

## Summer Seminar 2016 Wednesday - Thursday 2 – Day Course

### **Telegraph Postal History** – *Diane DeBlois & Robert Dalton Harris*

#### *Course Description:*

Explore the geography and culture of the telegraph in the United States and its relationship with the postal system. Participants will be introduced to network development, international outreach, and the telegraph's relationship with the postal system. This course will provide background on the telegraph pioneer companies that became Western Union. It will highlight competing telegraph technologies along with ways in which the telegraph overlapped, supplanted or worked with the postal system.

#### *Participants will learn:*

- To recognize the postal history contained in telegraph artifacts
- History of the Trans Atlantic cables
- To identify pre1870 telegraph stationery and markings
- About major U.S. telegraph networks
- About the international cable system

#### *Intended Audience (who should attend):*

- Anyone interested in U.S. postal history

*No prior knowledge or skills are necessary*

#### *Materials that participants will need to bring:*

- All course materials will be supplied by the instructors