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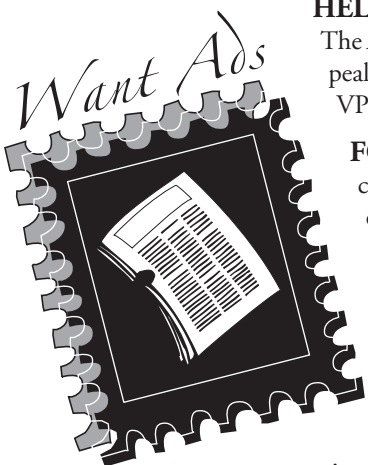
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Colopex 2002—Silver-Bronze
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Canada's 7th National Philatelic Literature
Exhibition 2005—Silver Medal
NAPEX 2007—Silver Medal
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WANTED: *Someone with web technical expertise who would be willing to occasionally update the ACC website. Would require general web maintenance knowledge (nothing too complicated!) and perhaps a couple of hours 3-4 times a year. Please contact Angela Watson (bleumoon@charter.net).*



HELP WANTED: Enjoy working with computers and websites? The ACC NEEDS YOU to help keep our website current and appealing! Check our site at www.alaskaphilatelic.org/ and contact VP Angela Watson for more information.

FOR SALE: "Grandfather's Collection" Beautiful Alaskan covers, mostly older, 7 hand colored/ drawn cachet with each order. Nice Alaskan covers. 35 covers \$110.00 Guaranteed. Victor Schwez, 10519 Casanes Ave., Downey CA 90241

INFO: ACC member Bob Beeman would like to hear from any member who could inform him about past ACC member Paul E. Smith, ACC Member 165, who previously lived at 305 Waldman Drive, Park Forest, Illinois 60466. Smith had, in 1966, been

active in promoting the issuance of a stamp commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Purchase of Alaska with then Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois.

HELP WANTED: I am looking for information about the Anchorage Contract Station 11. I never found anything about it and I do have the numbers 10 and 12 and the existence of Number 11 is then logical. Dirk van Gelderen, Voorkade 74, 2771 ZB Boskoop, Netherlands. Email: info@esveld.nl

WANTED: Any old postal cards or covers from the Chitna, McCarthy, Kennecott area, 1890 - 1950. Please send list to: Thomas Kinzer, P.O. Box 107, Chitna, AK 99566-0107

HELP WANTED: I am looking for mint and used postcards depicting ALASKA LIGHTHOUSES. Russell Bartlett, 5 Saint Clare Street, Braintree, MA 02184-8239

WANTED: Any era postal cards (government preprinted stamps, not picture) used in Alaska. No philatelic, please. Don Glickstein, 1300 University St. #9G, Seattle WA 98101. Email: glickwolf@earthlink.net

WANTED: Censored civilian mail from Alaska and Western Canada from World War II. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. Email: eknapp@gci.net

WANTED: Mail from the gold rush era Alaska forts. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. Email: eknapp@gci.net

LOOKING FOR JFK FDCs: I notice that my interest in the 5-cent JFK commemorative stamp issued nationally appears on your web-site. So I ask: Do you have or do you know anybody who might have any 5-cent JFK FDCs from Alaska (i.e. covers postmarked May 29, 1964 with the 5-cent Kennedy stamp? By the way, two more cities can be added to this list: Moose Pass and Seward. Contact Henry B. Scheuer at 800-444-1155.

WANTED: Are there collectors of new modern postcards? I am looking for postcards of Aleut Islands, Nunivak, Diomedes, St. Lawrence, King, Pribilofs. Any offer will be welcomed. I can buy or exchange for other postcards. Please email me at: npc@volny.cz Thanks and best regards, Peter Pindak

WANTED: I am looking for commemorative covers or philatelic items that feature Alaska dog sled team postmarked in the 1940s and 1950s. Also, if anyone has information specifically on the covers featuring Fay Muridge cachets, I would be interested in that as well. I can via Paypal or via credit card on a secure website. Please contact me at 10 Grand Rue, 34290 Lieuran les Beziers, FRANCE or label34@live.fr. Thank you, David Thierry.

TAP DEADLINES

ISSUE	DEADLINE
1st Quarter	February 1
2nd Quarter	May 1
3rd Quarter	August 1
4th Quarter	November 1

Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog Volume 1 & 2

Volume 2 of the Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog, covering the Alaska Collectors Club, the Gastineau Philatelic Society and the Northern Lights Stamp Club is now available.

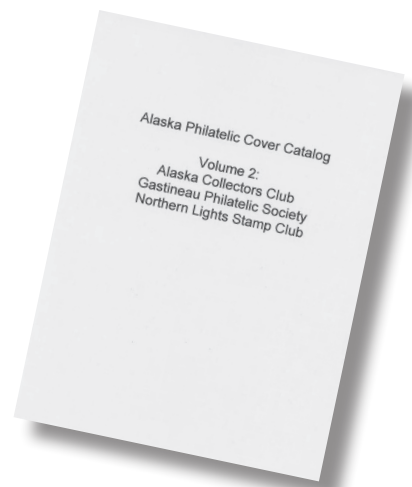
The catalog features illustrations of all major and minor covers issued by the three clubs.

The catalog is 8 ½ x 11 loose-leaf format punched for a three ring binder.

Prices:
 Volume 2: \$25.00
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President's Message

by Jim Zuelow (*Jimzuelow@aol.com*)

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past six years. Now, it's time the ACC has a new President and so this is my last President's Message. I particularly want to thank all the past and current directors and officers for their advice and considerable help during my term of office. The Club is particularly fortunate to have dedicated, hard workers like Vice-President Angela Watson, and Secretary-Treasurer & TAP Editor Eric Knapp; both of whom made my work a lot easier. In fact, I've really enjoyed working with them, the other members of the Board of Directors, and many other individual ACC members during my term of office. I'm looking forward to continuing as a member of the Board as your Immediate Past President, taking the place of Caye Carufel who served as ACC President before Eric Knapp.

Without going into details, the Club is in good financial condition, has Board members who all take part in Club matters, and has leadership that recognizes the need to try to change with the times. The creation of an ACC website (*www.AlaskaPhilatelic.org*) was one important way we changed with the times.

An issue the Board of Directors is continuing to examine is if and how we might expand our scope and membership to serve collectors of other kinds of Alaskana and those more broadly interested in Alaska history. This possibility is definitely in the "thinking about" stage with no specific proposal being considered by the Board at this time. What do YOU think about expanding the ACC's focus?

An informal decision was recently made to discontinue seeking US Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) status for the ACC. It was thought this status might help those members who make significant personal contributions to the Club (like Eric Knapp who is producing a CD library and index of past issues of *The Alaskan Philatelist*). This effort was discontinued because of the burden it would have placed on the Club, and because it might be possible to work with other organizations who already have tax-exempt status such as The American Philatelic Society. Incidentally, I would like to mention that tax-exempt status would likely not be of much help to non-US members like Dirk van Gelderen, who created and maintains the extensive online Alaska Statehood Postmark Catalog (*www.esveld.nl/alaska/alaska*) from his home in the Netherlands entirely at his own expense!

While the ACC is fortunate to have officers and members who contribute a great deal to our hobby, additional volunteers are needed to serve as Nominating Committee members, or perhaps help initiate an ACC Awards program, etc. Becoming active is also a very good way to make new friends, another membership benefit! Please remember to vote in the ACC election. *The Season's Greetings to each of you!*

Secretary Treasurer's Report

Eric Knapp (*eknapp@gci.net*)

Well, we are coming to the end of 2009. I can't say it has been a great year but it has been an interesting one. The economy has affected pretty much everything, including collecting. It looks like things may be turning around, but we will see. Even with a degree in Economics I try to avoid making predictions, or maybe because I have a degree in it I know the dangers of making predictions. As John Kenneth Galbraith once said, "The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable."

How many of us have our collections in such a state that a complete stranger to collecting could walk in and figure it out? Not many of us, I would bet. Dave Schwantes has an article about just this. I urge everyone to read it and act on his advice. I know I am going to do that this winter.

On to better things. Along with this issue of the journal you will find the notice for payment of annual dues and a ballot for the club elections. If you could fill out and return both of these quickly it will be a great help. They can be sent back in the same envelope. The short biographies of the candidates are elsewhere in this issue. We are also asking for the memberships approval of a bylaw amendment to change the terms of office for the officers and directors from two years to four years.

The deadline for the return of the election ballots is January 31, 2010.

We have a new member to welcome to the club.

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Mike Troubetzkoy
San Francisco, CA

Thank you for joining.

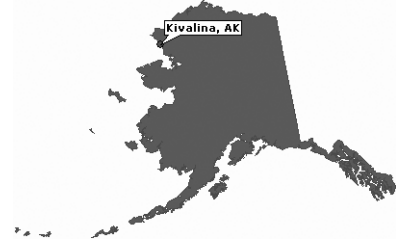
Until next time,

Happy New Year and Happy Collecting!

Margaret Bates Writes Home, circa 1912

The Raymond and Margaret Bates Correspondence, Part 3
transcribed by Eric Knapp

Ed. Note: This is a continuation of the correspondence from the early days of the 20th century. They are letters to, from and about a pair of brother and sister teachers in northwest Alaska. This is a letter home from the village of Kivalina. This correspondence comes from the estate of longtime ACC member Robert Potts. Thank you to Ross Hallan (Robert's son in law) for bringing it to my attention.



Kivalina, Alaska
August 7, 1912

Dear Parents,

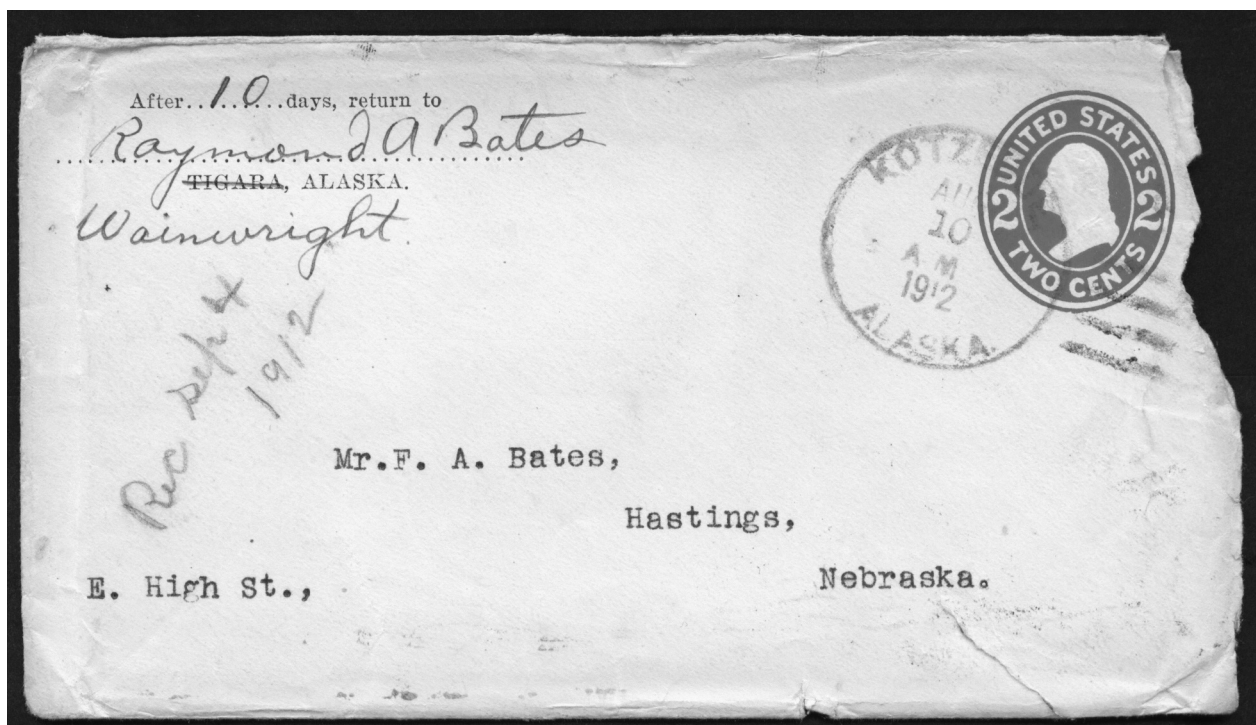
I have just time to write you a hurried line. By the way Raymond has been pounding that typewriter I think he has left little for me to write anyway. But there are some things I am sure he will not tell you about.

The "transit," the boat which has our supplies, passed here last Wednesday. She waited around here three days, but was unable to make a landing, it was so very stormy. So now our supplies have gone to Barrow. However they put some mail off at Point Hope and it came to us by oomiak day before yesterday. There was a sack full. Imagine our feelings. It is almost four months since we had outside mail.

There were six letters form you, and Raymond received an equal number from Portland. Yesterday more came on the "Bear." I have the dress you sent. Be assured it is none too

warm. I wear all the clothing I can stand to carry around in the winter. By "cotton corduroy" I meant not the silk, but the same as men's pants are made of. However the material you selected is better. I wonder how you came to choose that color? It just matches my eyes and is certainly becoming. The fit is perfect except at the throat it draws. I think I can let it out at the shoulder seams. Then I will make it a little shorter. I expect to wear it on the trip up the coast. We have received many magazines from you. We have no time for them now but we will greatly appreciate them this winter, or rather next spring when our work begins to slack up. We are pretty well supplied with reading now. I must have about 3 dozen books also a gunny sack of old magazines they gave me at Point Hope. The white people there had all read them.

Going back to the dressmaking subject. I think I won't have to trouble you any more for I have discovered that I can sew a little too. I hope I will have a sewing machine this winter. Am glad you sent the patterns. I ripped up an old calico dress to get by as it wasn't a good bit to begin with I did considerable remodeling.



What do you think of our transfer? We will be about 100 miles from Barrow. There is more money and more experience in it and that is what we came up here for. They tell us there are a good clan of natives there and no missionaries or traders to “scoop” with. The school house is a new building but not so large as this one. Also there are no mission thing so will not live in quite so much luxury.

Momma, I am shocked to think you let so many people read my letters. I usually “let loose” when I write home.

Had a letter from Norma, also from Amelia Chaney. They say we wouldn't know Barrow, it is about three times as large – the Methodists have built a new church and Norma says the people are different. Norma and Bessie have charge of the Junior League. These girls are all in the high school – they have a four years course now and good teachers. Mrs. Morgan and Linda attend the Baptist Church. Mable Edwards has a baby boy four months old. She is coming home on a visit this summer. Mrs. Jensen is living in Barrow. Laures have about finished their new house – six rooms plus hallway. Norma sent me a picture of Plunna. Says she is spoiled – you would expect that. Will send you Rod's letter. He explains matters well. He certainly has played in hard luck, but I guess he has starring qualities.

I love how you send me these patterns. I should try to teach sewing this winter if I can get material to work with.

Have finished a painting and have it hanging on the wall. It is a moms rose and three birds. Enlarged it from a post card – is “life size.” It is not without flaw but is my most successful attempt at the artist stump. Wish I could send it to you.

It is beautiful today – warm and still and the sea is smooth as glass – quite a rest after our big storms. We began to fear our freight boat would be wrecked again this year. Some natives started down coast from Point Hope and were three weeks making this village. The Crowbill eggs we ordered – 40 dozen – were on that trip. They were packed in green grass. The grass was rotten and the eggs moulded and the yolks stick

to the side of the shell. I think they are not worth shipping to Wainwright. We ordered no dried eggs this year either so I am up against it.

The other day I packed up a couple of blankets and some grub and went across the lagoon to the reindeer camp and spent the night. Next morn Ida and I went salmon berrying. We got a water pail each. I made mine into marmalade (I have no fruit jars). Mind you I had that stuff on the stove yesterday and it had boiled over. Also I had managed to get things stocked back in the corners before that man Evans got here. We have worked so hard to have everything in apple pie order when the cutter came. I wouldn't have cared so much if it had been Shields – he has seen enough to make allowances. However we had the kitchen floor, hall ways, stairway and living room floors painted and Raymond had finished “remodeling” the carpenter shop. I am sure there wasn't much for him to find fault with but he never opened his “trap” about anything and he talked to those natives more than to us. If we hadn't has so much else to think about I am sure I would have sat down and had a good cry as soon as he was out of sight. Heaven grant that our next inspector be Shields.

Day before yesterday I was out and gathered ½ gallon of wild cranberries. They are very small and slow gathering. The beauty of this fruit is it will keep just as it is all winter.

I must close. Raymond is making up the mail. The oomiaks are getting ready to go down the coast and unless we are “Johnnie on the Spot” with our mail sack they will go without it.

Am so anxious to know where you will settle. I hope it isn't New Mexico.

Hope you are able to make this out.

Once more we pack our gear and travel. I don't mind if we are not hurried.

Yours ever, Margaret

Closed Album

Virginia Beaumont Post

From the Juneau Empire

Juneau resident Virginia Beaumont Post died Nov. 3, 2009, in Bartlett Hospital in Juneau. She was 93.

Born May 24, 1916, in Pasadena, Calif., in her grandmother's home, she was employed by Alaska Coastal Airlines and CPA. She also worked for the Douglas City Clerk from 1956-1970. When the City and Borough of Juneau took over Douglas, she continued to work for CBJ until her retirement in 1981.

She was involved in many organizations such as the Juneau Business and Professional Women's Club, Soroptimist International, Gastineau Philatelic Society, Pioneers Women Igloo #6, Gastineau Channel Historical Society and Chapel by the Lake.

Donations may be made to Chapel by the Lake, 11024 Auke Lake Way, Juneau, AK 99801 or a charity of your choice.



Fifty Years of Alaskan Adventures

by David Schwantes

On January 3, 2009, Alaska celebrated its 50th anniversary of statehood, and today June 6, 2009, I am celebrating my 50th year as a resident of this great state. I graduated from high school in Spencer, Wisconsin on May 26, 1959, turned 18 on May 30th, and headed to Alaska on June 6th. The past 50 years have been great, and I have had many great adventures.

Now, when people think of "Alaskan Adventures," they think of hunting bear, catching a King Salmon, climbing Mt. McKinley, skiing down a mountain, or rafting the Nenana River. Well, I haven't done any of those things—BUT, great adventures mean different things to different people.

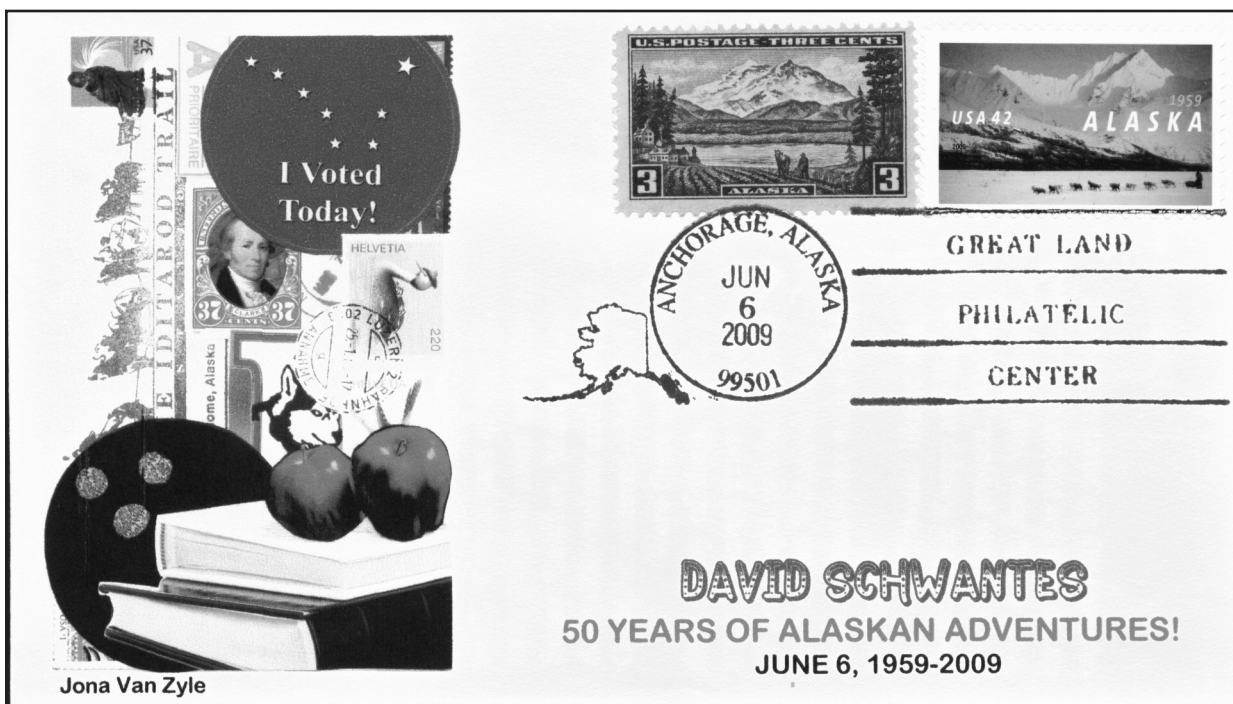
After arriving in Anchorage on June 6, 1959, I helped my aunt and uncle build their house during the summer, and then headed north to Fairbanks to attend the University of Alaska. I graduated in May of 1964 and began my twenty-eight year teaching career. I taught in Sitka, Bethel, and Adak before moving to Mt. Spurr on Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage. I received my Masters of Education Degree from the University of Alaska-Anchorage in 1972. I spent 25 years at Mt. Spurr and retired in 1993.

Great Adventures do happen in elementary classrooms, and I had plenty. I worked with a group of dedicated and talented teachers and met many great parents; but it's hard to beat the adventures with the hundreds of students that were in my classes. I taught 3rd and 4th grade for those

25 years at Mt. Spurr, and we had great times. I still have many addresses of former students and their parents in my address book. In 1990 I was selected as the TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR for both the City of Anchorage and the State of Alaska. It was a great honor, but it could have gone to so many other great teachers. My "teacher family" was very close, and we still get together even after years of retirement. I wish every teacher could have the joy I had during my 28 years in the classroom.

During my teaching career, I was very active and involved in my teacher union, the National Education Association, at the local, state, and national levels. I represented teachers on local and state boards, and even went to jail during a 1979 teacher strike in Anchorage, but we did what we had to do. I continued my involvement after retiring, and in 2001 was inducted into the NEA-AK "Hall of Fame." I am still active with the NEA-AK retired organization.

My hobbies and other interests kept me busy aside from my teaching. Since I was in the 6th grade I have been interested in government and politics. My 6th grade teacher in a one-room country school, Mrs. Martha Beahm, got us interested in the 1952 presidential election, and I have been politically involved ever since. I have worked on campaigns for our city government, the school board and our state legislature. I have testified before state legislative committees and have written many letters to government



officials. Because Alaska has such a small population, it is easy to get to know our elected officials. I personally know both of our U.S. Senators and our Congressman. I have met all the governors Alaska has had in our 50 years as a state. I have discovered that one individual can make a difference, and since I was 18, have not missed voting in any election that I was entitled to vote in. THANK YOU MRS. BEAHM!

I became interested in collecting stamps my senior year in college, and have been a member of the Anchorage Philatelic Society since 1973. I am also a member of the Alaska Collectors Club, which studies and collects anything dealing with Alaska Postal History. I have produced many cacheted envelopes dealing with Alaska history and special events over the years. Although I am not a real athletic type of person, I have interest in many sports, and have been a member of the same bowling league for the past 40 years. Both of these hobbies have provided me with great adventures over the years.

You talk about Great Adventures, I have had many of them with my involvement with the IDITAROD SLED DOG RACE. It is my greatest love now that I have fin-

ished my teaching career. I have been involved with the race in one way or another since it began 37-years ago. For the past 20 years, I have traveled to Nome to watch the winner cross the finish line and to help with the mail the mushers carry in the race. I help stamp the mail, and then hand-cancel each piece. Over the years, I have cancelled about 75,000 pieces of Iditarod mail. I am a part of the "Iditarod Family", and have gotten to meet and know Joe Redington Sr., Susan Butcher, Martin Buser, Lance Mackey, Aaron Burmeister and DeeDee Jonrowe. Iditarod Great Adventures—MANY!

Were there other Alaskan adventures? Sure, many of them, but it would take a whole book. I moved from Spencer, Wisconsin to Alaska 50 years ago, and have never regretted it. I still get back to Wisconsin every summer for family reunions and visits with my friends, but Alaska is my home!

I would like to thank two stamp club friends, Eric Knapp and Bob Spaugy for helping me with this project. Also my good friend and local artist, Jona Van Zyle, for putting together the collage for the artwork on the cover. It really captures my 50 years in Alaska!

Looking for information on an Alaska Cachet Maker

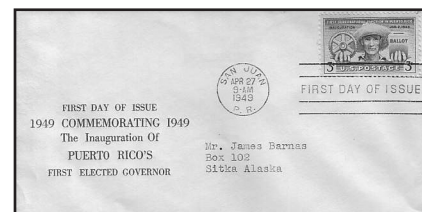
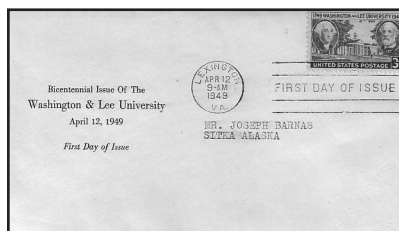
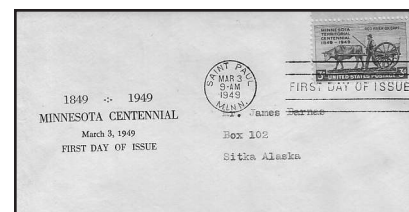
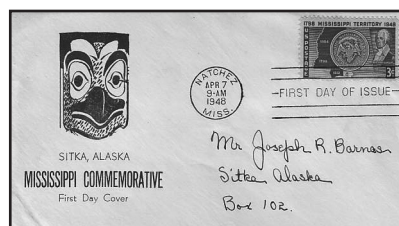
Dear Eric,

I saw your name in an Alaska Collectors Club publication, and hope that you might be of some help (or can direct me to someone who can help) in identifying the designer of some cacheted first day covers from the late 1940's.

In conjunction with some other materials that I purchased in the same lot, I believe that they were almost certainly made by a hobby printer or perhaps in a school print shop in Sitka, Alaska. The addresses lead one to believe that the designer may have been a Joseph Barnas or his son (?) James Barnas. Are either of those names meaningful in Alaskan cover production?

Can you provide any insight into the origin of these covers? Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Mark Lerner
mlerner@acrconsulting.com



ACC Elections

Rules & Procedures of the Election

The official election ballot is included in this issue of TAP. Please complete the ballot and return it to the address on the ballot by January 31st.

The votes will be tabulated by an election board made up of ACC members who are not running for

office. The results will be reported to the current Board of Directors, the candidates, and will be published in the first quarter issue of The Alaskan Philatelist. A news release will also be sent to the philatelic media.

The newly elected officers will assume office immediately and hold office until December 31, 2013.

Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Terry Shaw

Terry Shaw has collected stamps and coins for over 50 years and dreams of perhaps continuing this involvement as more of a part time business when he retires after over 35 years in Forest Service research next year or soon thereafter. He has a strong eBay presence having sold some 7,000 items, mainly postal history, there over the past 10 years. Terry started to focus on Alaska Postal History, particularly territorial airmails, some 20 years ago.

He is a co-author of the Alaska section in the current American Airmail Catalogue. Terry is a past president of the Gastineau Philatelic Society in Juneau, Alaska and has been the Auctioneer for the Alaska Collectors Club since the early 1990's.

While Terry has "begged-off" other club duties in the past owing to the time it takes to run the club auction, he has agreed to be nominated for ACC President this time as long as club members do not see a conflict of interest with his also continuing to be our Auctioneer.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Angela Watson

I, like many other philatelists, developed the stamp collecting bug at an early age, probably about 10 or 11.

I have collected nearly all my life and have developed pretty good Canada and Australia collections if I do say so myself. My Alaska Postal History albums are filling with new material all the time, and I enjoy the sense of history when looking at new covers that make their way into my books.

I have been VP under Jim Zuelow for a number of years now and look forward to working with Terry Shaw. I will continue to work on enhancing the club's image and also the layout of the TAP newsletter.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Eric Knapp

I started collecting stamps at age ten under the encouragement of my stamp collecting grandmother. I have been collecting ever since. I have collected Alaska related material for many years, concentrating on the U.S. Military in Alaska and philatelic covers from Alaska.

I have been an officer in several clubs and organizations over the years. I have been Secretary Treasurer of the ACC for the last four years. This is a good group and I have enjoyed the job.

These are challenging times for clubs such as ours, but I think we have a great future ahead of us. Let us work together to make this future a reality.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

Dirk van Gelderen

I was born in 1957 in Boskoop, Holland and have always lived there. I started collecting when I was 5 and from the beginning I collected USA stamps which I still do. In the early 1970's my father and I started collecting Bosnia and Herzegovina (nobody then knew where that was) and together we built one of the largest collections now in existence. In 1984 I visited Alaska and as a memento I mailed from all towns visited a card home.

Directly afterwards, but still not really seriously I wrote to all other postmasters asking for a postmark. One was sent in error to the late Ray Fay of Mansfield, OH and he got me really hooked on Alaska Postal History. Currently I am trying to complete my catalogue of Alaska Statehood Postmarks which will be available on CD ROM together with Richard Helbock's work on the Territorials. It is also available on-line at www.esveld.nl/alaska/alaska.htm for free.

Richard Wood

I've been asked to be an ACC Director candidate. Some ACC members are interested in broadening the scope of the club to include all the collecting fields of Alaskana, not just postal history. I assume that postal history would still be the main emphasis. I'm fine with that if that's what folks want (it wasn't my idea). I've collected things most of my life. I don't collect postal history, but I've been a dealer of all things Alaska since 1982, including postal history.

Oddly, postal history was the very first thing I ever collected. When I was about 6, my parents made a trip to NYC. They returned with a present for me, an album with grid pages for cut-out postmarks. I enjoyed collecting postmarks for a while. Next came matchbook covers.

Later stamps, then coins. When I was a wildlife student at UAF I began collecting Alaska natural history books, then general Alaska books, then I found myself buying and selling Alaska books, then all of Alaskana. I intended to be a wildlife photographer, and did that for 5 years, but the thrill of the hunt for Alaskana pushed that to the back burner. From Fairbanks I'd make two-month buying trips to the northeast, one in the spring and one in the fall (the show seasons). I did that for many years. Everyone on the show circuit knew me and they called me "Mr. Alaska". Some would save great things for me. Oh, those halcyon days...

I also advertised heavily in about 50 different antiques newspapers. I bought & sold hundreds of thousands of Alaska things. I'm still at it. Of course eBay has changed everything. Most of the antiques newspapers are gone, and pickers don't need middlemen like me anymore. Today, I collect very early Alaska photography (my passion), especially stereoviews, magic lantern, and cartes de visite.

I also collect Alaska Native carved silver souvenir spoons, Alaska Native model watercraft, and early Alaska paintings. I once read every pre-1895 Alaska newspaper in existence, cover to cover, and saved stacks of xeroxes

from that project, including the pertinent postal history. I'll pull the postal history notes together and write that up for the newsletter.

When I first saw mention of the ACC some years ago I assumed it was about collecting Alaskana. I was surprised to find that its focus was pretty much restricted to postal items. ACC members are interested in broadening the scope of the club to include all the collecting fields of Alaskana, not just postal history. I am a long time dealer and collector in many of the branches of Alaskana. My expertise is Alaska books, ephemera (member of the Ephemera Society for over 20 years), pre-1897 Alaska photography, and Alaska memorabilia. I'd be happy to help the ACC in any way I can. Thanks. Dick Wood, Juneau.

Michael Senta

Age 60, born and raised in Minnesota

Married to Penne, an accomplished Alaskan artist, and I have 5 children. Moved to Alaska as a General Surgeon during the pipeline boom in 1980.

I was a stamp collector up to 1980, then immediately became fascinated with Alaska Postal History when I moved here. Slowly over 20 years I sold off the stamp collection, and I have transferred the value and energy of that collection into accumulating a very nice Alaska Postal History collection.

I still work full time as a General and Trauma Surgeon, but am now able to spend a little more time on the hobby.

My other job is a sheep rancher. We live on a ranch with purebred Shetland sheep, plus llamas and bees and chickens. I think it is now the largest sheep ranch in Alaska.

I have been involved with the Alaska Collectors Club and TAP for over 25 years, and I now am able and excited to give something back to it.

Looking for Some Information

Hello Eric,

Greetings from that little island off the coast of Europe. I acquired a cover APO 733 (Big Delta) dated 1953. In top left writer's details also "c/o Kirivit - Early Pouch # 1 Fairbanks Alaska" I am puzzled over the reference to "Early Pouch #1." Can you or any other club members help??? I am also interested in the Index Data Base.

Best wishes,

John Spicer (member since 2002)

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2° Worth

Anywhere else but Alaska, these would be called 2¢ Worth, but up here, you know, we just have to be different. Thus, we present 2° Worth, shorts and notices from the club and the members to each other about interesting related functions and news items. Please submit anything you run across that is Alaska related to the Editor. Thanks!

50 Years Ago...

In 1959, Castro leads Cuba to victory as Fulgencio Batista flees to Dominican Republic, “Bozo the Clown” live children’s show premieres on TV, 1st transcontinental commercial jet flight on American (LA to NY for \$301), the first Barbie doll goes on sale, Dalai Lama flees Tibet for India, “Some Like it Hot” with Marilyn Monroe & Jack Lemmon premieres, USAF launches Discoverer II into polar orbit and the following comments were noted in TAP issues:

The editor comments on the fact that he cleaned his stamp room and now can’t find anything. He apologizes if some of the things he can’t find are letters that need to be answered.

The contest to name the newsletter is complete, but the new name had not been chosen by the October issue. The name “The Alaskan Philatelist” was chosen and announced in the December issue.

There were letters from the Postmasters in Angoon, Annette and Anvik describing the towns and the mail service.

The December newsletter contains a proposed cancel classification method that could be used by club members. The editor in 2009 notes that it is a variation on the Helbeck types used on most Alaska cancels today.

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Coming Next Time...

The Raymond and Margaret Bates Correspondence continues with a dramatic letter describing a overland Trip from Kivilana to Wainright by reindeer drawn sleigh in the middle of winter. Also, an interview and great article about the recent discovery of the SS Goddard, sunk in 1906.

APO/FPO Machine Cancels Used in AK

by Bob McKain

Ed. Note: APO refers to mail used at Army/Air Force Post Offices and FPO to Naval/Fleet Post Offices.

Having accumulated quite a hoarde of Alaska APO machine cancels both WWII and post war, it was determined that a more detailed listing could be attained to compliment the outstanding work on the subject as compiled in the 2 volume edition of *Army Post Offices WWII* published in 2006 by Bart Billings and the Machine Cancel Society (see references below). As can be seen in the following, year date changes caused many problems in multiple APO's. It is believed that late arrival of date slugs was the main cause for this problem.

Although the earliest APO postmarks contain the APO number in the dial, for security reasons, the government issued regulations effective July 1, 1942 that the APO# could no longer appear and rescinded this regulation effective March 10, 1943. Alaska received this data

a few days late (See APO's 937 and 942) and these early machine cancellations with the APO# showing are not common. We have also been able to list a new early date for the initial use of the Pitney Bowes/Universal Model K machine during WWII. It is from APO 937 and dated July 11, 1942. It predates the previous early reported date of July 27, 1942. The earliest reported machine cancel used at an Alaska APO is from APO 942 and is from an International Model HD and dated June 11, 1942.

The author appreciates any updates club members can provide and they will be reported in TAP, especially the redundant 731 Universal Model K used at APO 731 during January (no year date). It is the Army-Air Force Postal Service/APO 731 type. I can be reached at 57-vette@comcast.net or 2337 Giant Oaks Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. Scans or Xeroxes of updates would be appreciated.

APO 726–Camp Earle, Massacre Bay, Attu Island

Established at Camp Earle, Attu Island on May 23, 1943

Finance service terminated on July 31, 1947

APO discontinued on December 31, 1947

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	1944 0107	1944 0613	Year date bloated
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	1944 0617	1944 1229	Year date normal
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	1945 0104	1945 0108	Year date bloated
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	(1945) 0111	(1945) 0310	No year date
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	1945 0316	1947 0623	Year date normal

APO 728–Kenai

Re-established at Kenai on January 22, 1954

Began as a Mailing Address Only (MAO) on May 31, 1961

Redesignated as APO 98728 on January 1, 1965

Ceased operation on June 1, 1972

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	USAPS/APO-200	1955 0509	1959 0717	

APO 729–Shemya Island

Established at Shemya Island on June 10, 1943

Ceased Operation on August 2, 1954

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	1945 0330	1948 0927	

APO 731–Fairbanks

Began operations replacing APO 938 on December 1, 1945
 Ladd Air Force Base on December 4, 1945
 Began as a Mailing Address Only (MAO) on January 11, 1960
 Fort Wainwright on February 1, 1961
 Began as an Army Post Office on February 2, 1961
 Redesignated APO 98731 on January 1, 1965
 Ceased operation on September 3, 1977

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	1947 0128	1954 0414	
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO 731-200	1954 0525	1959 0130	
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO 731-200	(???) 0102	(???) 0111	No year - 731 redundant
P-B/UN Mod K	A&AFPS/APO-200	1960 0109		

APO 733–Big Delta

Established at Big Delta on January 20, 1949
 (Converted from APO 731-B?)
 Redesignated APO 98733 on January 1, 1965
 Ceased operation on July 14, 1991
 Redesignated APO 96508 on July 15, 1991
 Base deactivated on date unknown
 Base reactivated in 2004 with zip code of 99731

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO 733-200	1956 1210	1963 0314	APO 733
P-B/UN Mod K	A&AFPS/APO-200	1966 0812	1971 0322	APO 98733
P-B/UN Mod K	USAPS/APO-200	1978 1027		APO 98733

APO 736–Shemya Island

Established at Shemya Island on July 27, 1955
 Redesignated APO 98736 on January 1, 1965
 Ceased operation on July 14, 1991
 Redesignated APO 96512 on July 15, 1991
 Renamed Eareckson Air Station in 1993
 Ceased operation about April 1, 1995?

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS-200	1960 1202	1963 ???3	APO 736
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS-200	1966 0108	1968 0429	APO 98736

APO/FPO Cancels (continued)*APO 937–Fort Greely*

Established at Fort Greely, Kodiak Island on May 13, 1942

Deactivated on January 12, 1946

Ceased operation on May 16, 1946

APO discontinued on August 31, 1946

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	APO 937-200	1942 0711	1942 0720	
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	1942 0723	1943 0802	
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	1943 1004		Provisional 937
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	1943 1112	1944 0502	
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/APO 937-200	1944 0510	1944 0913	

Re-established at Eielson Air Force Base

Established at Eielson AFB, Anchorage, Alaska on July 1, 1947

Began as Mailing Address Only (MAO) on January 11, 1960

Redesignated APO 98737 on January 1, 1965

Ceased operation on September 3, 1977

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
Intl Model HD	APO-272	1953 0210	1953 0624	
Intl Model HD	AAFPS/APO 937-272	1953 0824	1954 0430	
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO 937-200	1954 0128	1963 0314	

APO 942–Fort Richardson/Elmendorf Air Force Base

Established at Anchorage in May 1942

Became Fort Richardson on September 1, 1945

Became Elmendorf Air Force Base on March 1, 1951

Redesignated APO 98742 effective June 1, 1965

Ceased operation on September 3, 1977

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
Intl Model HD	APO/942-272	1942 0611	1942 0710	
Intl Model HD	APO-272	1942 0713	1944 0316	APO# excised
Intl Model HD	APO-272	1944 0325	1944 0921	Year dated
Intl Model HD	USA/APO 942-272	(1944) 1009	(1944) 1111	No year date
Intl Model HD	USA/APO 942-272	1944 1129	1945 0615	Year date
P-B/UN Mod K	USA/PS-200	1945 0622	1952 1017	
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO-942-200	1954 0408	1960 0625	
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO 942-200	1956 0917	1958 0913	No (-) between O & 9

A IN Model HD was used at Fort Richardson prior to establishment of the APO:

IN Mod HD AT/S-272	Fort Richardson/Alaska	1941 1112	1942 0504
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A UN Model D reading Elmendorf Air Force Base (A.F.B.) was used during the APO 9442 period as follows:

UN Mod D DT/S-300	Elmendorf A.F.B./Alaska	1961 0310	
UN Mod D DT/S-300	Elmendorf Air Force Base/Alaska	1961 0508	1975 0916

APO/FPO Cancels (continued)*APO 948–Fort Glenn, Umnak Island*

Established at Fort Glenn on May 16, 1942
 Renamed Cape Air Force Base in July 1948
 Established as Naknek Auxiliary Field on October 4, 1952
 Established as King Salmon Airport in February 1954
 Ceased Operation on May 1, 1959

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	1944 0813	1945 0512	Year dated
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	(1945) 0713	(1945) 0724	No year date
P-B/UN Mod K	APO-200	1945 0813	1945 1125	Year dated
P-B/UN Mod K	A-AFPS/APO 948-200	1956 0605	1957 0506	

APO 949–Fort Richardson, Anchorage

Re-established at Fort Richardson on March 1, 1951
 Began as a Mailing Address Only (MAO) on February 24, 1960
 Ended as MAO on January 12, 1963
 Redesignated APO 98749 on January 1, 1965
 Ceased operation on September 3, 1977

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	USAPS/APO-200	1951 0912	1959 0605	

A UN Model K reading Fort Richardson (APO 949) was used during the APO period as follows:
 UN Mod D DT/S-300 Fort Richardson/Alaska 1960 1027 1975 0909

APO 980–Adak Island

Established on Adak Island on August 3, 1942
 Last day as a Finance Branch on July 3, 1947
 Ceased operation on July 8, 1950
 APO discontinued on May 31, 1953

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod FSAL	USA/PS-200	1943 0923	1943 0924	No APO#
P-B/UN Mod FSAL	USA/PS-200	1943 0929	1943 1222	APO# bloated
P-B/UN Mod FSAL	USA/PS-200	1944 0102	1946 0506	Normal
P-B/UN Mod FSAL	USA/PS-200	1947 0102	1947 0121	Year date bloated
P-B/UN Mod FSAL	USA/PS-200	1947 0214	1950 0602	Normal

APO 986–Amulet Island

Established on Amulet Island in October 1942
 Moved to Tanaga Island in November 1942
 Established as Amchitka Air Force Base in March 1943
 Ceased operations on January 14, 1951
 APO discontinued on May 31, 1953

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod FSAL	USA/PS-200	1944 0226	1947 0917	

APO 98713–King Salmon Airport

Established as APO 98713 on January 1, 1968
 Redesignated as APO 96513 on July 15, 1991
 Ceased operation on October 13, 1994

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod K	AFPS/APO-200	1977 0617		APO 98713

APO 98723–Galena Airport

Replaced APO 723 on January 1, 1965
 Ceased operation as APO 98723 on July 14, 1991
 Redesignated APO AP 96510 on July 15, 1991
 Ceased operation before January 20, 1994

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
In Model HD	AFPS/APO-272	1977 0913		APO 98723

FPO 98791–Adak

Established at Adak in December 1963
 Ceased operation as FPO 98791 on July 14, 1991
 Redesignated FPO 96505 on July 15, 1991
 Ceased operation - date unknown

Machine	Cancel	EKU	LKU	Remarks
P-B/UN Mod D	USN/FPO 98791-300	1977 1019	1986 0327	FPO 98791

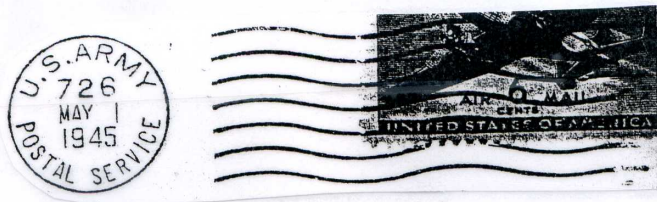
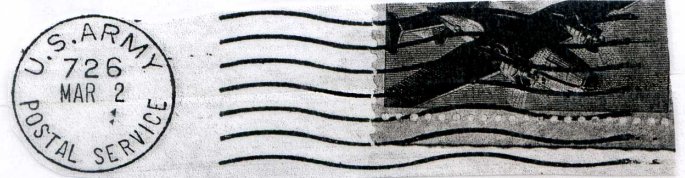
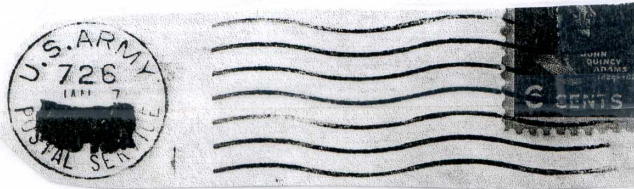
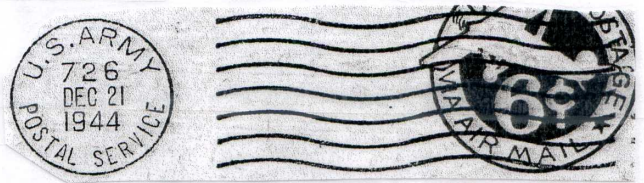
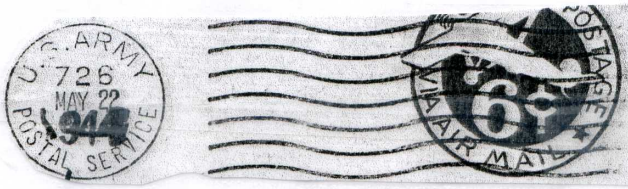
Machine Manufacturer Identification:

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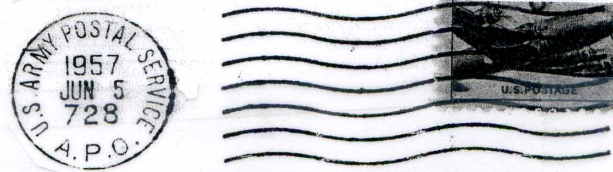
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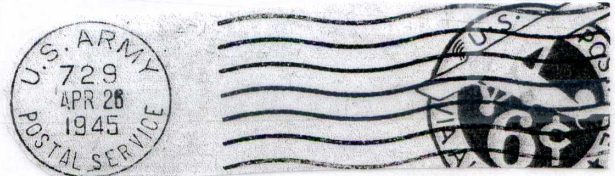
APO 726 Attu Island



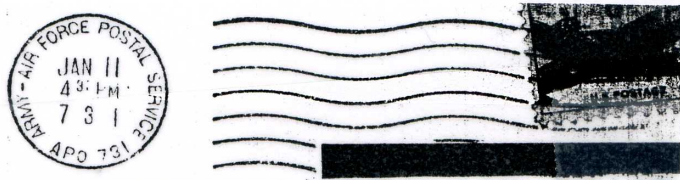
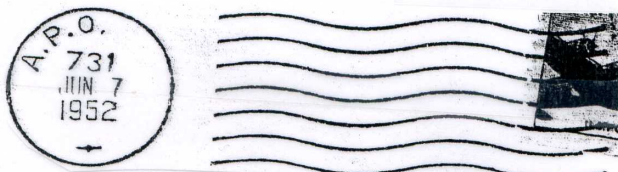
APO 728 Kenai



APO 729 Shemya Island



APO 731 Fairbanks



Where Will YOUR Stamp Collection Be in 20 Years?

by David Schwantes

While working at the booth at the Alaska State Fair, I had a chance to visit with a lot of people. Many of them talked about stamp collections. No, they were not asking about their own collections, but ones that were handed down to them from grandparents, aunts and uncles, or their parents. Most of the comments were in the area of, "What do we do with them"? Many of the people were not interested in stamp collecting, and no one in their family was either. They were at a loss about their value or what to do with them.

As I think about the members of our own stamp club, I realize that many of us are "up in years," and may not be around very much longer. So, I ask YOU, "Where will YOUR stamp collection be in twenty years?" Will it be in someone's hands at a stamp club booth or stamp show asking a collector what to do with it?

It's time for each of us to take a close look at our collection and think about its future. Is there someone in your family who you will leave it to, and are you sure that they want it? Is your collection so big and varied that it's too complicated for someone to take control of? Is your collection organized, or just a great amount of "stuff" in boxes? These questions need to be asked, and then answered by YOU!

I know that my collection is of no interest to anyone in my family. I also know that it is not very well organized and that there is a lot of "stuff" in boxes. It is time for me to take charge and get things in order. I have enjoyed collecting the things I have, and that is what it is all about. I need to see that it doesn't stop with me, but goes to someone else who enjoys the same thing.

It doesn't have to be someone in my family. However, it's not fair to leave it to someone else to dispose of. It is up to me to get it organized, sell it off piece by piece if needed, or make arrangements for it to have a good family when I am gone.

I may not be here twenty years from now, but hopefully the things I have collected will be in the hands of someone who will continue with them and truly get some enjoyment out of them. Hopefully my Iditarod covers will be with a great Iditarod fan who will continue the series each year. Hopefully my Sarah Palin covers will be in someone's "Alaska History" collection and so on. Each of us must look into the future and picture our collections in a happy and wonderful home. Start thinking about it NOW!

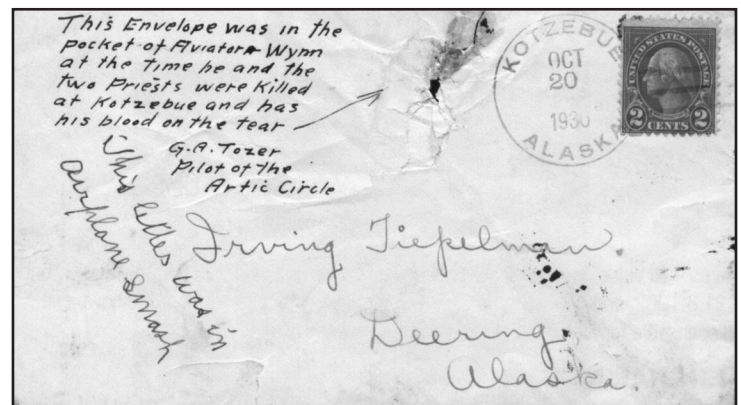
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Crash Cover Seen in Auction

Steve Sims encountered this unusual crash cover in the David Feldman SA auction of November 25-28, 2009.

The description is as follows:

1930 (Oct 12) Crash of Jesuit mission plane at Kotzebue, ALASKA, no mail carried but a letter was found in the dead pilot's pocket (with his blood on it), ms inscription signed by fellow Arctic pilot GA. Tozer, letter mailed on Oct. 20 from Kotzebue (BS at Deering), UNIQUE showpiece (see Eisendrath "Crash Covers" p. 76)



Alaska Postal History Auction

The Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions sale number 35, which was conducted November 17-20, contained a large amount of Alaskan material.

Lots 215 and 216 are Alaska Pacific Express covers. Lots 322 and 323 are Northern Pacific Express covers. There was also a large block of assorted Alaska material in Lots 894 to 932.

The auction listings and prices realized can be found at company's website at <http://www.rumseyauctions.com/>

Thank you to Steve Sims for this information, and Angela Watson for pulling together all the photos and descriptions from the Schulyer Rumsey website.

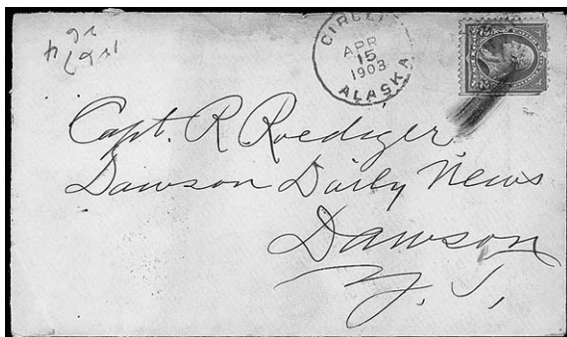
Alaska Commercial Co., St. Michael, Alaska Ty., Jun 28, 1897, red oval handstamp on cover to Evansville, Ind. with "Circle City, Alaska" return address at left, franked with 1890 2¢ carmine tied by "San Francisco, Cala., Jul 14, 97" machine postmark; cover wear and tears with small corner piece out at lower right, Fine, quite rare.

Estimate: \$200 - 300; Realized: \$100



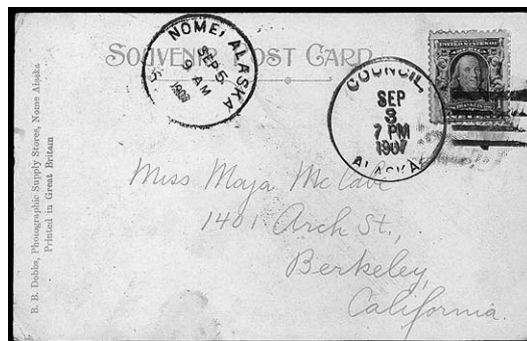
Circle, Alaska, Apr 15, 1903, cds on cover to Dawson, Y.T., franked with smudge canceled 2¢ red (small defects), receiving backstamp, Fine.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Not Sold



Council, Alaska, Sep 3, 1907, first type cds and 4-bar duplex, tying 1902, 1¢ green on picture postcard (small edge chips) showing "An Eskimo Family", to Berkeley, Cal. with Nome transit, Very Fine, earlier than earliest listed postmark.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Not Sold



Dawson, Alaska, N.W.T., addressed registered cover franked with 10¢ Trans-Miss (s.e. at left) tied by "Seattle, Wash". oval handstamp, "Not Called For" handstamp and sent to dead letter office with numerous transit date stamps and "Rec'd from Dawson N.W.T." handstamp, Very Fine.

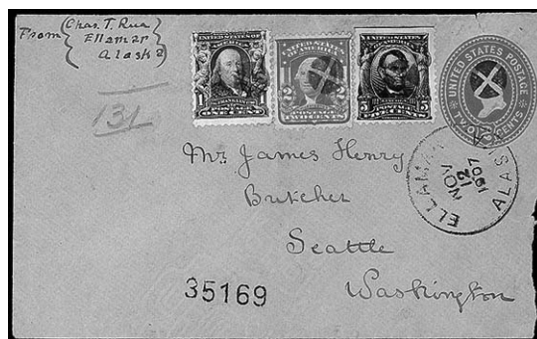
Scott No. 290.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Not Sold



Ellmar, Alaska, Nov 12, 1907, cds and small quarter cork canceling 1902, 1¢ green + 2¢ carmine + 5¢ blue on registered 2¢ red entire to Seattle, Wash., receiving backstamp, reduced at right, Very Fine, an attractive franking.

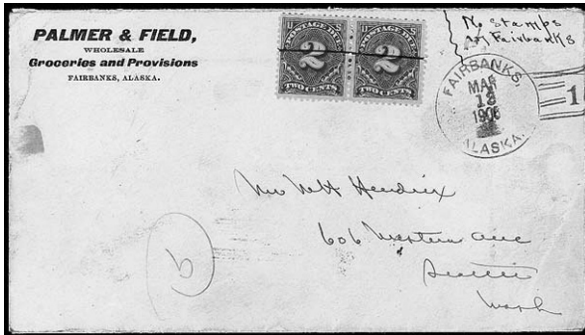
Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$160



Auction Listings (continued)

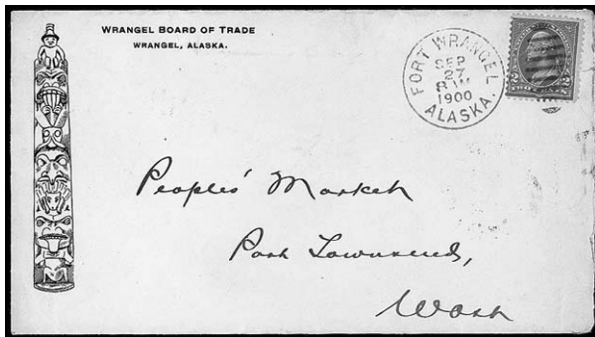
Fairbanks, Alaska, Mar 13, 1905, cds and "15" in bar duplex on merchant corner card cover to Seattle, Wash., manuscript "No Stamps At Fairbanks" endorsement, pre-cancelled 2¢ postage due pair (J39) over "2¢" handstamp, Very Fine, the earliest recorded Fairbanks postmark in Helbock.

Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$290



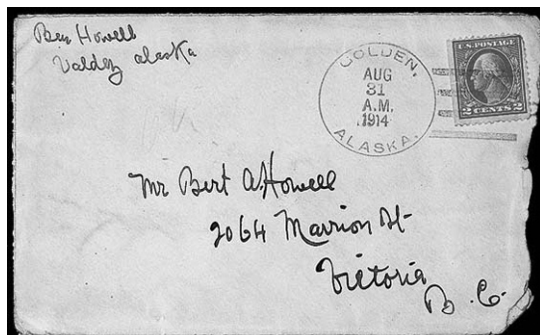
Fort Wrangle, Alaska, Sep 27, 1900, cds and barred duplex tying 2¢ carmine on illustrated Wrangle Board of Trade cover showing Totem Pole, to Port Townsend, Wash., Very Fine.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$170

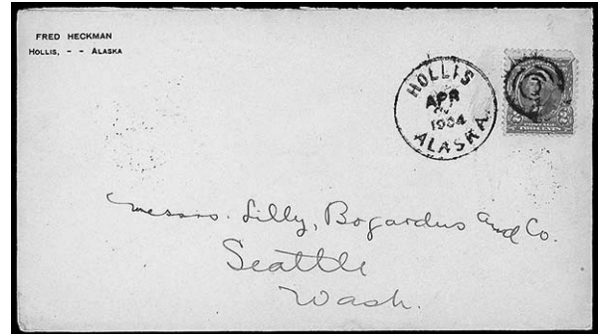


Golden, Alaska, Aug 31, 1914, cds and 4-bar killer tying 2¢ red on cover to Victoria, B.C.; rough opening at right, Very Fine, listed as "None known" in Helbock, however this one of two known to us.

Estimate: \$200 - 300; Realized: \$250

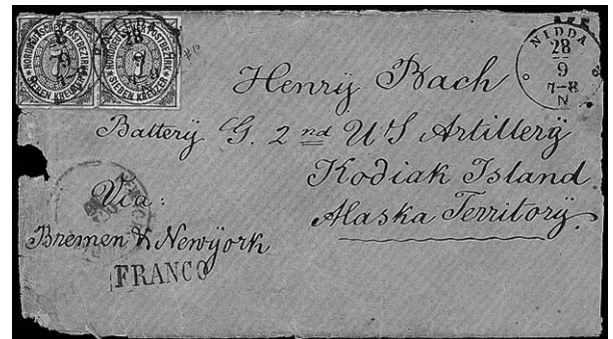


Hollis, Alaska, Apr 1904, bold cds and target duplex ex tying 2¢ carmine (corner nick) on corner card cover to Seattle, Wash., Very Fine, earlier than listed in Helbock. Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$425



Incoming to Alaska Territory, two covers; 1868 cover from Germany to the 2nd U.S. Artillery, Kodiak Island, "Nidda 9/28" origin and red New York transit cds, original letter with April 8, 1869 receiving docketing (over six months in transit), other 1894-95 cover from Naples, Italy to Nulato, Yukon, Alaska; cover and stamp edge faults, Fine appearance.

Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$450



Kake, Alaska, May 18, 1909, bar "1" killer cds on real-photo card showing "Mission Star in still water.", message ...There has been some witch trouble among the natives and one man was shot and killed., Very Fine.

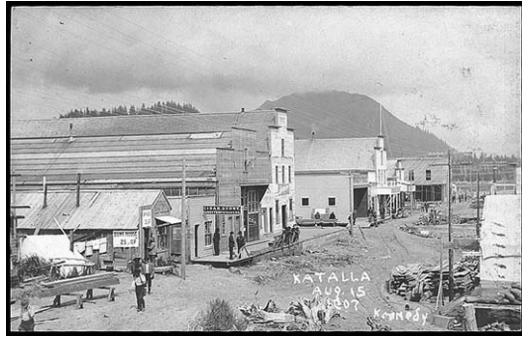
Estimate: \$75 - 100; Realized: \$75



Auction Listings (continued)

Katalla, Alaska, May 28, 1908, postmark tying 1902, 1¢ green on real-photo post card showing 1907 Katalla Street View, Very Fine.

Estimate: \$75 - 100; Realized: \$140



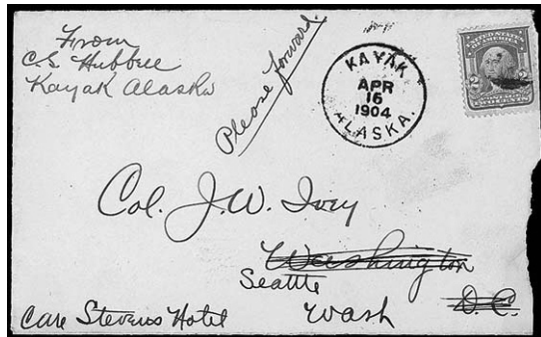
Ketchikan, Alaska, Jul 30, 1898, cds and matching target canceling 2¢ carmine (small flaws) on cover to Portland, O., F-V.F., very early for this town mark.

Estimate: \$75 - 100; Not Sold



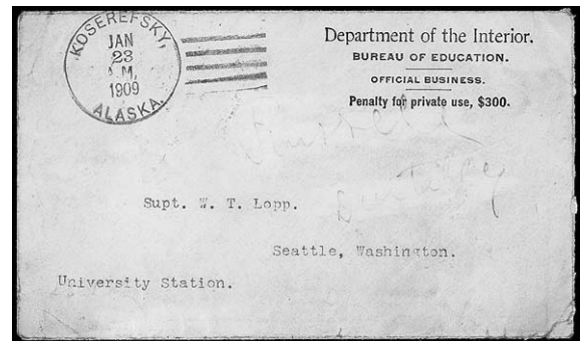
Kayak, Alaska, Apr 16, 1904, bold cds on cover to Washington D.C. forwarded to Seattle, Wash., cork canceled 1902, 2¢ carmine; slight rough opening at right, Very Fine, Helbock lists no known postmarks from this town.

Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$80



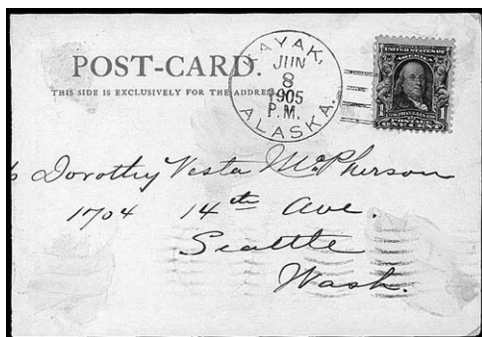
Koserefsky, Alaska, Jan 23, 1909, cds and four bar killer on Bureau of Education official business imprint cover to Seattle, Wash.; light edge wear, a Very Fine strike, very scarce.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$240



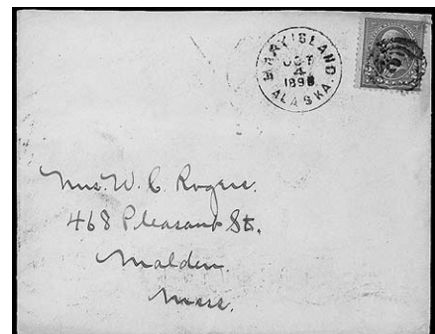
Kayak, Alaska, Jun 8, 1905, cds and 4-bar duplex tying 1902, 1¢ green on post card; reduction at left, a Very Fine strike, no postmarks listed in Helbock.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$170



Mary Island, Alaska, two covers with 1898 postmarks, target handstamp canceling 2¢ red (one with small defects), F-V.F.

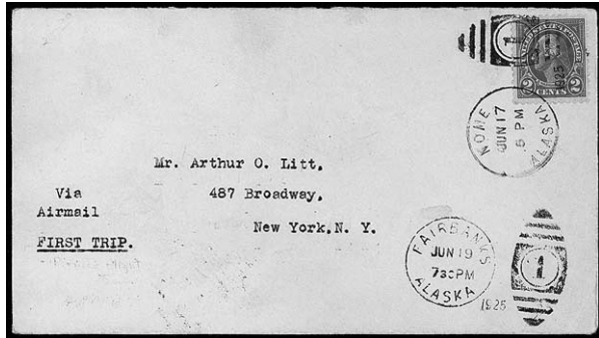
Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$115



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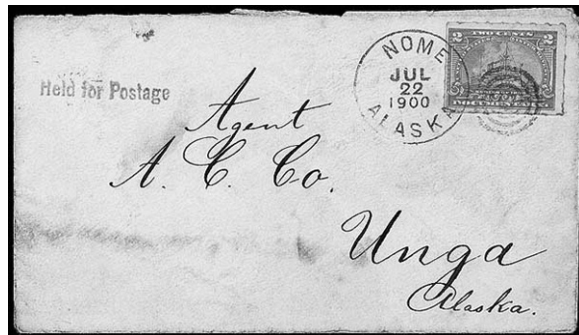
Nome to Fairbanks Flight, 1925 first trip cover, franked with 2¢ carmine tied by “Nome, Alaska, Jun 17” cds and killer, Fairbanks receiver on face, Very Fine, a scarce Alaska pioneer flight. A.A.M.C. No. 6.

Estimate: \$50 - 75; Realized: \$35



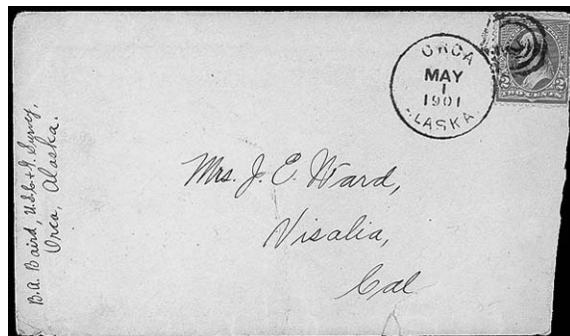
Nome, Alaska, Jul 22, 1900, cds and target duplex tying Documentary 2¢ Battleship issue on cover to Unga, Alaska, straight line “Held for Postage” handstamp, reverse with San Francisco, Cal. transit and Unga receiving backstamp; some cover soiling, Fine.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$150



Orca, Alaska, May 1, 1901, cds and target handstamp tying 2¢ red on cover to Visalia, Cal., U.S. C.&G. Survey return address; cover nick and tear, reduced at right slightly affecting stamp, F.-V.F.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$65



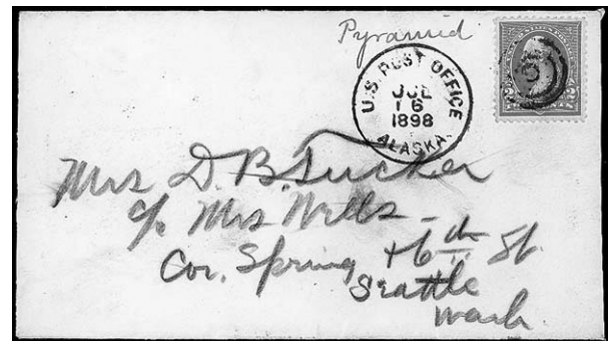
Ounalaska, Alaska, Jul 22, 1895, cds and target handstamp tying 2¢ carmine on cover to Oakland, Cal., Very Fine and scarce.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$65



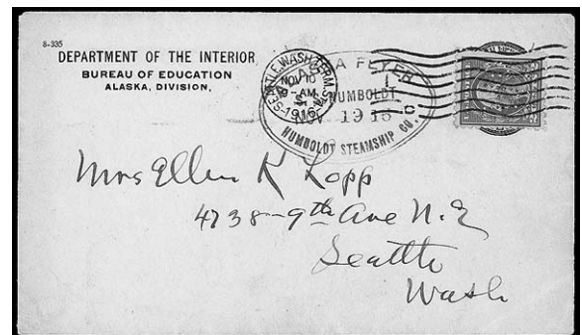
Pyramid (Alaska), manuscript town name with bold “U.S. Post Office, Alaska, Jul 16, 1898” cds below on cover to Seattle, Wash., franked with 2¢ carmine canceled by target handstamp, Very Fine and rare, this may be the only postmark from Pyramid.

Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$650



S. S. Humboldt, Alaska Flyer, Humboldt Steamship Co., purple oval date stamp on 2 covers entering the mails in Seattle, Wash.; 1911 real photo post card from and showing Steamboat at Yes Bay, Alaska, other 1916 Bureau of Education, Alaska Division official business envelope franked with 2¢ red (WP perfin), Very Fine.

Estimate: \$200 - 300; Realized: \$200



Auction Listings (continued)

Sitka, Alaska, Mar 25, 1893, cds (Helbock type 8) on registered 5¢ brown entire to New York City (readdressed), uprated with 1890, 2¢ carmine, two pairs canceled by cork handstamps, manuscript "U.S. Str Pinta" at top, Very Fine, the latest reported use of this postmark.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$1,500



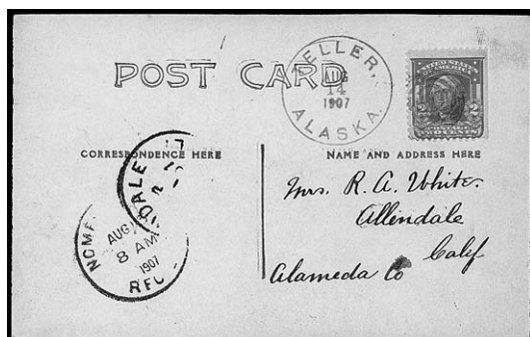
St. Michael (Alaska), straight line handstamp tying 2¢ carmine on cover to San Francisco, additionally tied by "U.S. Post Office, Alaska, Jul 23, 1898" cds and target handstamp, S.F. backstamps; slight cover reduction, Very Fine, very scarce.

Estimate: \$200 - 300; Realized: \$375



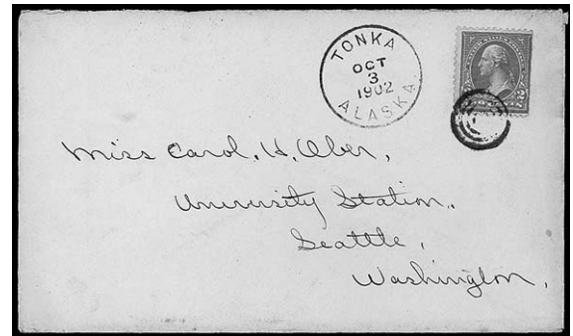
Teller, Alaska, Aug 14, 1907, cds and matching target handstamp cancelling 1903, 2¢ carmine on real-photo post card showing "Eskimo's coming along side (ship), Point Hope", Very Fine, unlisted this early in Helbock.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$60



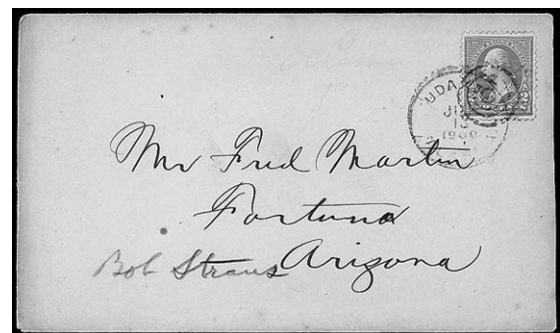
Tonka, Alaska, Oct 3, 1902, clear cds with matching target tying 2¢ carmine (s.e. at right) on cover to Seattle, Wash., Very Fine, unlisted in Helbock.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$350



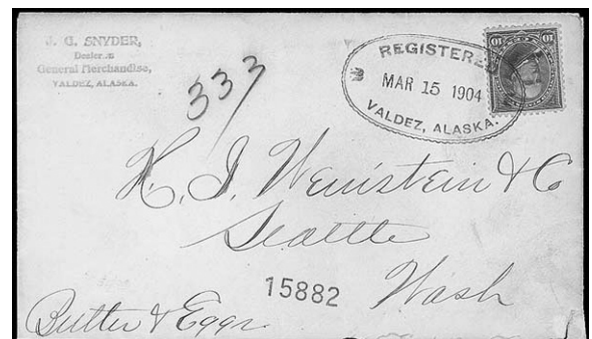
Udatka, Alaska, Jun 13, 1900, cds and target handstamp tying 2¢ carmine on cover to Fortuna, Arizona, with original enclosure typed aboard the S.S. Oregon in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Very Fine.

Estimate: \$150 - 200; Not Sold



Valdez, Alaska, Registered, Mar 15, 1904, full sharp strike of blue oval date stamp tying 1898, 10¢ orange brown on corner card cover to Seattle, Wash., receiving backstamp; cover corner tear and edge nicks at lower right, an Extremely Fine strike. Scott No. 283.

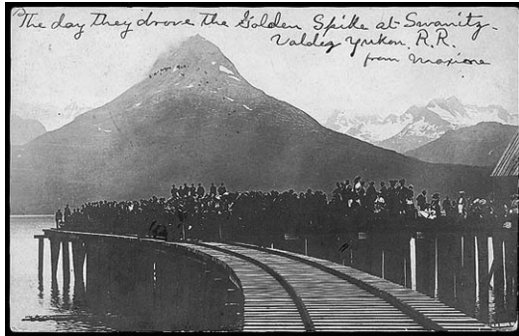
Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$400



Auction Listings (continued)

Valdez, Alaska, indistinct 1906 duplex postmark tying 1902, 1¢ green on real photo postcard showing "The day they drove the Golden Spike at Swanitz-Valdez Yukon R.R.", Very Fine.

Estimate: \$75 - 100; Realized: \$75



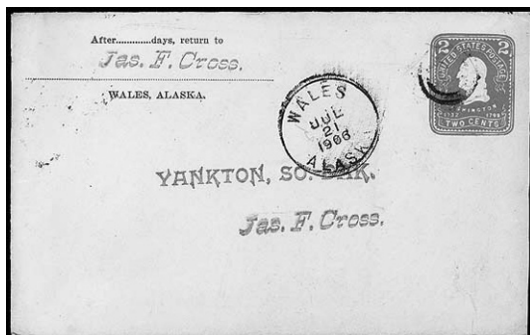
Valdez, Alaska, 1907 postmark tying 1902, 2¢ carmine on real-photo card showing Alameda Hotel and Dogsled Team, Very Fine.

Estimate: \$75 - 100; Realized: \$85



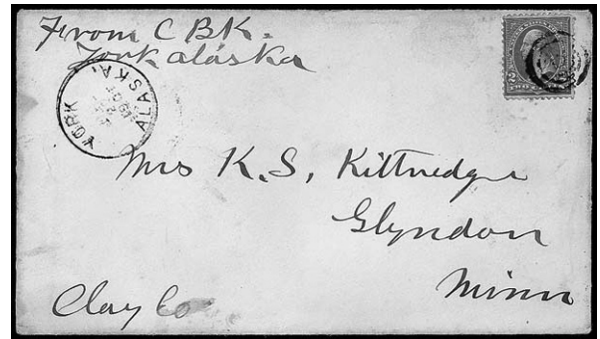
Wales, Alaska, cds on two 1903 2¢ red corner card entires to South Dakota from correspondence, 1906 & 1907 year dates, with Tellier (black & purple) and Nome transit backstamps; one with minor reduction, Very Fine, both Wales and Tellier postmarks unlisted in Helbock.

Estimate: \$200 - 300; Realized: \$100



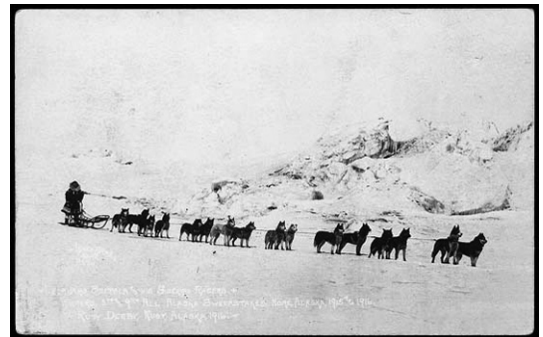
York, Alaska, similar cds's on four 1901-02 covers, each franked with 2¢ red canceled by target handstamps; some faults, F.-V.F.

Estimate: \$150 - 200; Realized: \$220



Alaska Picture Post Cards, a lovely lot of approximately 68 cards, mostly all mint, some are modern cards from the 1960's however many early real photo cards are present from the 1920-30's with many fine views including a number of Steamships, Fine, worth inspection.

Estimate: \$300 - 400; Realized: \$250



Alaska Real-Photo Post Cards, 1900-20's, 9 cards; views including Juneau, Thane, Perry Island, docks at Codova and Valdez, street view, ships including S.S. Alaska & S.S. Queen, F.-V.F.

Estimate: \$100 - 150; Realized: \$100



John F. Kennedy All Post Office First Day of Issue

On May 29, 1964 the United States issued a 5 cent commemorative stamp to honor the late President John F. Kennedy. This stamp was one of the first to go on sale in every post office on the first day of issue. The Alaska Post Offices that canceled Kennedy stamps on the first day are listed below.

- Anatumuk Pass
- Anchorage
- Anchorage-Airport Annex Branch
- Anchorage-Eastchester Station
- Anchorage-Mountain View Station
- Chugiak
- Eagle River
- Halibut Cove
- Hogatza
- Homer
- Juneau
- Kaktovik
- Ketchikan
- Kiana
- Kobuk
- Kotzebue
- Lake Minchumina
- Manley Hot Springs
- Moose Pass
- Nome
- North Pole
- Palmer
- Red Devil
- Saint Paul Island
- Seldovia
- Shungniak
- Sitka
- Skagway
- Soldatna
- Venetie
- Ward Cove
- Wasilla
- Wrangell

There is a collector who is looking for additional post offices that may have canceled Kennedy stamps on the first day. He is: Henry Scheuer, P.O. Box 535, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10159, hscheuer@jmsonline.com.

Looking for Alaska Precancels

Dear ACC Members,

I have a partial collection of Alaska Town and Type precancels and would like to work towards completing it (I need 10 more). I am a member of the Texas precancel club and PSS. I do have some Texas Town and Type to trade if anyone is interested or would be willing to buy the stamps I need. If you could assist me in this effort, I would appreciate it.

Missing from my Alaska collection are the following:

- Akiachak 841(AKCH,3)
- Allakaket 841(KA,AK,3)
- Buckland(882)
- Chevak 841
- Chignik 841(4)
- Fairbanks (804 - added in last issue of the Precancel Forum)
- Kaktovik 841(3,KKK,none)
- Kalskag 835.5(3,4)
- Kwethluk 841(3,4)
- Napakiak 841
- South Naknek 845(3)
- Tanana 841(a1,3)
- Wainwright 841(a1,3,4)
- Willow 835.5(w.75/1,3)

I want to thank you in advance for your assistance in helping me in this matter.

Henry N. Buscher, docbb@cmaaccess.com

Gold Nuggets

Most stamperders needed to build their own boats, having declined to drag a boat over the pass. The preferred wood cutting technique, known as "whipsawing," led to more than a few disagreements and fights. Logs placed on stands were sawed by one man standing on top of the log with one end of the saw and a second man standing below the log holding the other end. The work was so hard, that no matter which position he took, it was easy to for each man to believe that he was doing all the work.