

THE FALL OF THE TWIN TOWERS SYNOPSIS

This exhibit looks at the history of the Twin Towers from their beginning in the 1960s to their death on September 11, 2001. Besides covers and a few stamps, most of the exhibit uses postcards. These were mailed by tourists and New Yorkers in the millions and are therefore legitimate postal history.

One of New York City's largest post offices was directly across the street from the Twin Towers. Parts of the aircrafts and the towers fell on the building, and the concussion blew in all the windows. The cleanup took three years, and the impact on postal services is shown in the exhibit.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, mail artists and post offices issued covers, stamps, and postmarks for the memory of the towers. Such memorials continue to be issued, as it will take a generation for the trauma to fade away.