

THE FALL OF THE TWIN TOWERS

SYNOPSIS

This exhibit looks at the history of the Twin Towers from their beginning in the 1960s until their destruction on September 11, 2001. Besides covers and a few stamps, much of the exhibit uses postcards. Tourists and New Yorkers mailed these by the millions and thus they are legitimate postal history.

The Twin Towers did not have their own post office because the Church Street post office was directly across the street. Parts of the airplanes and towers fell on the post office roof. The windows were blown in by the concussion and the interior filled with debris and dust. The cleanup and restoration took three years. A brief account of the post office, before and after, is shown in the exhibit.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, mail artists produced covers. Post offices issued stamps and postmarks as memorials. A selection of these are shown in the exhibit. The legacy is illustrated by postcards and covers of ships and a new tower.