

Patricia A. (Trish) Kaufmann, who lives in Delaware, is best known as one of the leading experts on Civil War philately, particularly the stamps and postal history of the Confederate States. This is an area she has collected and exhibited for over 50 years, as well as being a dealer and auctioneer. Her leadership in the hobby has included serving as chair of the Board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Society and holding almost every role in the Civil War Philatelic Society, writing and editing extensively for the group's journal and books, organizing its conventions and most important of all, leading its efforts in 2020 to rebrand from the Confederate Stamp Alliance—broadening its scope, maintaining relevance and drawing new members.

Kaufmann was introduced to Confederate philately in 1965 by her first husband, Brian Green. Together, they won a Grand Award at Florex in 1972 for an exhibit entitled "The Evolution of Confederate Postal History." Though not a Southerner, she found herself hooked.

"The luckiest thing that ever happened to me was becoming a dealer," she recalled in a December interview. "I got to see things I would never have seen any other way."

Taking a job with the dealer and auctioneer John W. Kaufmann, she quickly took on a prominent role in his firm, becoming one of the first women to call a stamp auction, and in his life: the two were married in 1975. The Kaufmann firm, based in Washington, D.C., became one of the top stamp auctioneers in the United States. Among the treasures she gaveled down was the first recovered "McCoy," one of the Inverted Jenny airmail errors (Scott C3a) from a block of four stolen in the 1950s. The stamp was sold on behalf of the American Philatelic Research Library, on whose board Kaufmann was the first woman to serve.

After her husband passed away in 1988, Kaufmann closed the auction business to focus on being a specialist C.S.A. dealer. Her research has led to numerous discoveries in Confederate postal history and stamp varieties. Some of these have upended catalog listings, most notably concerning the status of the 1861 3¢ Postmasters' Provisionals. She serves as a consultant to the Scott U.S. *Specialized* catalog, and her articles have won frequent awards. Her well-designed web site, trishkaufmann.com, is packed with useful philatelic resources.

Kaufmann continues to research and write extensively, and her articles appear regularly in the *American Philatelist*, *American Stamp Collector and Dealer*, *La Posta* and *Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly*, among others. Her Dec. 2021 Collectors Club presentation, "Jenkins' Express: Dodging the Yanks along the Rappahannock River," was awarded Best Presentation for the year.

Kaufmann is married to Darryl Boyer, whom she met scuba diving off the Atlantic coast and who is "totally lacking the collector gene." Together, they ran a wreck-diving charter boat for 15 years, while she maintained her stamp business. "I was happy to have a physical and cerebral life at the same time," she says.

Besides Confederate States, Kaufmann has collected and exhibited 19th century Valentines. She now collects vintage stamp boxes as well as studying and adding to her extensive collection of Confederate fakes and fantasies.