

THE *Alaskan* PHILATELIST

A Brief History of Alaska Statehood

Part 2 (1867-1959)

by Eric Gislason

Editor's Note: Please refer to the previous issue of The Alaska Philatelist for the first part of this article.

Absentee Interests and Colonial Exploitation

Alaska had a population of about 58,000 in 1916 when Wickersham, now Delegate to Congress, introduced Alaska's first statehood bill. It failed due to lack of interest on the part of Alaskans; not even President Harding's 1923 visit to the Territory could create sustained widespread interest in statehood.

Efforts to amend the Second Organic Act, which had not quite extricated Alaska's fishing industry from the influences of the "Fish Trust," took up much time yet proved fruitless. In fact, some Congressional legislation was overtly discriminatory to the Territory.

The U. S. Maritime Act of 1920--commonly referred to as the Jones Act, after its sponsor, Senator Wesley Jones of Seattle--stipulated that all commercial ships travelling between American ports had to be American-owned and American-built. Thus, all merchandise entering or leaving Alaska had to be transported by American carriers, which meant that all shipping had to go through Seattle.

The Supreme Court ruled that, because Alaska was not officially a state, the Constitution's provision that one state should not hold sway over the commerce of another did not protect Alaska. Routing ships through the Canadian ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert would have been much cheaper for Alaskans; nevertheless, under the Court's ruling,

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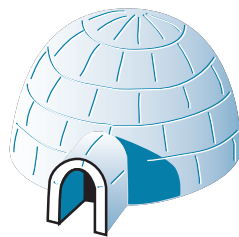
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Colopex 2002—Silver-Bronze



B-r-r-r-ief Notes



Call for Nominations for the ACC Board

This year is election year for the Alaska Collectors Club. As such I am now issuing the formal call for nominations to all offices up for election. The offices open this year are President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and 3 Directors. The immediate past president will become the 4th director.

If you are interested in running for office, or if you have a candidate in mind for an office and wish to nominate them, please contact Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street #C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. I will also be contacting people to see if they are willing to run.

PANEX on April 26, 2003

The Gastineau Philatelic Society will be holding its annual stamp show, PANEX, April 26th at the Nugget Mall in Juneau. More information is available from: GPS, P.O. Box 20641, Juneau, AK 99802-0641.

Articles Needed

As usual, we are still in need of articles. Please take a look at your collection and write up a short article about your most unusual, your most inexpensive find, your most favorite

or the piece that has the best story behind it.

You can send the item to Eric and he will scan it for you or you can send him a scan directly to eknapp@gci.com (send an email first asking for specifics). Please make it your New Year's Resolution to help us give you the best publication we can.

Corrections from 4th Quarter 2002 TAP

"Not Postmarked in Alaska...But Still Alaskan Postal History!" (p.57). Ralph Rivers was not a "former President of the Alaska Constitutional Convention." That post was held by William A. Egan of Valdez, who went on to be Governor of the new state.

Egan and Ernest Gruening were the Tennessee Plan U.S. Senators, and Ralph Rivers the U.S. Representative. Bob Bartlett was the Territorial Delegate, later the U.S. Senator and then Rivers became the U.S. Representative, and Gruening became the other Senator.



I'm not quite sure how I did it, but I left myself off of the membership list that was in that last issue. My information is as follows: Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508.

Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog Volume 1 & 2

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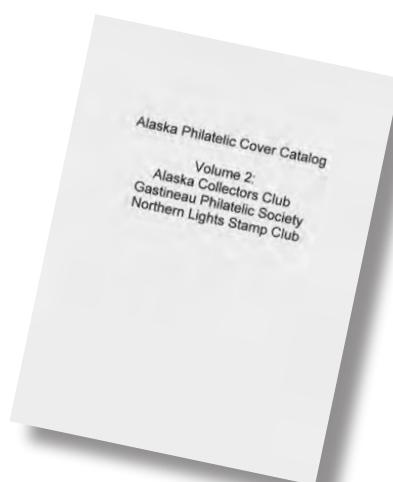
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2nd Quarter May 1

3rd Quarter August 1

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

It is the middle of February in Anchorage, Alaska, and the temperatures have been in the mid 40's, for the past week, with rain off and on. We have had very little snow here in Alaska this winter and it has been the warmest winter in recorded history.

The lack of snow has cancelled the World Championship Sled Dog Races usually held during the Fur Rendezvous here in Anchorage, and has moved the re-start of the Iditarod Race all the way north to Fairbanks for the first time in its 31-year history. They are talking of the ice break-up possibly coming in March. What a difference from when I first arrived in Alaska 44 years ago!

Here in Anchorage we are busy working cleaning up from our 51st APEX which was held February 21-23. Our theme was: "Alaska's Centennial Cities," and we honored Seward and Fairbanks who are both holding centennial celebrations in 2003.

I have been busy working at a short-term job the past two and half months. It ends in just two weeks, and I am looking forward to once again being retired. I have had to put in many more hours than I had anticipated. Anyway, life goes on.

Things have been busy with ACC also, as we have five new members since my last report in December. I will list them at the end of my report. I keep getting requests for information about the club, so we may see even more new members soon.

This is the beginning of my 8th year as secretary/treasurer of ACC, and I have enjoyed it, but I do want to let you know that my term ends at the end of this year, and I will not be running for re-election. It is time for someone else to step up and do the job. All the offices will be up for election come the end of the year, so be thinking of how you can help in that area.

A special thanks to the following members for sending us dues over their membership amount: Caye Carufel, Stu Hall, Wayne Selmer, Michael Senta, M.D., Robert Spaugy, and Ted Swem.

I will be making my annual trip to Nome for the finish of the Iditarod Race again this year, and will be there about March 13-17. I then plan to attend a small family reunion in Las Vegas the first week in April, and plan a short visit to friends in Arizona. I hope all is going well with each of you and that spring arrives at your home soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
David F. Schwantes

Alaska Collectors Club Financial Report for 2002

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1,2002\$2,956.78

Income:

Dues\$2,240.00
Auction Profits 410.23
Back Issues4.00

TOTAL INCOME.....\$2,654.23

Expenses:

TAP\$1,704.00
Ads.....126.00
Sustaining Member Cover.....52.50
Sec-Treas. Expenses..... 45.17

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$1,927.67

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1,2003\$3,683.34

NEW MEMBERS

- #668 Thomas Kinzer
P.O. Box 107
Chitina, AK 99566-0107
Interests: 1,2,3,7,9,12,13,15
- #669 R. F. "Skip" Pelleter
P.O. Box 2268
Palmer, AK 99645
Interests: 2, 17, ARRC's and Duck Stamps
- #670 John D Spicer
18 Leycroft Way
Harpenden
HERTS, ENGLAND AL5 1JW
- #671 Jim Ruotsala
2723 John Street
Juneau, AK 99801
- #672 Albert Aldham
1660 Hemlock Farms
Hawley, PA 18428
Interest: Postal History

President's Message

by Eric Knapp

Weird Weather Here & Westpex, Anyone?

As David said in his report, we have had a very strange winter here. There is grass visible in the lawn of my condo and the willow tree across the way is on it's second or third set



of pussy willows since last fall. What will happen next, who knows? I still remember we got 27 inches of snow on Saint Patrick's Day last March.

As is said elsewhere in this issue, this is an election year for the club. All of the club's offices are up for election. I will be contacting all of the current office holders to see how they feel about continuing in office or even changing office. I also encourage every one of you to run for office.

It is not a huge time commitment and it can be very rewarding. This club belongs to all of us and we all need to take a hand in its management, now and into the future. As David Schwantes reports, the club is still attracting new members and interested people are continuing to inquire about the club. This shows there is still a need for a club like this, so we need to step up and help in running it.

I will further report on the nominating process in future issues.

My Travels

I will be at Westpex in April with my World War II in Alaska exhibit. If anybody else is planning on being there, let me know and we will see if we can get together. Nothing official, just to meet.

Westpex is San Francisco's premier stamp show and exhibit. It is always a much desired venue for exhibitors and it is highly competitive to secure frames for exhibits. This year they will feature 308 frames of exhibits. It is one of the qualifying shows for the APS' World Series of Philately competition.

The 43rd annual Westpex, held this year on April 25th through the 27th at the Cathedral Hill Hotel at Van Ness and Geary Streets, admission tickets are just \$3.

In attendance will be the Military Postal History Society, the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the American Society of Polar Philatelists.

For more information on the show, go to their website at www.westpex.com.

Want Ads

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 c.esveld@tip.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.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for covers and other information on Wells Fargo & Company in Alaska during the 19th and early 20th century. We are specifically looking for any information on the location and history of the various offices in Alaska. George Hall, 13124 Stephenson, Anchorage, AK 99515.

HELP WANTED

I recently acquired two covers sent from Hooper Bay to Baghdad, Iraq in 1939. What I seek is any information about John P. Fox S.J., The first Postmaster of Hooper Bay 1934-46. No information was available from Hooper Bay. What I need in particular is a photographic sample of Fox's signature or handwriting and whether or not he was known to be a philatelist. Any information will be greatly appreciated. Please send to: Seely Hall, Jr., Box 20574, Juneau, AK 99802-0574. I will be pleased to cover any costs involved.

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.com.

Post Offices That Never Were

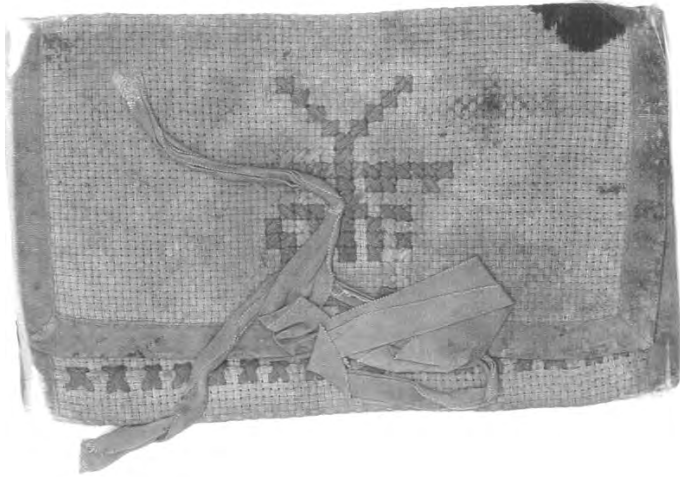
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THE NAVAL ADMINISTRATION OF ALASKA

A common practice by Navy commanders was the use of native young men to fill jobs as “landsmen” or general purpose workers aboard ship while the vessels were stationed in an area. The chief of the village was contacted to assign the village member to the ship and they were hired on with formal papers and provided with a uniform. Whenever the job was finished of the ship was ordered to a new location a discharge certificate was given to the chief to show the young man was returned and released.

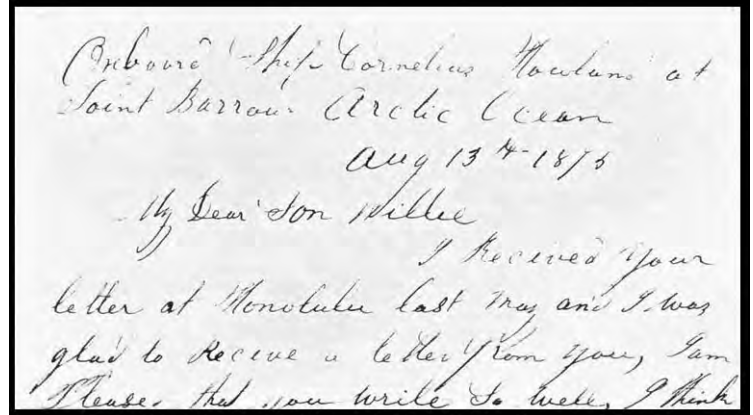
This special pouch (figure 1) held certificates given to Tlan Tech, Chief of the Kogwantan clan.

Figure 1.



Captain Homan of the whaler “Cornelius Howland” started this letter at Point Barrow on August 13, 1875 and kept the account like a ship’s log (figure 2).

Figure 2.



The mail was transferred to the whaler “Helen Clare” “off Franklin Reef” in the Beaufort Sea and placed in the postal service in San Francisco prepaid.

Figure 3.



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the Jones Act allowed Seattle business interests to charge much higher than average prices for shipping.

This in turn raised the cost of living in Alaska and funneled Alaskan dollars out of the territory and into the pockets of Washington businessmen. Another piece of discriminatory legislation, the White Act of 1924, was referred to as the “Magna Carta of fishery conservation” by both federal officials and industry spokesmen. In fact, the White Act favored the big companies’ fish traps and worked against the development of small operators in Alaska.

National discrimination was compounded by regional conflicts among the territory’s judicial divisions and these squabbles further blurred the focus on statehood. Under the conditions of the Second Organic Act, Alaska had been divided into the four divisions, each with a capitol city: the First Judicial division (southeastern Alaska) at Juneau; the Second Division (northwestern Alaska) at Nome; the Third Division (Southcentral Alaska) at Valdez, and later at Anchorage; and the Fourth Division (the interior) at Fairbanks. The Southeastern division, or “Panhandle” region, had by far the largest population and began to wonder if perhaps it could become a state separate from the other three less-populated divisions.

Government control over Alaska was the primary concern, as over 52 federal agencies had a hand in the daily workings of Alaska! Exasperated, Wickersham declared “there actually exists today a congressional government in Alaska more offensively bureaucratic in its basic principles and practices than that which existed here during the seventy years of Russian rule under the Czar.” Federal attempts in the 1920s to streamline administration had little success changing either the bureaucratic control over Alaska’s development or the unfair Congressional legislation, and the exploitative resource industries of the contiguous states still had the power to completely withdraw the sources of many Alaskans’ livelihood.

The Depression hit Alaska hard as prices paid for fish and copper, the territory’s two chief commodities, declined. Between 1929 and 1932, the work force decreased by more than half, and wages dropped. Help came from New Deal programs such as the National Reforestation Act of 1933 and various Public Works Administration construction efforts.

Most famous among government efforts in Alaska during the Depression is the 1935 Matanuska Valley colonization scheme. President Franklin D. Roosevelt imagined that Americans from depressed agricultural areas could be transplanted to Alaska’s Matanuska-Susitna region and given a fresh chance at agricultural self-sustainment.



Around 1,000 colonists were selected from some 15,000 applicants, largely from Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota—on the assumption that the similar climate of these areas to Alaska would best suit settlers for life in the North.

A related but completely ill-fated idea was Dr. Joe Thomas’ “Alaska Colonization Branch of the United Congo Improvement Association,” which proclaimed that “Alaska offers the American Negro full political rights.” The UCIA asked that President Roosevelt settle some 400 Negro farmers in Alaska, but existing racial prejudices and prevailing beliefs that only people from northern lands were suited for life in Alaska doomed the proposal.

The War Years: A Decade of Growth

While the New Deal aided Alaska, it took an event of much greater scale and purpose to truly bring the Territory onto the national stage. As early as 1933, Delegate Anthony J. Dimond had recognized Japan as a threat to America’s security and asked Congress for military airfields and planes, a highway to link the territory with the United States, and army garrisons. Telling his colleagues in the House of Representatives that Japanese fishermen off Alaska’s coast were actually disguised military personnel scouting out information on Alaska’s harbors, Dimond pleaded that Alaska was as much a key to the Pacific as Hawaii and must be defended.

In 1940, Congress appropriated money for military installations, but it took the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the 1942 occupation by Japan of Attu and Kiska islands on the Aleutian Chain for military mobilization to begin in earnest. Billions of dollars in defense spending came into the territory in the construction of the Alaska Highway, the capture and eventual fortification of the Aleutian islands, and the construction of military bases throughout the ter-

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ritory.

In 1940, about 1,000 of Alaska's 75,000 residents were military. By 1943, 152,000 out of 233,000 belonged to the armed forces stationed in Alaska. And even though there was a post-war drop in population to about 99,000 in 1946, Cold War military expenditures pushed it back up to around 138,000 by 1950. The war years irrevocably changed Alaska.

Attention in the national press increasingly raised awareness about Alaska's situation, described by Richard L. Neuberger in Newsweek as a "feudal barony" where the absentee-owned mining and fishing corporations took out millions in natural resources and left next to nothing behind in the form of social and economic benefits—a "looted land." It became increasingly obvious that keeping territorial government and tax structures to a minimum benefited Seattle-area interests such as the Alaska Steamship Company and the Northland Transportation Company, who enjoyed an effective monopoly on steamship travel and shipping and charged unusually high rates.

Alaskan businessmen such as Austin E. "Cap" Lathrop—Alaska's premier "capitalist"—were able to benefit greatly from the minimal taxes and argued against statehood for fear that its' stricter tax laws might diminish their position. The anti-statehood faction had a powerful hold in the Territory, and might have quelled the issue were it not for two especially vigorous pro-statehood advocates, Ernest Gruening and E. L. "Bob" Bartlett.

Ernest Gruening, an Easterner with a history of progressive politics, had served as publicity director for Senator Robert M. LaFollette's presidential candidacy in 1924 when LaFollette polled five million votes but lost the race. Gruening traveled and worked in Mexico and Europe before serving as editor of the Nation until he was appointed by F. D. Roosevelt in 1934 to run the fledgling Division of Territories and Island Possessions.

In 1939, FDR appointed Gruening to the governorship of Alaska. Edward Lewis "Bob" Bartlett, with whom Gruening was to work closely for the next quarter-century, had served as secretary to Congressional delegate Anthony J. Dimond, remaining in Washington until 1934. Bartlett operated a placer gold mine for a while before President Roosevelt appointed him secretary of Alaska in January 1939. In 1944, Bartlett ran for and won the position which Wickersham and Dimond had held—Territorial Delegate to Congress. Beginning in 1945, Delegate Bartlett acted as Alaska's only representative in the halls of Congress.

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Postscript to Yesteryears

The “Western Stamp Collector”

Postal History Series

by *Ralph A. Miller*

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A “Golden Era” is east to define – it is always that one beyond the experience of all but the elderly. In Alaska, a like comparative period – the golden decade – is about as remotely removed in time; little publicized; still a hazy memory at the best. Yet like earlier years influenced by the sheer magic of gold, the times in effect cast a glowing reflection on contemporary postal history.

This can be verified in any casual investigation. Still while the proper significance attached to the decade (1901-1911) has unconsciously been overlooked; its justifiable niche in the greater Northland history seems assured.

In turning back the clock to re-introduce and add a few postscripts to the days beyond recall, for many older readers it may be hard to escape feeling a bit of sadness for long forgotten associations with history in the Cinderella of American territories.

Eternal Challenge

The inscrutable faces carved by Haidi tribal Indians in their fairly well known totem poles which intrigue so many people, in truth symbolize the real and true Alaska – a many faceted study; ever enigma, attraction and mystery. But despite efforts to record and understand the oddments of fact and legend termed “Alaskana” much past and present research has been partially (and persistently) blocked.

Late century riddles still unsolved are the town site locations of Cooper and Ekersund, Alaska; and the settlement names of the fifty trading posts

possessed by Williams, Haven & Co., John Parrot & Co., and Hutchinson, Kohl & Co. which were consolidated by the San Francisco Sloss interests into the nine million dollar Alaska Commercial Co. mercantile empire. Plus equally baffling notabilia which has evaded or resisted solution.

Postal History Involved

Collector items of interest also evolve around the sizeable 20th century settlements of Batzulnetas (no longer existent) to flights of gold camps which throbbed to life, were abandoned; sometimes revived to thought if the U.S. mail serviced the temporary camp towns of the Alaskan Boundary Commission – map indicated – and for the Washington-Alaska Military Telegraph Line crews, and like queries.

And passing interest has been shown into possible postal markings from the U.S. Revenue Service vessel “Nunivak” which operated in Yukon River waters, and in the fifty-six large and small Yukon steamers. Intricacies of the involved transactions whereby Isaac Liebs of the North American Commercial Company headed the Alaska Exploration Co., in turn with the Alaska Commercial Co., the Empire Transportation Co. became the Northern Commercial Co. have a direct bearing on nine-tenths of all negotiated ocean and marine mail contracts.

Even the independently owned North American Trading and Transportation Company’s fleet of stern-wheelers for a time operated with

the syndicate further confusing mail route data. The quoted facts are documented. But there is the assurance that as each yet obscure theme yields answers, some writer will record them and the unrelated fragments will take on a new meaning and a semblance of orderly continuity.

The appended notes may help complete an “existing gap” in a half-solved project.

Links In Chain

Supervision of Alaska mail was under the Eighth Division, San Francisco, until September 1909, when the 13th Division was established in Seattle, Wash. In 1900 the Superintendent at San Francisco was H.P. Thrall who was succeeded by A.H. Stephens in 1907.

Chief clerks-at-large and offices in Alaska were: “William F. Wilcox, Juneau (1900 – 1902); E.R. Stevens, Skagway (1903 – 1904); J.S. Roberts, Eagle (1903 – 1904); C.J. Boyle, Saint Michael (1903 – 1904); W.A. Graves, Skagway (1906 – 1908), W.E. Phillips, Eagle (1906 – 1908), and Saint Michael and Nome (1906 – 1908).

W.B. Stoval, Jr., Gainsville, Georgia has the only known first day cancellation of the 20th century – Anvik, Alaska, January 1, 1901.

F.L. Ellis, Pearl River, N.Y. has tentatively determined that the Pacific and Arctic Railroad and Navigation Co.’s mail contract 178001 on the American section of the White Pass Route Railroad was the sole railroad

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mentioned in decade official reports.

By the year 1906, closed pouch mail in transit over the line averaged 1,122 pounds daily. The 1910 P.M.G. report disclosed that the average daily weight (six days a week) totaled 1,463 pounds.

In pausing over this report, Alaska had 89 mail routes totaling 17,827 miles as of June 30, 1910. Mail service (broken down) is illuminating – 1 railroad – 20.6 miles; mail messenger service 7 – 6.85 miles; Star service 26 – 5,220 miles; special office 39 – 2,227 miles and steamboat star routes 16 – 10,352 miles.

Data on post office “fate” is more complex. From time immemorial, for each new office established, one or more were abandoned. And the 1907 financial panic added its impact.

The 1904 post Route map “pin pointed” 92 offices in the most active towns and settlements. Discontinuance orders in the 1909-11 period affected 20 fourth-class post offices. (obsolete offices now solely remembered in cover collections include such names as: Bluff, Engineer, McKinley, Porcupine, Tinleity and Vault).

At the decade’s end, 136 communities out of several hundred possible sites, possessed direct mail facilities.

Front Page News

The April 9, 1909 issue of the “Nome Daily Gold Digger” tends to indicate that mail movements were front page news.

In an item, “Last Nome Mail Leaves Valdez” is a small clue to the winter service: “The mails, however, are expected to come regularly every week until the last one arrives, making the total of mails expected about

seven. There is a large amount in separate lots between Valdez and Fairbanks and the latter place and Unalakleet.”

Are many stamped envelopes known in older collections? An accompanying article advising greater use of government stamped envelopes, said, “Adhesive stamps are easily lost, misappropriated or become valueless by sticking together.” Nome’s postmaster advocated a greater use of stamped envelopes.

Service Vessels

F.A. Zein, Seattle, retired commanding officer of all U.S. Revenue Service (Coast Guard) cutters in Alaskan waters during the decade, personally named all ships having any possible mail or “corner card” interest to Alaskan collectors.

They were: the Bear, McCullough, Thetis, Rush, Perry, Morning, Grant, Tohuna and Unalaga.

According to Rear Admiral Zein only the “Bear” in the years 1914-1915 had a delegated U.S. mail clerk assigned by the Post Office Department; a Mr. Faise, now retired, present address not known.

The Assistant Director of Naval History, Washington, D.C. (Captain Samuel G. Kelly) officially confirmed that the U.S.S. Petrel, July-September, 1904 cruised on the Kiska island expedition, and the Buffalo served on the Fur Seal Patrol in 1907 and in 1911 was on duty with the Alaskan wireless expedition, erecting wireless stations.

Further naval data is being gathered by Dr. Nelson M. Blake in the naval section, National Archives.

Commander Herb Rommel, U.S.N., well known cover collector, agrees that naval ship cancellations



in territorial waters may exist. Cdr. Rommel states: “Postal service on naval vessels was authorized by an Act of Congress, May 27, 1908. The first post office was established on the U.S.S. Illinois, July 8, 1908.”

Investigation apparently has but scratched the surface of the unknown. Naval cancel specialists like D.C. Bartley, Seattle, and Cdr. Rommel, Arlington, Va., have no representative markings of early century Alaska, and Vern Ardiff’s once fine ship marking collection has been scattered to the four winds. (who has them?) Further comments and factual data to round out existing knowledge, is welcomed.

The “Golden Decade,” vague to time; certain to be withholding postal interest fact – merits further exploratory expeditions.

Member Profile: Steve Sims

by Angela Watson

Name, place of residence, age?

My name is Steve Sims and I live in Anchorage, Alaska.

What is your occupation?

I am an attorney.

How did you become a stamp collector?

My family got me started in the fifth grade.

What about Alaska Philately interests you the most?

All of it.

What specialties with Alaska Philately do you collect?

Virtually all.

What other stamps or countries do you collect?

I also collect Yukon Postal History, 19th Century Worldwide, all timelines of United States. I also collect fancy cancel and U.S. Officials in depth.

What other philatelic study groups or organizations are you a member of?

American Philatelic Society, U.S. Cancellation Club, U.S. Classics Society, Civil Censorship Study Group, Hawaiian Philatelic Society, Anchorage Philatelic Society, Military Postal History Club and the Western Cover Society.

Tell us about your favorite piece of Alaskan Postal History.

Below is featured a scan of the McGreeley's Express local stamp on cover. I was happy to contribute a seven page article to The American Philatelist in April 1999. Made

available in 1898 at a post office called Lake Bennett, the first postmaster was Frank Turner. He is quoted in a report to his superior as saying,

"All the mail that gets despatched or rec'd is handled by private carriers who charge 25 cents per letter and do a thriving business just holding the post Office up to well-merited contempt."

A stamper at Lake Bennett wrote his wife in California on May 2, 1898 expressing the difficulties of mail service over the winter of 1897-98:

"I have not heard a word from you since I left Seattle and it makes me feel awful blue. I have written over a dozen letters since then, of course I know you have written, but I cannot understand why I don't get your letters, however, there will be a government post office at Lake Bennett, about 4 miles from where we are camped today, and I expect I will get your letters then. The post offices at Skagway and Dyea have been managed disgracefully, but, new postmasters have been put in charge of both places and they will probably do better at least for a while. Carriers have been reaping a rich harvest bringing any mail in and taking it out at 25 cents a letter. Sometimes they would have 2,000 letters." (!)

It is the frailty of the human condition in the face of such hardships that have always fascinated me about Alaska Postal History.



Who will be next? Contact Angela at bleumoon@cox.net if you know someone who would be a good candidate for this feature. Feel free to nominate yourself!

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AUCTION

**Closing Date:
May 31, 2003**

Send bids to:

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Please bid in increments of 25 cents.

**Use Bid
Sheet on
Page 8!**

Abbreviations used:

BS = Back Stamp

DCC = Double Circle Cancel

EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover

FD = First Day

FF = First Flight

LD = Last Day

NP = Nonphilatelic

PO = Post Office

T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed.

VF = Very Fine

CC = Corner Card return address

DPO = No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office

4BC = Four Bar Cancel

F = Fine

II = Informative insert

MC = Machine Cancel

PC = Postcard

PMS = Postmaster signed

VG = Very Good

R = Reserve Bid, only \$1.00 unless otherwise noted

Please read carefully and ask for photo copies as desired (5 cents each + SASE), or ask for electronic images sent as JPEG files. Have fun, bid early and often, and please ask others to bid.

I AM IN DESPERATE NEED OF AUCTION MATERIAL!

1. Afognak (6/17/58) T5-DPO. F.
2. Akiachak (7/10/58) T3. F.
3. Akiak (6/19/58) T5, earlier than listed. F. R = \$2.50.
4. Akutan (6/20/58) T2. F.
5. Alakanuk (6/12/58) T2. F.
6. Alaskindia (4/9/43) T1-DPO. R = 7.50. F.
7. Aleknagik (7/6/58) T2. F.
8. Allakakaket (6/16/58) T1. F (light cancel).
9. Anaktuvuk Pass (6/16/58) T2. Bettles Field (6/24/58) T1 BS. F.
10. Anchor Point (6/12/58) T2. F.
11. Anchorage (1/2/59) T17. Special Last Day as Territory cachet, Scott #800 & Scott # 1094 franking. VF. R = \$3.50.
12. Anchorage, Elemendorf Air Force Base Br. (4/4/59) DCC. Special Tobin, hand painted, Sourdough cachet. F. R = \$6.50.
13. Anchorage, Spenard Sta. (5/12/75) DCC. VF. R = \$1.50.
14. Angoon (6/13/58) T5. F.
15. Aniak (6/17/58) T6, five years later than listed! F. R = \$6.50.
16. Annette (6/14/58) T4. F.
17. Anvik (6/13/58) T5. F.
18. Arctic Village (7/22/59) 4BC. Postmaster signed. VF.
19. Auke Bay (6/13/58) T2. F.
20. ***There is no lot # 20. Please send me material for the next auction, ASAP!***
21. Baranof (6/16/58) T4-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
22. Barrow (8/15/34) T11. Great ship cachet for the annual cruise of the Schooner C.S. Holmes. F. R = \$11.00.
23. Barrow (6/14/58) T14. F.
24. Barrow (4/8/61) 4BC. Great "Top of the World", polar bear cachet; signed by Max Brewer, then head of the Arctic Research Lab at Barrow. F. R = \$2.00.



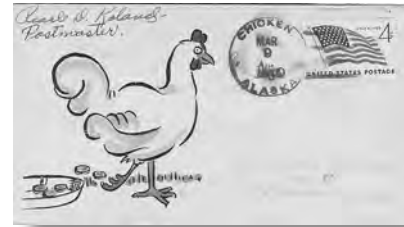
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25. Barrow (10/16/67) 4BC. Two covers, each with a different cachet for Fletcher's Ice Island (T-3). Different cachets from that in Lot # 26. F. R = \$1.50.
26. Barrow (3/20/68) MC. Great "Top of the World" Map cachet for Fletcher's Ice Island (T-3). Different cachet from those in Lot # 25. F.
27. Barrow (8/16/71) MC. "Top of the World" Polar Bear cachet. Signed cachet for Arctic Test Operations for Air Cushion Vehicle ACV-03. F. R = \$2.00.
28. Barrow (1/14/72) MC. Top of the World, Polar Bear cachet. F.



Lot 29

29. Barrow (3/12/99) First Day of Issue cancel for the 5 Arctic Animals Stamps. Great polar bear, hand painted & numbered (11 of 50) cachet by "ZRG". VF. R = \$7.50.
30. Barrow (10/26/92) 4BC. Two unusual Barrow cachets (moccasin & map/bear). F.
31. Beaver (6/16/58) T2. F.
32. Berry (6/23/58) T7 & T8 -- five years later than listed! F. R = \$6.50.
33. Bethel (7/14/58) T4. F (light cancel).
34. Bettles Field (11/27/57) T1. F.
35. Big Delta (6/14/58) T2-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
36. Candle (10/19/30) T3-DPO. Special flight to carry last "down south" mail of the year to ship at Nome. Signed by pilot, Victor Ross. F. R = \$17.50.
37. Candle (6/14/58) T6-DPO. F.
38. Cantwell (6/13/58) T3. F.
39. Cape Yakataga (6/26/58) T1. F.
40. Chatanika (6/27/58) T6. Trading Post CC. F.
41. Chatham (6/20/58) T4-DPO. F.
42. Chenega (9/4/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
43. Chevak (6/25/58) T1. F.
44. Chicken (7/5/58) T6. F.
45. Chicken (3/9/60) 4BC. Hand painted "Chicken" cachet by Tobin, PMS. F (slight smudge in cancel). F. R = \$6.50.
46. Chignik (6/21/58) T10. F.
47. Chitina (6/21/58) T7. F.
48. Circle (12/5/58) T7. F.



Lot 45

49. Circle Springs (6/18/58) T4-DPO. F.
50. Clam Gulch (6/23/58) T2. F.
51. Clarks Point (7/11/58) Unlisted 4-bar cancel! F. R = \$17.50.



Lot 51

52. Coal Creek (7/2/58) T3-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
53. Cohoe (6/21/58) T1. F.
54. Cold Bay (6/20/58) T1. F.
55. College (2/4/59) MC. Hand painted "Proffesor" cachet by Tobin. VF. R = \$6.50.
56. Cooper Landing (6/20/58) T2. F.
57. Copper Center (6/24/58) T5, 1 year+ later than listed. F. R = \$3.50.
58. Cordova (6/21/58) T11, special 50th anniversary slogan cancel. F.
59. Cordova & Kodiak RPO West (4/23/40). Rubber stamp, backstamp by purser Bruce S. Noll on April 22, East! F. R = \$5.00.
60. Craig (6/20/58) T10. F (light cancel on a few letters).
61. Crooked Creek (6/30/58) T3. F (a few letters skipped in cancel).
62. Curry (10/2/46) T4-DPO. Free frank on postcard of hospital and church approved by Theatre Censor. APO # 731 in return address. F. R = \$7.50.
63. Curry (6/20/58) T6-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
64. Deering (6/21/58) T7 (red-purple ink). F (some letters light in cancel).
65. Delta Junction (6/24/58) T1. F.
66. Dillingham (6/21/58) T7. F.
67. Douglas (6/21/58) T13. F.
68. Eagle River (8/1/61) 4BC. PMS, FD of PO, PMS. VF. R = \$1.50.
69. Edna Bay (6/23/58) T3 (bright blue ink)-DPO. VF. R = \$2.50.
70. Eek (7/2/58) T6. F.
71. Egegik (6/19/58) T3, slightly swollen. F.

- 72. Ekwak (8/8/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 73. Elfin Cove (6/23/58) T4. F.
- 74. Elim (6/30/58) T1. F.
- 75. Eska (6/23/58) T2-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 76. Fairbanks, M.OU. No.1 (1/24/61) DCC. F. Gov. Postal Card. R = \$2.50.
- 77. False Pass (6/26/58) T9, slightly later than listed. F. R = \$1.50.
- 78. Fortuna Ledge (6/11/58) T6. F.
- 79. Fort Yukon (12/22/58) T4, later than listed. "Last Frontier" cachet. F. R = \$1.50.
- 80. Gakona (7/30/35) T2. F. R = \$3.50.
- 81. Gakona (6/21/58) T4. F.
- 82. Galena (6/25/58) T3. F.
- 83. Gambell (11/21/57) T2. F.
- 84. Girdwood (12/4/58) T3. F.
- 85. Glenallen (11/27/56) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 86. Golovin (6/23/58) T6-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 87. Goodnews Bay (6/24/58) T3. F.
- 88. Gustavus (6/24/58) T3. F.
- 89. Haines (6/27/58) T13, slightly swollen. F.
- 90. Hamilton (6/20/58) T6. F.
- 91. Hawk Inlet (6/25/58) T4, swollen, DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 92. Healy Fork (6/20/58) T3, four years later than listed! F. R = \$6.50.
- 93. Hogatza (6/28/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 94. Holikachuk (6/20/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 95. Holy Cross (6/20/58) T4. F.
- 96. Homer (5/9/56) T8. F.
- 97. Hoonah (6/19/58) T5. F.
- 98. Hooper Bay (7/16/58) T1. F.
- 99. Hope (6/21/58) T6. F.
- 100. Hot Springs (10/31/35) T2-DPO. Fairbanks (11/1/35) T18-BS. F. R = \$3.50.
- 101. Hughes (6/24/58) T2. F.
- 102. Huslia (6/18/58) T1. F.
- 103. Hydaburg (5/5/47) T5 and an unlisted type on the reverse side of a registered letter to Ketchikan (5/9/47) T17 – BS. Pair of 10-cent Prexie's franking. F. R = \$22.50.
- 104. Hydaburg (6/20/58) T7. F.
- 105. Hyder (6/25/58) T5. F.
- 106. Iliamna (6/20/58) T4. F.
- 107. Juneau (11/12/37) T28 FD for Scott # 800, Totem-map cachet. F. R = \$5.50.
- 108. Juneau (1/3/59) FD, Statehood stamp, Scott # C-53. Great cachet. F. R = \$2.00.

- 109. Juneau (1/3/59) FD, Statehood stamp, Scott # C-53. Great color Fluegel totem, scenery cachet; different cachet from # 108. F. R = \$3.50.
- 110. Juneau, State Mammal Station (6/1/98) special cancel and Byron Birdsall cachet for the 32-cent Woodland Caribou stamp, Scott # 31051. F. R = \$3.50.



Lot 110

- 111. Kake (6/19/58) T8. F.
- 112. Kaktovik (6/27/58) T1. F.
- 113. Kalskag (11/18/32) T1. First Day of PO cancel, PMS.



Lot 113

- VF. R = \$14.50.
- 114. Kalskag (6/26/58) T2. F.
- 115. Kaltag (6/30/58) T4. F.
- 116. Karluk (6/24/58) T5. F.
- 117. Kassan (7/1/58) T8-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 118. Kasilof (6/26/58) T5. F.
- 119. Kasilof Historical Station (8/12/98) Special cancel and cachet for the Klondike Gold Rush stamp, Scott #3235. This cancel date is actually 9 days prior to the official First Day of issue for this stamp at Skagway and Nome! VF. R = \$6.00.
- 120. Kiana (6/26/58) T5. F.
- 121. King Cove (8/10/45) T3 & unnumbered (8/11/45) APO cancel as BS. Double censored. F. R = \$8.50.
- 122. King Cove (6/24/58) T3. F.
- 123. Kipnuk (6/30/58) T3. F.
- 124. Kivalina (6/30/58) T1. F.
- 125. Klawock (6/24/58) T7. F.
- 126. Klukwan (6/27/58) T1, later than listed, DPO. F. R = \$2.00.
- 127. Kobuk (6/24/58) T2. F.
- 128. Kodiak (6/23/58) T9. F.

- 129. Kokhanok Bay (6/27/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.25.
- 130. Kotzebue (6/25/58) T12. F.
- 131. Kotzebue (5/17/61) 4BC. Two Project Chariot cachets. F. R = \$1.50.
- 132. Koyuk (7/9/58) T1. F.
- 133. Koyukuk (6/26/58) T2. F.
- 134. Kuskokwim (7/17/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.25.
- 135. Kwethluk (6/26/58) T1. F.
- 136. Kwigillingok (7/16/58) T2. F.
- 137. Lake Minchumina (6/24/58) T2. F.
- 138. Larsen Bay (6/24/58) T1. F.
- 139. Latouche (2/22/10) T2-DPO. Dog team in Valdez postcard. F. R = \$75.00.



Lot 139

- 140. Levelock (6/26/58) T3, swollen. Earlier than listed. F.
- 141. McGrath (7/18/58) T8. F.
- 142. McKinley Park (6/25/58) T6-DPO. F (a few letters light in cancel).
- 143. Manley Hot Springs (6/24/58) T2, purple ink. F.
- 144. Medfra (6/21/58) T5. F.
- 145. Mekoryuk (7/1/58) T2. F.
- 146. Metlakatla (6/24/58) T6. F.
- 147. Miller House (6/28/58) T3-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 148. Minto (6/26/58) T1. F.
- 149. Moose Pass (6/24/58) T5. F.
- 150. Moses Point (7/20/57) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.50.
- 151. Mount Edgecumbe (6/24/58) T2-DPO. F.
- 152. Mountain Village (6/21/58) T2. F.
- 153. Myers Chuck (2/21/42) T1-DPO. Censored, letter enclosed. VF. R = \$18.00.
- 154. Napamute (3/22/58) T3-DPO. Tobin, hand-painted "Where is Napamute" cachet. F. R = \$7.50.
- 155. Napamute (6/25/58) T3-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 156. Nenana (6/21/58) T7. F.
- 157. Nightmute (6/27/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.00.
- 158. Nikolski (7/2/58) T1. F.
- 159. Ninilchik (7/8/58) T8. F.
- 160. Noatak (6/26/58) T3. F (two letters light in cancel).

- 161. Nome (8/21/98) Special FD of Issue cancel for the Klondike Gold Rush Stamp, Scott # 3235. Great, Collins hand painted dogsled/musher cachet. F. R = \$7.50.



Lot 161

- 162. Nome, Arctic Animals Station (3/13/99) cancel and Anchorage Philatelic Society cachet for 4 Arctic animal stamps. 4 covers, each with an II. VF. R = \$5.00.
- 163. Nome (3/17/99) Special Iditarod Trail cancel & Gold Ship cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
- 164. Nondalton (7/25/58) T2. F.
- 165. Noorvik (6/24/58) T1. F.
- 166. North Pole (6/24/58) 4BC. F.
- 167. North Pole (5/28/86) FD for the 4 polar explorers stamps. Block of 4 franking, great flag/map Colorano "silk" cachet. VF. R = \$3.50.
- 168. Northway (6/24/58) T1, slightly swollen. F.
- 169. Nulato (11/1/34) T5. EAMC to Tanana (11/8/34) T6 on cover face. F. R = \$5.00.
- 170. Nulato (6/26/68) T7. F.
- 171. Nunapitchuk (6/26/58) T1. F.
- 172. Nushagak (6/27/14) T2, later than listed, DPO. ("Nu" only partial). R = \$55.00.
- 173. Nyac (6/23/58) T3-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 174. Old Harbor (6/27/58) T5. F.
- 175. Old Harbor (1/3/59) 4BC. Great hand painted sailor cachet by Tobin. This is an unusual "pirate location", FD of issue for the Alaska statehood Stamp, Scott # C-53, which had its official First Day of Issue in Juneau on this date. VF. R = \$40.00.



Lot 175

- 176. Ouzinkie (6/27/58) T2. F.
- 177. Pauloff Harbor (7/7/58) T3, 3 years later than listed, DPO! F. R = \$5.00.

- 178. Pedro Bay (7/3/58) T 2, later than listed, DPO. F. R = \$2.50.
- 179. Pelican (6/24/58) T3. F.
- 180. Perryville (7/21/58) T3. F.
- 181. Pile Bay (6/30/58) T1-DPO (last day of office cancel). F. R = \$1.75.
- 182. Pilot Point (2/8/45) T1, later than listed usage on registered cover to Ketchikan (3/13/45) T17 BS, earlier than listed. Pair 10-cent Prexie franking. F. R = \$15.00.
- 183. Pilot Point (6/26/58) T3. F.
- 184. Pilot Station (6/30/58) T2. F.
- 185. Platinum (6/13/58) T4. F (a few light letters in cancel).
- 186. Point Baker (7/3/58) T1. F.
- 187. Point Hope (6/25/58) T3. F.
- 188. Point Lay (7/2/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 189. Portage Junction (6/23/58) T2-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 190. Port Alexandr{ia} (8/15/29) T1-DPO. VG {"IA" missing from cancel). R = \$7.50.
- 191. Port Alexander (6/25/58) T6-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 192. Port Alsworth (6/30/58) T1. F.
- 193. Port Ashton (6/24/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 194. Port Graham (6/30/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 195. Quinhagak (6/24/58) T3. F.
- 196. Quinhagak (2/27/59) 4BC. Tobin hand painted "Fox" cachet. F. R = \$5.00.
- 197. Rampart (7/22/58) T8-DPO. F (cancel light in places).
- 198. Red Devil (7/10/58) T1. Red Devil cachet. F.
- 199. Ruby (12/12/58) T5. F.
- 200. Saint Marys (6/20/58) T1. F.
- 201. Saint Michael (6/20/58) T14. F.
- 202. Saint Paul Island (11/21/57) T1, later than listed. F. R = \$2.00.
- 203. Saint Paul Island (6/3/75) 4BC. F.
- 204. Saint Terese (7/11/42) T1-DPO. Hand-drawn Esk kimo cachet. F. R = \$11.00.
- 205. Sand Point (6/24/58) T7. F.
- 206. Savoonga (6/27/58) T3. F.



Lot 208

- 207. Scammon Bay (6/25/58) T1. F.
- 208. Seattle & Seward R.P.O. (2/20/35/north). Great Steamship "Northwestern" cachet noting Washington's Birthday; Purser signed. F. R = \$12.50.
- 209. Seattle & Seward R.P.O. (5/6/39/north). SS Yukon cachet. F. R = \$11.50.
- 210. Seattle & Seward R.P.O. (7/26/39/north). SS Mt. McKinley cachet. F. R = \$10.00.
- 211. Seattle & Skagway R.P.O. (8/6/39/south). SS Alaska cachet. F. R = \$9.50.
- 212. Selawik (6/25/58) T4. F. (actually spelled Selawik).
- 213. Seward & Unalaska R.P.O. (7/15/34/west) SS Star. F. R = \$8.50.
- 214. Shageluk (6/24/58) T3. F.
- 215. Shaktoolik (6/25{upside-down}/58) T4. F ("hak" light in cancel).
- 216. Sheldon Point (6/29/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 217. Shishmaref (7/10/58) T4. F.
- 218. Shungnak (6/23/58) T5. F.
- 219. Sitka, Summer Music Festival Station (6/5/98) Special cancel & Bryon Birdsall Raven Dancer cachet. VF. R = \$4.50.



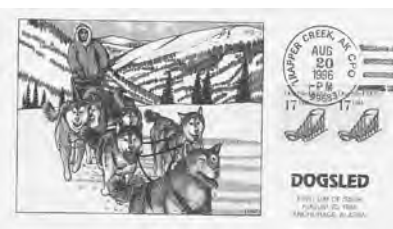
Lot 220

- 220. Skagway (8/21/98) First Day cancel, Klondike Gold Rush stamp, Scott # 3235. Great numbered (10 of 30) bankers and gold bars cachet. VF. R = \$6.00.
- 221. Skagway (12/24/98) Special cancel and "Uncle Scrooge & Steamer AL-KI" cachet. Gold Rush stamp franking, Scott # 3235. VF. R = \$2.50.
- 222. Skagway (6/1/98) special cancel and Bryon Birdsall cachet, 100 years of the White Pass & Yukon Railway. VF. R = \$4.50.
- 223. Skwentna (6/25/58) T1. F.
- 224. Sleetmute (6/23/58) T3, purple ink. F.
- 225. South Naknek (6/26/58) T3. F.
- 226. Stebbins (6/21/58) T1. F.
- 227. Stebbins (3/16/59) T1. Tobin hand painted cachet, PMS. F. R = \$6.50.
- 228. Sterling (6/24/58) T2. F.
- 229. Stevens Village (12/6/58) T1. F.



Lot 227

- 230. Stony River (6/23/58) T2-DPO. F. R = \$1.75.
- 231. Summit (6/22/58) T4-DPO. F. R = \$1.75.
- 232. Sutton (6/20/58) T1. F.
- 233. Takotna (6/23/58) T5. F.
- 234. Talkeetna (6/23/58) T3. F.
- 235. Tanacross (6/24/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.25.
- 236. Tanana (10/15/47) T8. Dog Team mail to Hot Springs (10/28/47) T3-DPO, BS. F. R = \$5.50.
- 237. Tanana (12/5/58) T9. F.
- 238. Tatitlek (6/24/58) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 239. Teller (6/23/58) T5. F.
- 240. Teller (2/14/59) 4BC. Tobin, hand painted Sour dough cachet, PMS. F. R = \$7.50.
- 241. Tenakee (Springs (6/23/58) T2. F.
- 242. Tetlin (7/1/58) T3-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 243. Tok (12/23/58) T1. F>
- 244. Tok, Border Rur. Br. (3/19/75) 4BC. VF. R = \$1.50.
- 245. Tok Junction (6/18/57) T1-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 246. Trapper Creek CPO (8/20/86) 4BC. FD of Issue for the 17-cent dog sled coil stamp, Scott # 2135. Super Collins hand painted Musher/Dog team cachet. VF. R = \$8.00.



Lot 246

- 247. Tununak (7/1/58) T2. F.
- 248. Ugashik (6/25/58) T4-DPO. F. R - \$1.50.
- 249. Ugashuk Rur. Br. (6/16/75) 4BC. VF.
- 250. Unalakleet (6/14/58) T6. F.
- 251. Unalaska (6/24/58) T14. F.
- 252. Unga (6/27/58) T4, swollen. DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
- 253. Valdez (6/22/58) T19. F.
- 254. Venetie (6/28/58) T2. F.
- 255. Wainwright (1/22/42) T1. Via dog sled (great cachet) to Barrow (3/1/42) T10. BS. Scott # 800, the Alaska stamp franking. Nice item. F. R = \$6.25.

- 256. Wainwright (10/7/47) T2. Airplane cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
- 257. Wainwright (10/31/49) T2. Dogs led cachet. F. R = \$3.75.
- 258. Wainwright (6/25/58) T2. F.
- 259. Wales (6/25/58) T4, later than listed. F. R = \$2.50.
- 260. Ward Cove (6/24/58) T1. F.
- 261. Wasilla (7/28/58) T6. F.
- 262. Wasilla (4/12/62) 4BC. Great cachet for Willow Lodge. F. R = \$4.50.



Lot 262

- 263. Wasilla, Big Lake CPO (11/13/84) 4BC (no bars). PO penalty Env. F. R = \$2.25.
- 264. White Mountain (6/27/58) T1. F.
- 265. Willow (6/23/58) T1. F.
- 266. Wrangell, Garnet Festival Station (4/23/99) Special cancel and Eagle/Steamer "Flora" cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
- 267. Yakutat (6/23/58) T8. F (some letters light in cancel).
- 268. APO 726 (8/3/43) T2. {Camp Earle} Free frank, censored. F+. R = \$7.50.
- 269. APO 939 (5/17/44) T5. {Fort Mears} Free frank, censored, letter enclosed. F+. R = \$9.50.



Lot 269

- 270. APO 948 (9/25/43) T6. {Fort Glenn} 6-cent airmail envelope. F. R = \$4.00.
- 271. APO 986 (10/14/43) T3. {Amchitka} 6-cent airmail envelope. F. R = \$4.00.
- 272. US Navy (8/22/43) 4BC. 51st Naval Construction Battalion. {Dutch Harbor}. Navy censored. F. R = \$6.50.
- 273. US Navy (8/25/43) 4BC. 8th Special Battalion, Section 2 {Dutch Harbor}. Navy Censored. F. R = \$8.50.

- 274. USS Alaska @ Port of Seward (7/2/87) Special cancel and cachet for the ship's first visit to Alaska. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 275. USS Burton Island (8/2/49) 4BC. Point Barrow resupply cachet. F. R = \$3.00.



Lot 273

- 276. USS Burton Island @ Seattle (11/8/66) MC, Arctic Exploration – 66 cachet. Gov Postal Card. F. R = \$2.00.
- 277. USS Edisto (7/27/59) 4BC. Sealift for Security, 1959 Arctic Operations cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
- 278. USS LST 1110 @ Barter Island (8/7/49) Point Barrow resupply cachet. F. R = \$3.25.
- 279. US Coast Guard Cutter Eastwind (7/21/58) 4BC. Great Polar Bear “Sealift for Security, Arctic Operations” cachet. F. R = \$2.50.
- 280. US Navy (7/25/61) MC. US Coast Guard Cutter Northwind, Bearing Sea Patrol cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
- 281. US Coast Guard Cutter Northwind (7/18/88) 4BC. Captain signed farewell cachet, “breaking ice in Smith Sound”. F. R = \$4.00.
- 282. US Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star posted at sea during west to east cruise thru the NW passage; Captain signed cachet. F. R = \$4.00.
- 283. USS Roper at Seldovia (2/7/36) 3 BC. Great historical cachet. F. R = \$6.75.
- 284. US Coast Guard Cutter Sedge @ Anchorage (10/20/92) MC. Captain signed, “Workhorse of the Black Fleet” cachet. F. R = \$3.75.
- 285. US Coast Guard Cutter Sedge @ Homer (9/28/93) 4BC. Captain signed, “Workhorse of the Black Fleet” cachet. F. R = \$3.75.
- 286. US Coast Guard Cutter Storis @ Kodiak (4/17/84) 4BC. Captain signed ship/Alaska map cachet (different Captain from # 287). F. R = \$3.75.
- 287. US Coast Guard Cutter Storis @ Kodiak (1/29/87) 4 BC. Captain signed ship/Alaska map cachet (different Captain from # 286). F. R = \$3.75.
- 288. US Coast Guard Cutter Woodrush @ Sitka (10/28/96) MC. Ship/Alaska map cachet. F. R = \$2.25.



Lot 285

BONUS!

While the last auction was by far the most successful I have ever run for the ACC in terms of the value of items sold (over \$3,000.00), it was not particularly noteworthy in terms of the percentage of lots that sold. Many lots remain unsold. You can have any of the following lots from the last ACC auction (the one that closed on 1/31/03) at the listed Reserve bid price. First come, first served. Just let me know.

Lot Numbers

3.....\$1.50	49\$1.50	99\$4.25
4.....2.25	501.50	1011.50
5.....2.25	523.00	1023.00
8.....1.50	562.50	1041.50
9.....1.50	574.25	1082.50
10.....1.50	593.00	11025.00
11.....75.00	6237.50	1111.50
12.....5.25	6347.50	1131.50
14.....1.50	6414.50	1157.50
15.....27.50	651.50	11617.50
18.....1.50	68145.00	11985.00
21.....7.50	691.50	12037.50
23.....20.00	7030.00	1231.50
24.....3.00	722.50	1241.50
25.....3.00	737.50	13017.50
26.....1.50	7447.50	13315.00
28.....85.00	762.50	13680.00
29.....75.00	781.50	13715.00
31.....90.00	791.50	1391.50
32.....4.00	831.50	1407.50
35.....12.50	841.50	14225.00
37.....100.00	8615.00	1452.00
39.....1.50	8750.00	14825.00
42.....125.00	8817.50	1501.50
43.....5.00	91100.00	1501.50
45.....1.50	951.50	1622.75
47.....4.00	961.50	1632.75
48.....3.00	981.50	1652.25

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