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ROBERT WILLIAMSON BAUGHMAN

1907 - 1970

Robert W. Baughman spent a lifetime in forming his great collections. Born at Plains, Kansas, March 16th, 1907, he lived most of his life in that State, the few times he left there being during schooling in California, a short period as newspaper publisher in Colorado and service in the Navy during World War II. Most of his life was devoted to the Baughman Farms Company, a great agricultural enterprise.

His interest in stamps dated back to when he was six years old and his philatelic acumen developed through the years to the point where he became one of the most distinguished philatelists in the country. He became President of the Society of Philatelic Americans in 1962, serving with distinction until 1966. He and Mrs. Baughman traveled extensively to important Philatelic Exhibitions here and abroad and he often served as a Judge at these events. He was also a member of the Postmaster General's Stamp Advisory Committee from 1961 to 1964.

Some of his collections are of maximum importance as, for instance, the incomparable collection of Imperial Russia offered in this catalogue. Another area of special importance is Kansas Postal History covers, including The Pony Express, which we shall offer at a later date. That Kansas Postal History was a favorite is easily understandable, for, in addition to amassing the noteworthy collection of early Kansas covers he was the author of "Early Day Kansas Post Offices" and "Kansas in Maps".

There are other outstanding areas of collecting in which he was engaged and they will be the subject of future sales for which announcement will be made in due course.

His passing creates a void which can never be filled. It serves to remind us that we philatelists of today are the trustees or custodians for the generations of collectors to come and that the great collections of the future can only be built from the great collections of today.

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