

Why Haiti?

There are many reasons
to collect Haiti...

Aerophilately
Censored Covers
Classic Issues
Errors
Essays
First Day Covers
"Haitiana"
IRCs
New Issues
Paquebot Mail
Perfins
Plating
Postal Stationery
Pre-philatelic
Proofs
Revenues
Souvenir Sheets
Town Cancels
US Marine Corps
US Naval Covers



*Postcard published circa 1900 by Paul Kohl of
Chemnitz, Germany.*

Haiti was the first black republic in the world and the second republic to be established in the Western Hemisphere...its history is fascinating...

...the stamps of Haiti are affordable ...only two or three might be considered expensive...these are low priced in contrast to stamps of the United States or European countries available in greater quantities...rarities are affordable...

...one can specialize in one or several areas...despite catalogue caveats about forgeries, collectors ought not be dissuaded as most forgeries are easily recognizable...Haiti offers a multitude of opportunities for specialization...

...philatelically, there yet remains much that is unknown about the philately and postal history of Haiti...discoveries yet remain to be made and reported...

Collect Haiti if you seek philatelic adventure. The Haiti Philatelic Society awaits you!

Aerophilately

1926-27 Pan-American "Goodwill" Flight



From December 21, 1926 to May 2, 1927, Maj. Herbert Dargue led the U.S. Army Pan American Flight, a public relations goodwill mission to promote U.S. aviation in South America. Flying five Loening OA-1A seaplanes, each named for an American city, Dargue, Capt. Ira Clarence Eaker, and eight other Army aviators traveled 22,000 miles (35,200 km) in 59 flight days, stopping at 72 cities along the route. The ten airmen, two of whom died in an accident on February 26, 1927, during the mission, were awarded certificates for first awards of the newly created Distinguished Flying Cross. The above cover was flown aboard the San Antonio, flown by Capt. Arthur McDaniel and Lt. Charles Robinson.

Classic Issues

Haiti's First Stamps, 1881

Referred to by philatelists as the 'Liberty Head' issue, they were issued on July 1, 1881. This was about forty years after Great Britain issued her 'Penny Black' and exactly thirty-four years to the very day of the first two U.S. issues.



Errors

A major mistake in the production of a stamp or postal stationery item. Production errors include imperforate or imperforate-between varieties, missing or incorrect colors, and inversion or doubling of part of the design or overprint. Major errors are usually far scarcer than normal varieties of the same stamp and are highly valued by collectors.



1890 Omitted overprint



1892
Double impression.
PF cert. 450971.



1944 Double overprint



1976 Double overprint,
one inverted



1890 Inverted overprint

Essays

Essays are proposed designs for stamps. Most essays are rejected.



1850



1881

1881

*Believed to have been prepared
by Pierre M. Mahé.*

*(See: Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal,
16:192; 30 June 1906. Ex Lloyd.)*



c. 1896



1904



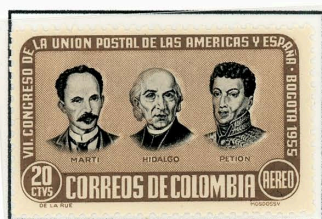
1906. Made with steel dies ordered from the ABNCo. of NY. Ex Montès.

"Haitiana"

"Haitiana" is a made-up word which designates Haiti related stamps or poster labels issued by different stamp issuing entities.



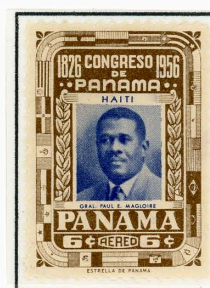
1937 Cuba
Haitian Coat of Arms



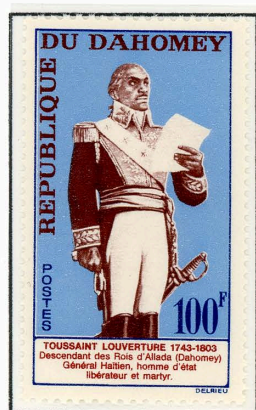
1955 Colombia
Alexandre Petion



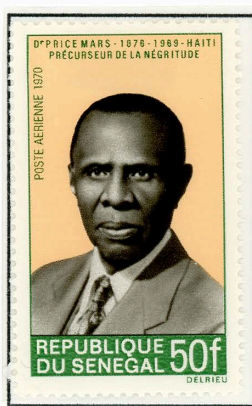
1955 United Nations
WHO



1956 Panama
Pres. Paul Magloire



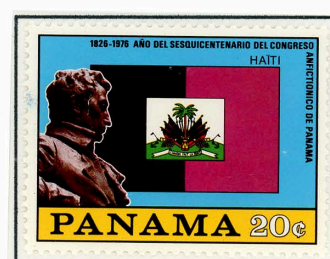
1963 Dahomey
Toussaint L'Ouverture



1970 Senegal
Dr. Price Mars



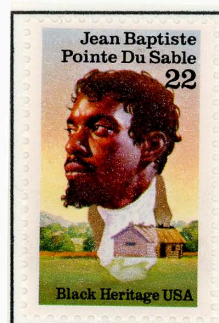
1974 Liberia
Italy-Haiti Munich World Cup



1976 Panama
Haitian Flag



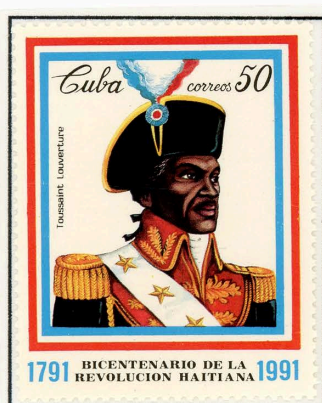
1979 Venezuela
Alexandre Petion



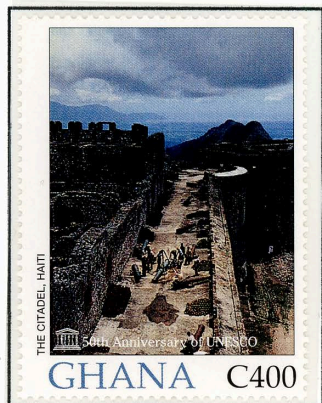
1986 US
Jean Baptiste Du Sables



1987 United Nations
Haitian Flag



1991 Cuba
Toussaint L'Ouverture



1996 Ghana
Citadel



1998 France
Toussaint L'Ouverture



2010 France
Red Cross Earthquake Relief

Paquebot Mail

Tischer & Co. – Cap Haïtien.

pr. " CROATIA "

CROATIA
10/1.07

Monsieur

L. H. Reine

PAQUEBOT

CROATIA

12, Rue du Champ-de-Foire

LE HAVRE

600F

German paquebot with manuscript date 10 Jan. 1907 and straight line purser's mark of the CROATIA. Le Havre arrival postmark 11 Feb. 1907.

Commercial Correspondence Schools,

Rochester, N. Y.,

U. S. A.

Scarce Dutch paquebot "negative" cancel." Port-au-Prince backstamp 24 Mar. 1916.

Plating

Plating is the reconstruction of a stamp pane by collecting blocks and individual stamps representing various positions. This is possible for many older issues, such as the Liberty Head stamps, both perf and imperf, the Date Tree Issue of 1891, and the 2c and 20c values of the Royal Palm issue of 1992 - 1895. Plating has also been accomplished for the 10c, 25c, and 60c Dumas stamps of 1935.

The 20c of 1895 was printed by lithography and all 100 positions of the sheet have distinctive characteristics which make plating (see below).



Position 8



Position 13



Position 22



Position 28



Position 34



Position 85



Postal Stationery



Réponse Payée postal card, mailed 12 January 1900 from Allegheny, Pennsylvania to Port-au-Prince, Haiti [sic]



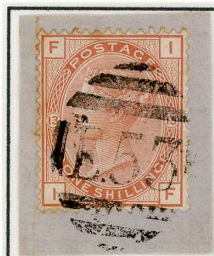
Lettersheet 6 Dec. 1908; NY Registry backstamp 23 Dec. 1908; Wurzburg, Germany arrival backstamp 1 Jan. 1909.

Pre-philatelic

Before Haiti joined the Universal Postal Union in 1881 and for a short while afterwards the British and French consular offices provided mail service.

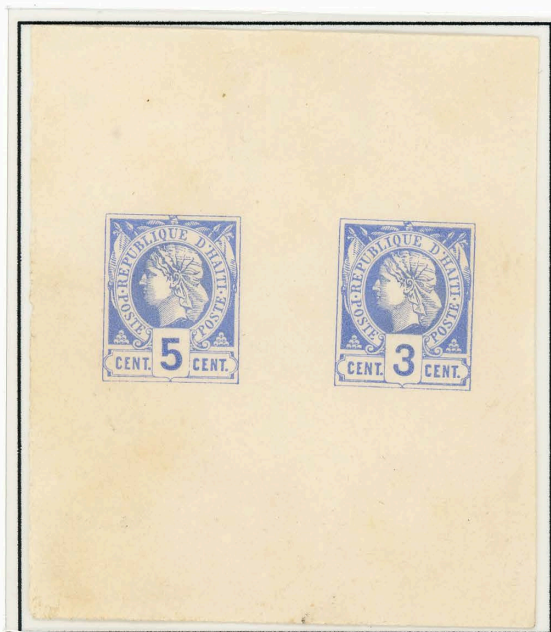


7 Feb. 1882 [sic]

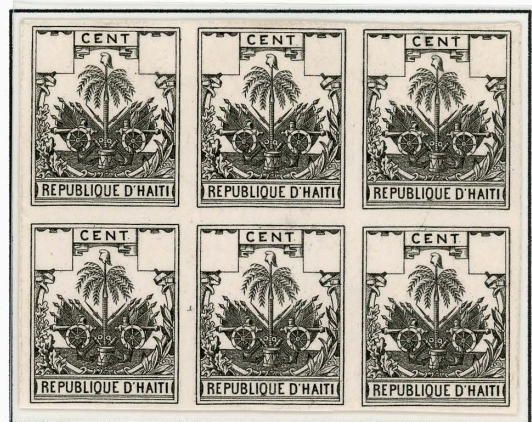


Stamps of Great Britain were used to frank mail, 1865 - 1882. C59 cancel used by the British Consular Office in Jacmel and E53 cancel by the British Consular Office Port-au-Prince.

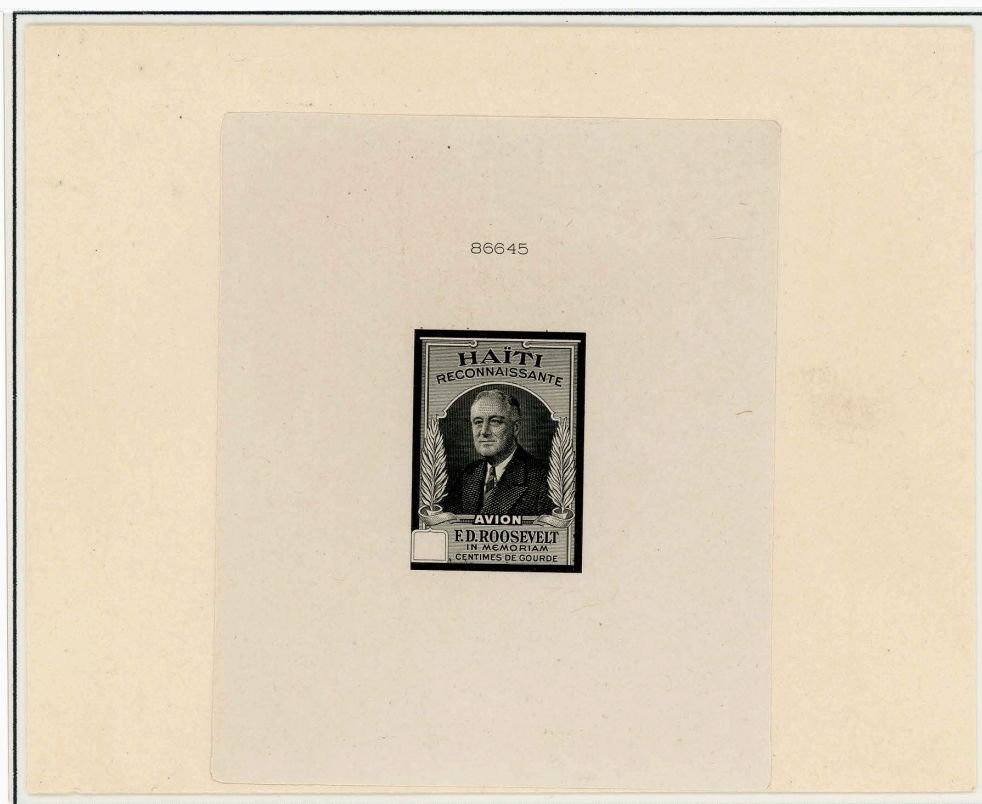
Proofs



1881 - Trial color proofs of 3c and 5c in blue, instead of vermillion and yellow green respectively.



1896 - Undenominated plate proofs

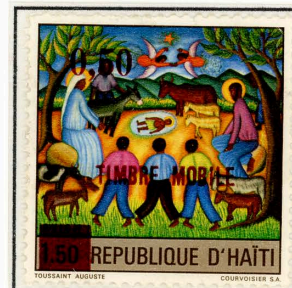
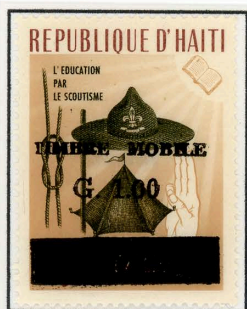


1946 - Undenominated die proof.

Revenues

Postage Stamps Overprinted for Use as Fiscals, 1970's

In the 1970's, expediency and economy resulted in surcharging, seldom used low and high values surplus postage stamps for use as revenue stamps. Not counting the 1920 "T.M." overprints, 94 different overprints or surcharges are known applied to 79 different stamps.



Revenue stamps with the value G 0.50 are commonly found on electricity, telephone, and water bills. Fiscals such as these are also found on bills of lading, promissory notes (as on above example), and insurance renewal receipts.

Town Cancels

The vast majority of mail since 1881 emanated from the larger towns such as Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haïtien. Other seaport towns such as Cayes, Gonaïves, Jacmel, Petit-Goave, and Port-de-Paix combined probably account for 10% of the mail. Stamps with cancels other than these town are scarce and collecting them challenging.

In 1957, there were 132 different post offices or postal agents with canceling devices. Below is a sampling of different town postmarks of different types from different decades.



Anse a Veau



Anse d'Hainault



Arcahaie



Bombardopolis



Borgne



Cavaillon



Dame Marie



Gde Riv. du Nord



Gros Morne



Hinche



L'Asile



Pte Riv. des
Nippes



Pignon



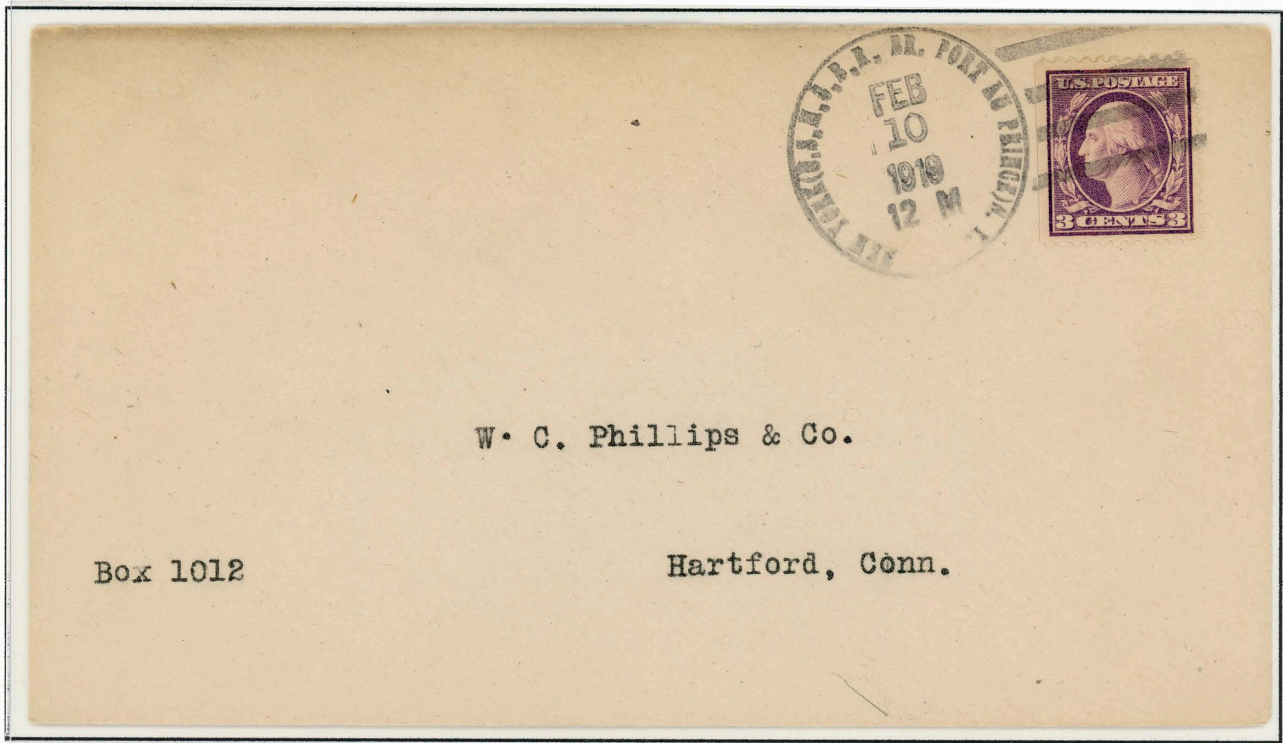
Plaisance



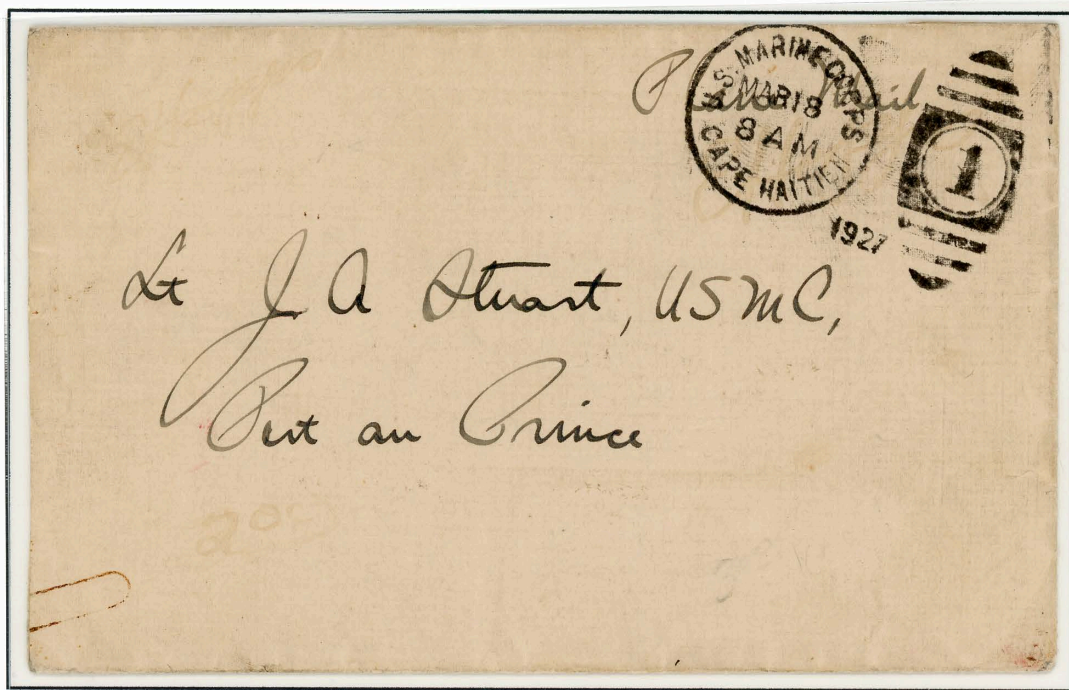
Port Margot

USMC

Between 1915 and 1934, 37 different types of cancels known to have been used by the US Marine Corps in Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitien.



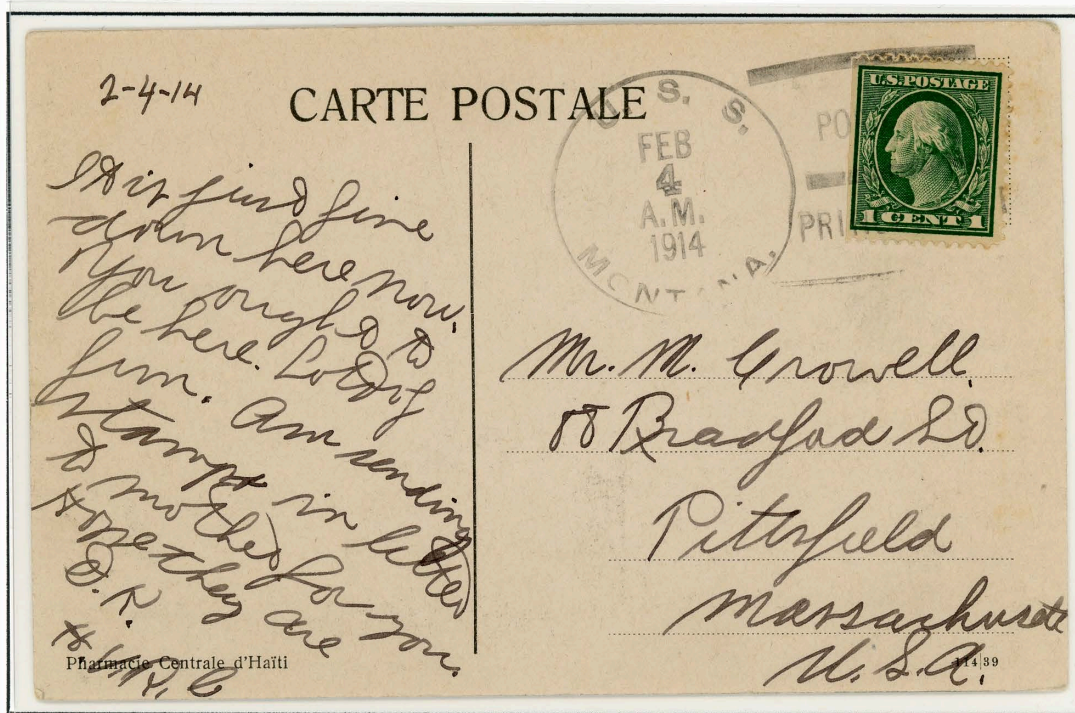
Port-au-Prince 10 February 1919 to Hartford, Conn.



18 Mar. 1927 Cap Haitien to Port-au-Prince. Official mail with manuscript notion "Plane Mail."

US Naval Covers

Postmarks of 18 different ships are known to have been used between the years 1914 - 1919. Most are considered scarce. Some 200 + are known to have been used between 1914 - 1939.



4 Feb. 1914 USS Montana Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Earliest known use.



8 Feb. 1914 USS South Carolina Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Earliest known use.



The Haiti Philatelic Society
Founded May 1975
A.P.S. Affiliate #81



At the initiative of Reginald Gagneron, a few collectors of the stamps of Haiti started a study group in 1975. Within a year there were 25 members and a decision was made to formally organize a society. Officers were elected and the Haiti Philatelic Society (HPS) began publishing a quarterly bulletin, *Haiti Philately* (HP). Editors of HP have been: Reginald Gagneron (1976); Peter C. Jeannopoulos (1977-1980); Polly Van Dyke (1981-1984); Dr. Gerald L. Boarino (1985-1998); and Barbara Levine (1999-Present).

A Constitution and By-Laws provide the framework of operation for the society. All members are furnished a copy upon request. The HPS is dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge and the promotion of research in regard to the stamps and postal history of Haiti. Membership, which numbers approximately 100, is composed of collectors of all degrees of sophistication from beginners to advanced specialists. The majority of members are from the United States with others from: (*in alphabetical order*) Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Haiti, Holland, New Zealand, Scotland, and the Virgin Islands.

Membership includes a subscription to a quarterly publication - *Haiti Philately*. This journal presents articles dealing with various topics such as aerophilately, censored covers, classic issues, errors, essays, first day covers, IRCs, new issues, paquebot mail, perfins, plating, postal stationery, pre-philatelic, postal stationery, pre-philatelic, proofs, revenues, souvenir sheets, town cancels, USMC, US naval covers, etc. It is, and has been, the only publication in English of its kind worldwide that is devoted exclusively to the postal history and stamps of Haiti. A sample copy can be obtained by sending \$4 US (or IRC equivalent) to Mr. Ubaldo Deltoro.

Additional membership services include quarterly mail auctions.

Membership in this Society is open to all, from beginner to advanced alike. Annual dues are \$25.00 per annum (overseas \$33.00).

Visit our website <http://www.haitiphilately.org> to find out more about the society and to download and the Microsoft Word application form.

For more information contact:
Mr. Ubaldo Deltoro, Secretary-Treasurer
5709 Marble Archway
Alexandria, VA 22315
U007ubi@aol.com