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To Foster Hall Correspondents:

The envelope in which this letter comes to you bears the Stephen Collins Foster stamp, first issued from Bardstown, Kentucky, May 3, 1940. The stamp was included in the "Famous Americans Series" issued by the Post Office Department that year.

The engraving on the envelope is reproduced from one of the "first-day covers" printed for that occasion.

The portrait of Stephen Foster on the envelope is the work of Foster Hall's good friend, the late Joseph Muller of Closter, New Jersey.

Feeling that the Foster stamp is a marked tribute to the composer of *Old Folks at Home* and *My Old Kentucky Home*, the Foster Hall staff is using this stamp in its correspondence.

In the years to come, the Foster stamp will undoubtedly be of ever-increasing value to collectors of both Fosteriana and stamps. Therefore, if you do not wish to keep these stamps, the envelope and this letter for your own collection, please do not destroy them. Present them to another collector.

Sincerely yours,

Fletcher Hodges Jr.

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