



INFORMATION RELEASE

The France & Colonies Philatelic Society Inc.

A Society of Collectors of French and French Colonial Stamps

AUCTION AND MAIL SALE FIRMS OF LIKELY INTEREST TO MEMBERS

This list is compiled as a convenience and not as a promotion of selected firms. The selection process recognizes that most sales will have a certain amount of French material, but in many cases it is limited in variety or to specialties. The French specialist firms may offer many lots of material popular only in France such as Department postmarks. Many sales include philatelic literature. In other countries we have listed only the more prominent firms that usually carry better-quality material even if the proportion of French is not large.

Note that few of the French firms hold public auctions (*ventes aux enchères*) in the manner to which Americans are accustomed. Rather, they usually have "*ventes sur offres*" which correspond to "mail sales". These are of two types: a) ones which call for bids which are opened on a set date, and b) ones which give a fixed net price (*prix net*) on a first-come, first-served basis over a period of weeks or months. Many of the latter are lists of material offered from stock. Public auctions, as we know them, are held in France only on occasions when estates are sold at order of courts, trustees, or banks. They are managed by public auctioneers with the assistance of hired philatelic experts. Catalogs for these sales (if any are published at all) are seldom distributed by philatelic firms, although the sales are sometimes announced in the French philatelic press so that inquiry or request for catalog may be made. The prices realized at these auction sales are subject to an additional 20% tax imposed by the government, a factor not to be overlooked in placing bids.

Nearly all the French mail sales state a starting bid (*prix minimum*) for each lot, usually 33-50% of what the seller expects to realize. Most of the material in both public auction and mail sales, outside of England and some of the larger U.S. firms, is likely to be the property of the selling firm. In France, lots which remain unsold at closing of a sale are often re-offered at the starting bid on a first come basis. French firms send catalogs free on request, and usually send a free list of realized prices to all bidders. Many of the larger U.S. and British firms now charge for catalogs, and realized prices are usually available only by subscription.

Lot descriptions are tending to become more and more abbreviated, particularly for "standard" material. Many of the European firms, outside of France, have tended to make up large lots so that the average price/lot is higher, and to minimize overhead costs. While most firms will provide a further description or answer a specific inquiry for a specific lot, knowledge of the material and experience with a given firm's sales may be the only practical method of interpreting their descriptions.

Payment can be made to most firms abroad by personal check in dollars, but in France there is some risk of impoundment by customs unless the check is mailed direct to the firm's designated bank. The safest, cheapest, and most generally acceptable method is by international postal money order. If the current rate of exchange is not readily available, allow a little extra for currency conversion charges. France, and some other countries, have a system of postal account numbers for receipt of foreign remittances which are a convenience but not a necessity. Firms with whom you have dealt previously will usually send lots against payment, but a deposit or payment in full may be required for first transactions. Most firms are members of a national dealers association, and complaints or disputes can be taken up with the association.

The French firms understand inquiries and instructions written in English, but they usually reply in French.

In the listing of firms which follows, an effort has been made to identify the kinds of sales or type of material usually handled by each firm. This identification is made by the following code letters:

Type of sale	
P	Public auctions (ventes aux enchères)
M	Mail Sales--bids to a specific closing date (numbered ventes sur offres)
L	List--offered at fixed price, usually first come basis (ventes sur offres)
Type of material	
G	General foreign including French, though not always in every sale
F	Specializes in France and Colonies
H	Higher quality material frequently offered
PH	Postal history material
PS	Postal stationery
Pr	Proofs, imperf, FDCs, maximum cards
C	French cancels and covers
MP	French marques postales (pre 1876)
D	Documents, postal and historic

		Richard Wolffers, Inc.	P G H
		127 Kearny St., San Francisco, Calif.	94108
		Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries	
		120 E. 56th St., New York N.Y.	10022 P G H
		Mercury Stamp Co., Inc.	
		10 E. 40th St., New York N.Y.	10016 P G H
		Roger Koerber	P G
		605 Northland Towers West,	
		Southfield, Mich.	48705
		Earl P.L. Apfelbaum	
		1420 Walnut St.	
		Philadelphia, Pa	19102 P G
		Fritz Billig	P G
		168-39 Highland Ave, Jamaica N.Y.	11432
		Eastland Stamp Auctions	
		Concourse--Eastland Center	
		Harper Woods, Mich.	48225 P G
		Peter Kennedi of California, Inc.	
		15445 Ventura Blvd.	
		Sherman Oaks, Calif.	91403 P G
		Au Comptoir des Timbres (J. Robineau)	
		5, rue Drouot	M G F H
		F75-Paris 9, France	PH MP C
		Philippe Roumet (O. Roumet)	
		17, rue Drouot	M G F H
		F75-Paris 9, France	PH MP C
		L-P Miro	
		15, rue Lafitte	M L G
		F75-Paris 9, France	H F C
		Rivoli Philatelie (J. Stivin)	
		146 rue de Rivoli	L
		F75001--Pau, France	

French Firms

Maurice Jamet (FCPS member)	M G F		
24, rue de Gramont	H MP C		
F75-Paris 2, France			
Bernard Behr (Georges Behr) (FCPS member)			
26, ave. de l'Opera	L		
F75-Paris 1, France	G H F		
Brun et Fils (Jean Brun)	M G F		
84, galerie Beaujolais	H MP C		
F75-Paris 1, France			
Jean Peyrieux (FCPS member)			
8, place Raspail	M F MP		
F69-Lyon 7, France	D H		

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Maison A. Maury		Ed. Berck	
6, Blvd Montmartre	M L	6, Place de la Madeleine	M F
F75-Paris 9, France	F G C	F75-Paris 8, France	G H Pr
Théo. Champion (L. Varga)	M L	M. Glucksmann	L
13, rue Drouot	F G H	B.P. 12	F H PH
F75-Paris 9, France		F78-Le-Chesnay, France	Ballons Montés
Georges Simart		La Poste aux Lettres (J. Pothion)	
91, rue de Montreuil	M	17, rue Faubourg-Montmartre	L F
F75-Paris 11, France	G H F	F75-Paris 9, France	MP C H
Philatelia (P. Papadopoulos)		Histoire Postale (G. Noel)	L F
20, rue Drouot	L	28, rue Guillaume Tell	PH MP
F75-Paris 9, France	G F	F75-Paris 17, France	C D
Tomy-Anka		Éditions Image Document	M L
27, rue du Faubourg-Montmartre	M	5, rue Saint-Romain	F MP D
F75-Paris 9, France	F G	F75-Paris 6, France	red cross, military
Pierre Mayer		C. Demarest	
20 rue Drouot	L	58, rue Lafayette	L M
F75-Paris 9, France	F Pr PS	F75-Paris 9, France	G F
Serge Pasquet	L	J.P. Verval	
24, galerie de Chartres, Palais Royal		85, rue Lafayette	L
F75-Paris 1, France	G F	F75-Paris 9, France	G F
Creator		Pro-Phi (G. de Rivasson)	L F MP C
9, rue Mansart	L	F24450 LaCoquille-Miallet, France	large lots
F75-Paris 9, France	F Pr	J. Regnaud	M F
M. Coisson		70, ave. de l'Hippodrome	
Villa Marc-Felic, Ave. Victoria	P	F70-Sainte-Adresse (Seine-Mar.), France	
F06110 Le Cannet, France	F G	Gaston Mouis (Remy Mouis)	
Francois Brych		14, ave. Reille	M L
1, rue Longchamp	M L	Antibes (Alpes Mar.), France	F MP C D
Nice, France	F MP C	E. Proyer et Cie.	
(also: 31, Blvd. des Moulins, Monaco)		176, ave. Thiers	M F
O. La Flize		F69-Lyon 6, France	
73, cours Vitton	L F	M. Guibourdenche	
F69-Lyon 6, France		34, cours F. Roosevelt	L F
		F13-Marseille, France	

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15, rue Sainte-Helene	L F	5, rue Blacas	L
F69-Lyon 2, France		Nice, France	F MP
		Var Philatélie	
Mon. Heller		40, blvd. J. Jaures	L
19, rue Courteissade	L F	F83-Draguignan, France	F G
F13-Aix, France			
		Studio Saint-Laurent (R. del Balzo)	
Jean Chevalier		23, rue Saint-Laurent	L
La Faouet	L	F38-Grenoble, France	G F MP C
F22-Lanvallon, France	F MP C		
		Jacques Ribault-Menetiere (Hotel Drouot Sales)	
Edouard Tabory		12, rue Hippolyte-Lebas	P
24, Ave. de la Costa	M	F75-Paris 9, France	F G
Monte Carlo, Monaco	F G	(may not always have catalogs)	

Other European:

CORINPHILA	P G H	Me. Loiseau	
8023 Zurich, Bahnhofstr, 102, Switzerland		13, rue Thiers	P
		F78-St. Germain en Laye, France	F G
		(may not always have catalogs)	
Hans Grobe	P G H		
Theatrestr. 7, 3 Hannover, Germany		La Boite Postal (L. Vuille)	M G H
		1400-Yverdon, Switzerland	F MP C
Willy Balasse			
43a-45a rue du Midi	P G H	U. E. G. Willaume	
B1000 Bruxelles, Belgium		5 rue du Midi (1er Etage)	P G H
		1000 Bruxelles, Belgium	
Story Post (R. Jennekens)			
5 BIS, Dreve du Caporal	L MP C	Edgar Mohrmann & Co.	P G H
1180 Bruxelles, Belgium	Phil. Lit.	Speersort 6, Hamburg 1, Germany	

British firms:

Proud-Bailey Co., Ltd. (FCPS Member)	P G PH H	H. R. Harmer, Ltd.	P G H
98 Queens Road, Brighton BN1 SXF, England		41 New Bond St., London W1A 4EH, England	
Robson Lowe, Ltd.	P G H PH C	Stanley Gibbons Auctions, Ltd.	P G H
50 Pall Mall, London SW1 Y 5JZ, England		Drury House, Russell St., London WC2B 5HD, England	
Rigby Postal History Auctions, Ltd.	M PH G	Temple Bar Auctions (Bridger & Kay)	
31 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, England		86 Strand, London WC2, England	
The London Stamp Exchange, Ltd.		Philagem Stamps, Ltd.	L M
5 Buckingham St., Strand	P G PH	58 Castle St., Dover 2358, England	G
London 01-930 1413, England			
		Collectors Mail Auctions	M G H
		Box 20, Bergvliet, Cape, South Africa	
		(thru FL Blau. Box 59153, Chicago Ill. 60659)	

Other:

French Firms, additions:

P. Reval 19, rue Bonneterie F84000--Avignon, France	M F	Marignane-Philatelie (L. Fiocca) Clos St. Pierre F13700--Marignane, France	M F MP FDC
J.C. Fourcart 6 ave. de Caille F78110--Le Visinet, France	L F	Calderoni 54 Blvd de la Liberation F13-Marseille 1, France	L F
X. Pigeron 23 Ave de la Republique F75-Paris XI, France	L F	Réne Vespa 39 rue Gioffredo F06-Nice, France	L F
Antoine 7 Passage des Panoramas F75--Paris 2, France	L	Maison Aumont 127 rue des Landes F78--Chatou, France	L
Vesoul Philatelie 24, rue des Borecherries F70000-Vesoul, France	L F	H. Malvesy 11, rue de l'Amour F34300-Agde, France	L F
Renon 52 Champs Elysées F75008-Paris, France	L F	A. Germain 6 rue Léon-Jost F75017-Paris, France	P F
J. Chanson Hotel des Ventes, 15 rue Gate Vigne Mantes-la-Jolie, France	P F	Phil-Inter 36 rue Becaune Toulouse, France	L F
<u>U.S. Firms, additions:</u> Stamps Information Associates, Inc. 675 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, Mass. 02139	M G Lit.	***** Great Lakes StampAuctions 2883 No. Milwaukee Chicago, Ill. 60618 *****	M
<u>Other countries, additions:</u> Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Wardwick Chambers, 69 Wardwick Derby OEl 1HJ, England	M G	Harnat Stamp Co. Suite 207, Wilderton Shopping Ctr. 2615 Van Horne Ave. Montreal 251, P.Q., Canada	P G
J.L. Van Dieten Tournooiveld 2 The Hague, Netherlands	P G	Lange & Falkowski Langgasse 20-22 D62-Wiesbaden, W. Germany	P G
Heinrich Salomon Knessebachstrasse 68/69 1 Berlin 12, Germany	P G	Herbert Mayer Widenmayerstrasse 48 8 Munchen 22, W. Germany	P G
G. Orlandini Via Marteli 8 50129 Florence, Italy	P G	Subasta (Fil. Hobby S.A.) Rodriguez, San Pedro Madrid 15, Spain	M P G
Vlastos Philatelic Auctions 7 Stadiou St. Athens 125, Greece	P G	Postiljonen AB Sodra Tullgatan 3 S-211-40 Malmo, Sweden	P G

French Firms, additions:

M. Lichiardopol 4 bis, place de la Daurade F31000-Toulouse, France	L F G	La Poste du Village Botique 105 78, ave. de Suffren F75015-Paris, France	M F G
Centre d'Achats Drouot 20, rue Drouot F75009-Paris, France	M F G	Mercury (P. Paquot & J.P. Kalkstein) 34, rue Drouot F75009-Paris, France	L F G
Van Dorsselaer 15, rue Ste Helene F69002-Lyon, France	M F Colonies	A La Galerie Robiony 50, rue Gioffrede Nice, France	P G
J. Wolf 18, rue Drouot F75009-Paris, France	L Pr, thematic	Societe Francaise de Philatelie (R. North) 8, rue Saint Marc F75002-Paris, France	M F G
Pinon 17, rue de Passeur BP 39, F37001-Tours Cedex, France	L	Normandie Philatelie 59 rue Jeanne d'Arc F76000--Rouen, France	L F

U.S. Firms, additions:

Kover King (Siegel, FCPS member) 120 W. 44th St., Suite 704 New York, N.Y. 10036	M PH D	Postal History Auctions (Van Dam, FCPS member) P.O. Box 26 Brewster, N.Y. 10509	M PH D
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Other additions:

Shanlon Philatelic Agency 82 Fir Tree Walk Reigate, Surrey RH2 ORU England	M PH PS	The Philatelist (auctioneers) 141 Meersbrook Park Road Sheffield S89FP England	P PH G
Maurice Baeten & Co. 7 rue du Midi 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium	P	P. Rapp P.O. Box 2924 Ch-9500 Wil Switzerland	P G
Aste Filateliche Internazionali Via Boncampagni 47 1-00187 Roma, Italy	P G	B. Maresch 8 Temperance St. Toronto 1, Ontario Canada	P F G