant to British dealer Stephen J. Osborne DBA as Osborne-Kaufmann – dealt in worldwide stamps (few to no Confederates)
- 1988-89 – President and auctioneer, John W. Kaufmann, Inc. – philatelic auction house in Washington, D.C., dealing in worldwide material with emphasis on United States
- 1973-1988 – Vice President and auctioneer, John W. Kaufmann, Inc. – from inception
- 1981 – Kaufmann Auctions sold the first of the 24¢ Jenny Inverts (Scott C3a) recovered from the stolen McCoy block (position 75) on behalf of the American Philatelic Research Library (no commission) at the APS StampShow.
- Appraiser of numerous major Civil War philatelic collections
- On-call advisor and expertizer to various major dealers and auction houses

Publications, Research, Writing, Speaking, Editing

- 1970-present – researched and wrote about new discoveries in Confederate and U.S. postal history such as hitherto unlisted express mail services which changed (and continue to change) listings in various philatelic catalogs, proved new provisionals which were thereby authenticated and listed, identified numerous new stamp varieties, discredited falsely identified varieties in prior catalogs.
- Current – regular columnist in major philatelic publications since 1970: *Civil War Philatelist* (formerly the *Confederate Philatelist*), *La Posta* (since 2012), *American Stamp Collector and Dealer* (since 2007), *Kelleher Stamp Collectors Quarterly* (since 2015), and the *American Philatelist*, as well as occasional contributor to other publications, including *Smithsonian Magazine*, *American Philatelic Congress Book*, and more.
- 2023 – Large Gold, “A Cammann Imprint Discovery That Changed a Catalog Listing Plus Insights on Dr. James T. Paterson,” *Civil War Philatelist*, Sarasota National Stamp Exposition.

- 2026, 2024, 2022, 2018, 2013, 1971 – August Dietz Award for distinguished original research and writing
- 2022 – Reserve Grand for Best Article: *Jenkins Express – A New Listing*, SESCAL
- 2020, 2012 – Speaker at Annual Postal History Symposia at the American Philatelic Center, sponsored jointly by APS, APRL and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum
- 2019-2022 – Revised and updated the Confederate section of the *Brookman Catalog*
- 2019-20 – editor, Alliance E-newsletter
- 2000 to present – Scott Catalogue Volume 1 and U.S. Specialized Catalogue– annual contributor for content and valuations, as well as a feature writer in select years to explain major changes to the section and content, adding major sections such as the ground-breaking 3¢ 1861 Postmasters’ Provisionals, Independent State Mail and Confederate Use of U.S. Postage, completely overhauling how gum is valued in Confederate listings, and more.
- 2017 – Large Gold and Reserve Grand at Chicagopex 2017 for *Independent State Mail and Confederate Use of U.S. Postage – How Secession Occurred, Correcting the Record – La Posta* Monograph Series 2, No. 1. Corrected false information that had hitherto been accepted concerning dates when southern states left the Union and created the Confederacy. First published as an article reprint in 2017, which was subsequently expanded as a monograph at the publisher’s request.
- 2017 – Inducted into the APS Writers’ Unit Hall of Fame
- 2017 – Large Vermeil in literature competition at StampShow as co-author of *Springfield Facsimiles of Confederate Postage Stamps*
- 2016 – Richard W. Helbock Prize for the best article in the 2016 volume of *La Posta*
- 2016 – Best Article in the 2016 volume of the *Confederate Philatelist*
- 2015 – Best Article in the 2015 volume of the *Confederate Philatelist*
- 2012 – Editor-in-Chief, *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History*, overseeing and coordinating dozens of section editors over six years. The catalog won the Grand Award for literature at the 2013 APS StampShow, as well as top awards in other major competitions. The catalog is the successor to the line of Dietz catalogs, begun in 1932, but completely reimagined and revised with new research and updated information, published in full color. “The bible” for Confederate States stamp and cover collecting.
- 2018 – Gold for the website trishkaufmann.com at Chicagopex 2018 Literature competition
- 2019 – Reserve Grand, Articles Only competition – Sarasota. “Civil War Prize Court Mail: Profits and Bounty on the High Seas Led to Philatelic Treasures,” *American Philatelist*
- 2000 and 1984 – definitive research on the 3-cent 1861 Postmaster Provisionals, published jointly in both the 1984 and 2000 *American Philatelist* and *Confederate Philatelist*, that resulted in an entirely new section in the 2000 *Scott Specialized Catalogue*, as well as the CSA Catalog. Her research was a 16-year project that ultimately disproved the misconceptions of over a century of prior catalog listings, both U.S. and Confederate.
- 1973-1987 – Editor, *Confederate Philatelist* – longest editor in publication history (17½ years)
- 1970-1973 – Co-editor, *Confederate Philatelist*
- 1988-present – Contributing editor, *Civil War Philatelist* (formerly the *Confederate Philatelist*). Also served as an Associate Editor in various years.
- 1998-99 – Member of CSA Postmaster Provisional Revision Committee working with the publishers of Scott Catalogue to revise this important section. Served in a similar capacity for the Minkus Catalog.

Philatelic Honors and Awards

- 2023 – Roll of Distinguished Philatelists (RDP), Philatelic Congress of Great Britain

- 2023 – Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for distinguished service to philately, the sixth woman to be so honored since 1952.
- 2023 – Luff Award for Meritorious Contributions to Philately for Outstanding Service to APS
- 2023 – Charles J. Peterson Philatelic Literature Life Achievement Award
- 2023 – John Walter Scott Dealer Award for efforts contributed to APS and the hobby
- 2022 – Chosen as one of the World’s Most Influential Philatelists by *Linn’s Stamp News*
- 2021 – Winner of the best presentation at the Collectors Club of New York
- 2021 – APS Chatty Award for “Social and Historical Research Through Postal History” with fellow panelists Cheryl Ganz and Marjorie Sente
- 2020 – CSA Special Trustees’ Award for Sustained and Superior Service for work on Civil War Postal Symposium and Exhibition at Bellefonte, Pa., in October 2019
- 2018 – Distinguished Philatelist, United States Philatelic Classics Society
- 2017 – Distinguished Philatelist of the Year, APS Summer Seminar
- 2016 – Elizabeth Pope Award for Lifetime Contributions to Philately
- 2013, 1980, 1974 – CSA Haydn Myer Award for Distinguished Service to CWPS
- 1985 – Bestowed honorary title of “General” in CWPS, the first woman and youngest person
- 1985 – Honored as Life Member #1 in CWPS
- 1978 – CSA Special Trustees’ Award for Sustained and Superior Service

Associations and Positions Held

- 2021-2025 – Board member of the Philatelic Foundation and member of the Overturns Committee
- 2016-2022 – Chair, Board of Vice Presidents, American Philatelic Society
- 2016-2022 – Scribe and member of APS Campaign for Philately committee, responsible for restructuring the Tiffany Dinner (reimagined as the Soirée) and Tiffany Talk, creating the Great American Stamp Show Hobby Honors Dinner instead of an overly lengthy awards dinner, and more.
- 2016-2018 – Chair, APS Dealer Advisory Council
- 2016-to date – Member, APS Dealer of the Year Committee
- 2015-2022 – Public Relations, CWPS
- 2011-2013 – Elected to the Council of Philatelists of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in January 2011, serving unofficially for a year before that. Served on both the Research Committee and the Public Relations / Web Committee.
- 2008-2010 – President (first female) of the Confederate Stamp Alliance (now the Civil War Philatelic Society)
- 1989 – Board member, World Stamp Expo Advisory Board to the U.S. Postal Service
- 1983-89 – Board member, American Philatelic Research Library (first female) and patron
- Charter member and board member, Virginia Postal History Society
- 1973+ – Board member, Society of Philatelic Americans (about 6,000 members at that time), as well as Advertising Manager, Publicity Director, and high-total recruiter.
- 1970s-80s – Napex board member and author of articles in Napex programs
- Countless other positions held over the past half-century with a wide selection of philatelic collector and dealer organizations

Other Contributions to the Hobby

- 2023 – Voys Fellow of American Philatelic Research Library
- 2022 – Created a digital presentation for general use by CWPS members
- 2015-2020 – Headed the campaign to change the name of Confederate Stamp Alliance to Civil War Philatelic Society and redirect its mission.

- 2019 – Kaufmann Civil War Room was dedicated at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA. Will eventually house Kaufmann research as well as in the American Philatelic Research Library when she passes to the great stamp club in the sky.
- 2019 – A main committee leader for the Civil War Postal Exhibition and Symposium, a World Series of Philately competition held at the American Philatelic Center with international participation from England, Northern and Western Europe, and Australia. Created website and event program; ran publicity campaign before and after the event.
- 2017 – Instructor at APS Summer Seminar
- 2012 – Founding donor to the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery at the Smithsonian National Postal History Museum
- 2005-2006 – Researcher/writer for ARAGO, the extensive cataloging project of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum when first unveiled
- 1996-2014 – Member of CSA Authentication Service (now CWPAS), Recording Secretary and member from 1996-2007. Emeritus status, still consulted on difficult items.
- Consultant on call for difficult cases for Philatelic Foundation, American Philatelic Expertizing Service, Philatelic Stamp Experts, Philatelic Stamp Authentication and Grading.
- 1976-present – Regularly advise international award-winning collectors of American Civil War stamps and postal history at the highest levels. Sometimes mentioned as a source on exhibit pages.
- 1970-present – Lecture extensively on Civil War stamps and postal history to both philatelic and non-philatelic audiences
- 1971 – Narrator and one of the creators of a slide program on Civil War philately specifically for the American Philatelic Society to mail to interested affiliates for their use
- Regularly consulted by national/international auction houses and countless private collectors
- Regularly helped various organizations with website creation and content – learned HTML in 1996 to produce a philatelic website for Osborne-Kaufmann
- A large percentage of serious Confederate philatelic research articles cite Kaufmann

Other Achievements in the Hobby

- 2003 – qualified as a philatelic expert witness in court testimony
- 1973-1989 – one of the first women to call a philatelic auction and participate in day-to-day operations of a major philatelic company

Member

- Fellow, Royal Philatelic Society London
- Life member, American Philatelic Society
- Life member and patron, American Philatelic Research Library
- Life member, United States Philatelic Classics Society
- Life member, Civil War Philatelic Society
- Life member, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
- United States Stamp Society
- Collectors Club of New York
- American Stamp Dealers Association
- National Stamp Dealers Association / IFSDA
- Numerous other philatelic organizations