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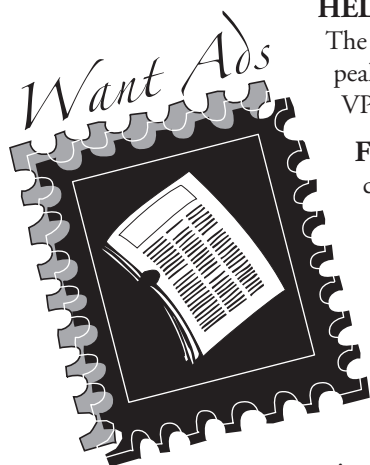
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WANTED: Someone with web technical expertise who would be willing to occasionally update the ACC website. Would require general web maintenance knowledge (nothing too complicated!) and perhaps a couple of hours 3-4 times a year. Please contact Angela 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.alaskaphilatellic.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

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1st Quarter	February 1
2nd Quarter	May 1
3rd Quarter	August 1
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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.

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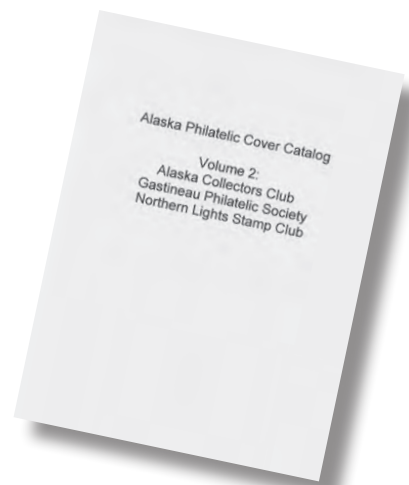
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President's Message

by Terry Shaw (cgsarchxx@aol.com)

Breaking New Ground

As you look at this issue of TAP I assume you have noticed a new touch -- this is the first issue to have a Color front cover--! My memory, fading with age, suggests it was just over a decade ago that TAP first starting using images, at least in the auction. Before that it was "cut and paste" photo copies into a mosaic. This latest change is only possible because of the savvy Tech Skills of Angela Watson —Thanks Angela—. So, please let us know; what do you think of this touch of color?

My last "President's Message" talked about "Communities of Interest and Communities of Place". An ACC member responded to this message, as shown below. Thanks Don. My only comment would be to your correct statement, "our numbers are too small to provide the critical mass needed for greater participation". If we could somehow increase these numbers, best done by proactive member actions, maybe my earlier comments can help move us forward. Have a great summer and check out those flea markets for "Alaskana" while on vacation.

Dear Terry,

Just a quick response to your editorial in the latest newsletter expressing concern about lack of participation.

As someone who has occasionally contributed to the newsletter and bought auctions lots, I think the fundamental issue is that our numbers are too small to provide the critical mass needed for greater participation. I've seen the phenomenon elsewhere: My condo has 55 families and about 125 residents. We rarely get more than a small percentage of those folks attending board meetings, and an even smaller number willing to serve on the Board---and a condo represents a significant financial investment. We see it in federal elections---not to mention local elections.

Given our relatively small numbers, I urge the board to consider a merger, or perhaps a shared newsletter, with similar philatelic clubs, such as the Northern Canada Study Group of the Postal History Society of Canada. There are similar groups.

Until then, I think you should assume that the membership is grateful for your activity, and satisfied with involvement-value ratio.

Don Glickstein

Secretary Treasurer's Report

Eric Knapp (eknapp@gci.net)

Hello and happy summer to everyone out there in the world of Alaskan philately.

I am running late so this issue will be a bit late. It happens more than I like to admit, but I do eventually get things done. Oh well, I will try to do better next time.

I am running late this time though for a good reason: I had a great philatelic adventure in May! My employer sent me to Washington, D.C. for a class and I managed to add several vacation days to the trip. I got to view several of the Smithsonian museums, including the Postal Museum.

I also visited to the Library of Congress (more on this in another part of this issue). I rented a car and drove north to Bellefonte and visited the American Philatelic Society headquarters. I had a great deal of fun. I learned a lot in my class so my employer should get their moneys worth sending me there.

When I visited the APS headquarters I spent some time in the stacks at the APRL. I found their "Alaska Shelf." It is kind of thin. So I put an item on my "to do" list to add Alaska philately and Alaska related books to the APRL. I will be asking for help on this in the future. Watch this space for details.

The following members have made donations to the ACC beyond the normal level of dues: Alice Fitzgerald and Michael Senta. Thanks to you both.

That is it for now. Thank you to you all and happy collecting.

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The most interesting thing about a postage stamp is the persistence with which it sticks to its job.
—Napoleon Hill (1883-1970),
American author
”

Bates Siblings Receive Mail, circa 1913-5

The Raymond and Margaret Bates Correspondence, Part 6
transcribed by Eric Knapp

Editor's Note: *This is the conclusion 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.*

The following letters were not written by Raymond or Margaret, but were written by other people. The first one is a letter between two of Raymond's brothers. The second is a letter written to Margaret by a former student, Florence Dicken.

While not large, this correspondence opens a window onto Alaska's past and the people who came for reasons other than to "get rich quick."

5611 S. Puget Sound Ave.
Tacoma, Wash.
7-16-13

Dear Brother:

Mother let us take this letter of Ray's to read on condition that we would forward it to you. Well, we read it and enjoyed it very much but have been somewhat slow in forwarding. They certainly had a great trip and an interesting one to remember and tell about since they got through alive, but it might easily have been otherwise. Maguire was enough to push one out into great risks. No wonder Ray longed for some of Sullivan's ability. We heard through Mother that they are expecting to come out this summer. It will be fine to see them again and I hope that Ray may be able to keep what he has gained physically. If not the way will be open to him to go back. He can go back and make good.

Fannie and I were over to Mothers for a day and found her well excepting a broken rib. She threw her weight down on the pump handle when it stuck and cracked a rib. It was pretty sore so to make it feel better and get well quick she washed the next day – did not need to do it at all – and after washing went into the garden with the wheel hoe and plowed her corn. She has enough of it for ten families. What is the use of talking to her or trying to make her comfortable when she will do such unnecessary things and punish herself just for the fun of it? Mrs. Pugh is staying with her now. Her loganberries are just beginning to ripen and are fine. She has a girl helping her pick. Gets 4 cents a pound at the cannery. Her cherries are light crop and no price. Got nothing out of the strawberries. Pears look good and apples are a very light crop.



We like Tacoma even better than we had anticipated. Church work is developing in a very promising way. Fine people and very responsive. Bernard started in on a business course at the Beutel Business College today. Will take him six months. Says he wants to be able to do something vacations besides manual labor. He has earned enough working in the N.P. shops to take him through. Ruth got home two weeks ago and her young man was on the spot two hours after she arrived.

Well, what do you think of California now? I judge from Ella's letters to Mother that you are quite contented with your location. A few of those trout and a saddle of fresh venison wouldn't go bad with me. Walt and Nan were up here the Fourth. He spoke as if he might come down your way for his vacation. He is sitting lightly on his job and thinks he wants to get away from it. I urged him to stay by it until better times. No one knows just now what is going to drop. We hope you are both well and enjoying your feed and that your investment will make good for you. Let us hear from you. With best wishes from all to both of you,

Your Brother
W.E. Bates

P.S. Hello, Why not write and let me know how you like your plantation. If you have found a place where there is money without work. Let me know about it.

With love to you.

Best wishes to Raymond
Shugnak, Alaska
From us here

March 8, 1915
My Dear Miss Bates:

Your letter was certainly one great surprise. I had given up ever hearing from you again, as Mr. Shields did not know where you were last summer, when I saw him at Kotzebue.

Sure, and we have got one fine little girl. She is a year and a half old now, and is a merry little lassie all right, and

so full of mischief she can't stand still. If you don't think she is nice, come up and take a look at her.

We have had sorry news from Point Hope this winter. Mr. Rauk was lost out some place in Bering Sea with his boat and crew. It is thought that he was caught in the ice as there was terrible storms at that time, and the pack ice came early. I think it is just terrible, and can hardly believe it. Whiskey is mostly to blame, I guess, as they say he left Nome dead drunk. I hope he could get on the ice before his boat was broken up, but we may never know the truth of it.

I suppose you remember the trouble we had with Point Hope Peter, his wife [Mary] and Ella? Well last summer they took Pete on the cutter to Barrow and fined him fifty bucks, but as soon as the *U.S. Smoke* disappeared around Cape Thompson he took Ella back, and kicked Mary out again. Ella had another baby that looked like Frank, but Pete named it after his mother, and this winter they have another that looks like Pete alright. Just after Christmas as Peter's wife Mary and Polly the little girl that I kept a while up there, started for the store but got lost in a blizzard and never came back. They were probably frozen to death and buried under the drifting snow – perhaps will never be found. I suppose that will end the other trouble now, and Pete and Ella can get married.

Do you remember Point Hope Ruth who was Kivalina Ida's friend? This winter Ruth went crazy and shot and killed herself with a thirty-thirty rifle. I guess that's all the tragedies of Point Hope. Charley Jensen married a Point Hope girl. Edith Poktorn has a baby about a year and a half old. Joe Sage is about cured of his sores, but the Kotzebue Dr. says he will never leave his sled. Little Raleigh is helpless now, and Ethel Sage has those sores too. Joe Ferrier have a boy baby this winter, and Jim Allens have another girl. Mr. Dran is clerk of the Nome court. Maguires were transferred to Cape Prince of Whales last summer, and people by the name of Reprogle are there at Kivalina this winter. Mrs. Maguire and James are going out this summer I believe to put James in school, then Mrs. Maguire will come back, Sunshine Tuckfield has a baby or two, and so has Fay & Benjamin. Little Joe Tuck filled is still fat and sassy at Point Hope. I hear from him occasionally. We hear once in a while from Dr. Goodman and Howard. Howard has a fine position as singer in one of the New York cathedrals. He is also studying wireless telegraphy.

Poor Al Thompson! Margaret, have you no mercy on the poor man – why don't you come up and take care of him? He is here on the Kobuk and so lonesome. He asks me, every time I see him, where you are. Now, with your permission but not waiting to get it, I am going to tell him

your address. Do you object? He sent me a box of candy a short time ago with his hand made photograph on the card! And no name. He has god ground in the mining claims at Kiana, so when you make you next application for an Alaska school, please apply for Kiana on the Kobuk, and we will be within two days journey of each other, and in the finest country in the world. There is no end to the forests here and at Kiana, and we have fine gardens. We raised a ton and a half of vegetables last summer. Potatoes, turnips, cabbage, carrots and lots of other truck. We turn up our noses when we smell beans cooking now! And fish, rabbit, ptarmigan, moose, caribou and mountain sheep for the hunting of them. And bears too – big black and brown grizzly bears that make a track like a pie plate. I know, for I found some last summer in back of the lake – and believe me, there were some other tracks for the village that could be found about ten minutes after and only hitting the high places too!

You must have had an exciting trip out. Well, my time is coming some day, not soon tho, I hope. I am hopelessly tied to the Kobuk, and don't want to ever leave, only for a visit home.

Please don't be shocked when I tell you that I make all my own and Elizabeth's seal and deer skin boots – and we wear them out fast too. Now I am engaged at the task of making a salmon net in my spare time, and expect to get enough salmon for my dogs next winter. Old Mukloruk is still with me, and is as happy a dog as ever lived to be back on the Kobuk. We had a terrible trip down from Point Hope. I have sworn off on salt water traveling in whale boats. We had to Camp two days in the rocks at Capr Thompson, and then barely missed capsizing several times when those woolies would come down on us. Elizabeth was born just three weeks after we got here. I had no doctor or not even a woman with me where she was born, just Mr. Sickeer. The natives were all up at the fishing camp, about 11 miles above here. I had no trouble.

Bert Merrill and Annie have twin girls, about a month older than Elizabeth. I guess she behaves herself now, or she gets a black eye.

I think I am about to run down. Will continue this in my next.

When I hit Fort Bragg we will have a grand old potlatch and a hoola hoola-ah-may; Kobuk muck-tuck hechuk, Alaska; Muk tuck-to ok-tutine? Wunga Muktuk to ok tunga.

Florence Dicken

Sitka Cover Auctioned at Washington 2006 Show: What a Price!

description provided by Steve Sims

This cover was auctioned a few years ago, but it goes well with the description of the Spink Shreves Galleries lots.

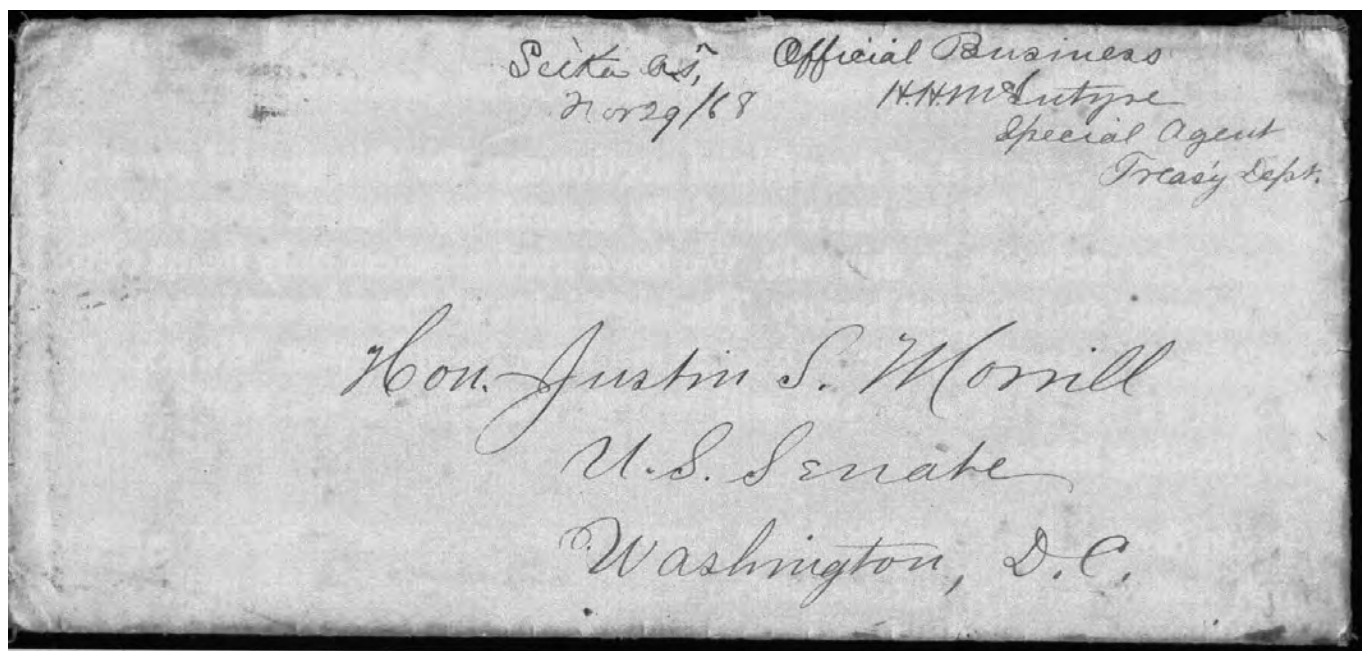
Sitka, A.T., Nov. 29, '68, manuscript postmark on legal size linen cover with "Official Business, H.H. McIntyre, Special Agent, Teas'y Dept." free frank, addressed to "Hon. Justin S. Morrill, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C.", with two 4-page enclosures from correspondence, one letter being with the First Federal Report on Alaska Territory; the first letter datelined "San Francisco, California, October 19, 1868" written en route to Alaska regarding the newly-appointed Collector of Customs, Hiram Ketchum Jr., recommending his position not to be confirmed by the Senate since Ketchum has proven himself thus far on the trip to be a drunkard and ignorant of his duty among other inadequacies (Ketchum had been appointed on August 20), second letter (original to cover) datelined "Sitka, Alaska, November 27, 1868" details Sitka, its inhabitants, local government and a need for a official civil governing body, collecting revenue especially regarding the fur trade, manner of hunting and recommends only Aleuts be allowed to hunt, monopolizing the fur trade mentioning the attempt by Hutchinson, Kohl & Co. to exercise the same rights as the Russian American Co. over the trade,

letter concludes with his intention to travel to the Sitkine, Kodak and the Berhing's Sea, Very Fine, a wonderful and historically important early Alaska Territory cover and enclosures.

After the acquisition of Alaska in 1867, the first legislation dealing with the territory to pass Congress was the Customs Act of July 1868. McIntyre, along with Captain Charles Bryant, was appointed Special Agent to the Treasury Department to proceed to Alaska to report on resources and economic conditions there. They left from New York to Alaska on September, 16, 1868, arriving in Sitka in November. His first printed report to the Treasury Department is dated November 30, 1869 - a year after the above letter was written (see HR 41st Cong, 2nd Sess. Ex. Doc. No. 36 [Washington D.C. Jan 13, 1870 - copy included with letters]), though a letter to the Treasury Department exists dated one day after the letter offered here. Justin Smith Morrill, author of the Land Grant Act of 1862, was intensely interested in the natural resources of the vast new territory and may have secretly commissioned McIntyre to report directly to him.

Estimate \$7,500-10,000

Sold for \$22,000



Spink-Shreves Galleries Sales of Alaska Materials

compiled by Eric Knapp

Editor's Note: In January of 2010, Spink Shreves Galleries conducted a sale of the Floyd E. Risvold Collection. This sale contained several early lots of very early Alaska material. There is a lot of great information in the lot descriptions. The pictures of the material are great too. I know not many of us can bit on this level (I know I can't), but it is fun to look and dream.

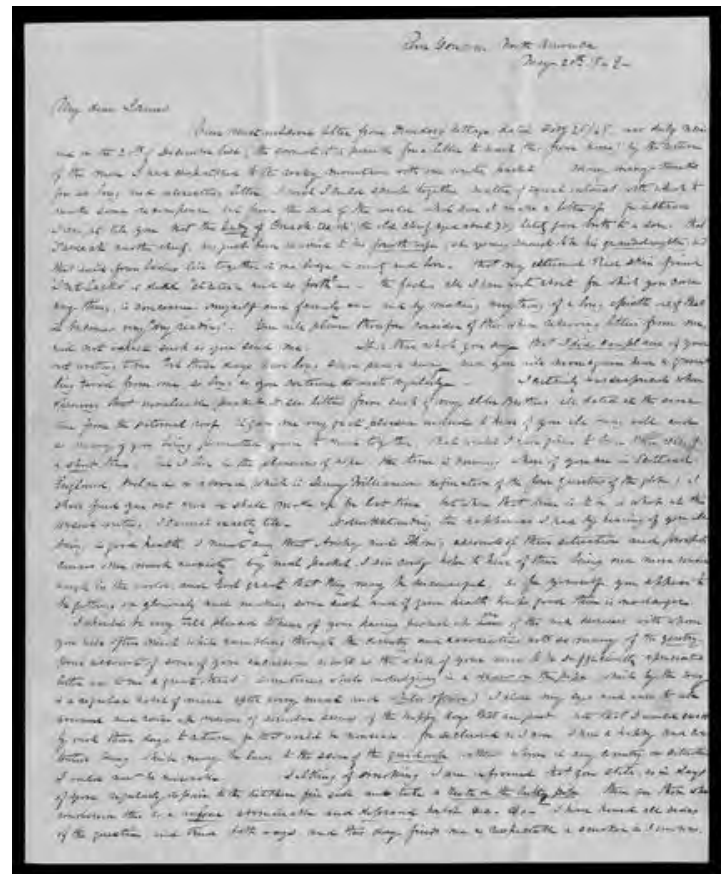
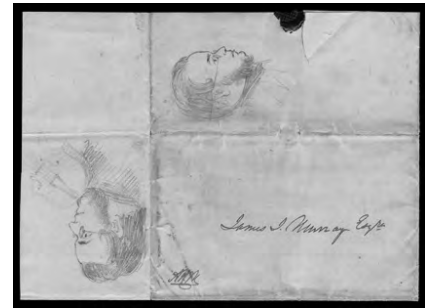
Lot 255

Fort Yukon, 1849: Probably the earliest available letter from the Alaskan interior, Murray, Alexander, Autograph Letter Signed "Alex. H. Murray," founder of Fort Yukon, a Hudson's Bay Company trading post just inside the Arctic Circle in Alaska, 3¼ pages, 4to, "River Youcon, North America" May 20-24, 1849. He writes to his brother James, back in Scotland, in a lengthy letter written in a small, neat hand. Murray despairs of his lack of news and shares some gossip about the Gwich'in, the local Native Alaskans: "The lady of 'Enack-tee-ah' (the old chief, aged about 70) lately gave birth to a son... 'Saveeah,' another chief, has just been married to his fourth wife (she young enough to be his granddaughter) and that said four ladies live together in the lodge, in amity and love..." "...If you remained a day you must remain twelve months, as I only make the voyage to the mountains once a year...and the cost of the journey...and the necessary equipments, supplies, and voyaging apparatus, would cost a larger sum than you could conveniently afford .. Owing to the failure of the rabbits (we speak of rabbits here as you would of potatoes in Ireland, as they constitute the principal food of the Indians during winter) all over the north country the Indians have had enough to do to supply their own wants... There have been a few cases of starving but I have heard of no deaths from want occurring in my dominions..." He adds a postscript four days later from "Lapierre House - West side of Rocky Mountains - Arctic regions" With more interesting content than we can relate here. With original cover, addressed only with Murray's brother's name and his own initials. This was apparently carried to Scotland by the Company. Someone has added four sketches, two each of two different characters, on the folded-down areas of the covering leaf. Since both brothers had an artistic bent, we cannot say which one is responsible for these doodles. However, the presence of exterior soiling on top of the pencil sketches suggests they are the writer's work. With Book: Journal du Yukon 1847-48 AH Murray; LJ

Burpee, ed. Ottawa, Imprimerie Nationale, 1910. 8vo, blank paper wraps with manuscript title. Risvold label on title page. Murray, Alexander H. - Scottish fur trader, writer, and artist (1819-74); founded Fort Yukon in 1847, what was then Russian America, operating it for the Hudson's Bay Company; forced to close up shop when Alaska was purchased by the United States in 1867; his journals and sketches provide an important record of Native Alaskan culture. The present letter is the earliest known from the interior of Alaska, though Murray refers in it to a previous one he had written. Fort Yukon would not receive a post office until 1898.

Est. \$5,000-7,500

Sold for \$6,000



Lot 934

Island of Kodiack/Alaska Ty, manuscript postmark on cover to Rowayton, Ct. with 3c Rose (#94, crease) cancelled by quartered cork, matching "San Francisco, Cal/Nov 6" transit postmark alongside, pencil "**Oct 13/69**" docket, very fine; this post office was established on 29 January, 1869 and this is the second earliest recorded postmark for this office; 1976 PF certificate.

Est. \$5,000-7,500

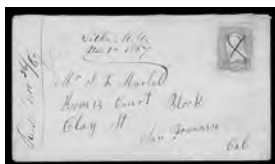
Sold for \$9,000

**Lot 935**

Sitka R(ussian) A(laska), November 8, 1867, manuscript postmark on yellow cover to San Francisco with 3c Rose (#65, corner crease) cancelled by manuscript "x", very fine; the earliest known postmark from Alaska, dated just three weeks after the United States took possession and the only reported example that used the "R.A" designation in postmark (as listed in the 1867 Postal Guide); illustrated in Cavagnol, ex Persson. Sitka, Russian America was originally a village of the Tlingit Indians. In 1804 the Russians, under Alexander Baranov, defeated the Indians and seized the village in retaliation for the massacre of the Russians at St. Michael in 1802. Baranov built a fort at the site, named it New Archangel, and made it the capitol of Russian America. However the common usage of the name "Sitka" has prevailed to this day. Russia sold Alaska to the U.S. in the spring of 1867 for the sum of \$7,200,000. The formal transfer took place on 18 October, 1867 concluding the second largest real estate transaction in history - second only to the Louisiana Purchase.

Est. \$15,000-20,000

Sold for \$42,5000

**Lot 936**

Sitka, Alaska, two ship covers with original letters enclosed, the first endorsed "Ship letter from Alaska" with 3c Rose (#94, faulty) with cork cancel and "San Francisco, Cal./Mar 25" transit datestamp with letter dated lined "U.S.S. Saginaw/Sitka Alaska Territory/**March 11th 1869**", the second with preprinted address and "U.S. Stmr. Wachusett" with 3c Green (#184) tied by "San Francisco, Cal./Apr 14, 82" duplex postmark and two letters datelined "U.S.S. Wachusett/Sitka, Alaska Ter/19th Mar., 1882" and "2nd April, 1882.", very fine.

Est. \$750-1,000

Sold for \$950

Lot 937

St. Paul's Island, Alaska/Jul 30 1881, violet circular handstamp on cover to Tunbridge, Vermont with 3c Green (#184, corner fault), entered the mails with "San Francisco, Cal/Aug 15, 81" duplex postmark, reverse with violet "Alaska Commercial Co./Ounalaska/Aug 8 1881" double circle transit handstamp and magenta "Forwarded by/Alaska Commercial Co." handstamp, slightly reduced at right, otherwise very fine; as there was no post office on St. Paul's Island in the Pribilof Islands group in the Bering Sea, all the markings are those of the Alaska Commercial Co., who had exclusive rights, including the taking of fur seals, of which the killing was controlled by the government. The following is from the enclosed letter under the dateline of "July 19th 1881": "...We have got nearly through with the Sealing for the year - probably finish day after tomorrow as they only need about 3000 more to make up the 100,000 to which the years catch is limited ... I expect the Steamer will not leave so soon by a week or ten days as last year for she has not returned from St. Michael yet...I presume our last chance to write will be by Government Steamer Corwin which is now in the Arctic looking for Bennetts Arctic Explorer Jeanette ... July 30th Steamer leaves to day. The Jeanette was caught in the polar ice pack, crushed and sunk, with the loss of Commander George W. DeLong and most of the officers and crew, on June 13, 1881. James Gordon Bennett of the N.Y. Herald, financed most of the expedition, although it was Commanded by U.S. Naval personnel. It is one of the epic voyages of Arctic exploration. At the time this letter

was written the fate of the expedition was not known. Not until December 19, 1881 was the tragic news flashed to the world.

Est. \$750-1,000

Sold For \$1,000



Lot 938

Fort Wrangel, Alaska/Nov 17, partially clear datestamp on cover with preprinted address and "U.S. Stmr. Wachusett" endorsement to Philadelphia with 3c Green (#184) tied by target cancel, clear "Fort Orange, Alaska/Nov 17" transit postmark and Philadelphia backstamp, very fine.

Est. \$400-500

Sold for \$300



Lot 939

Fort Wrangel, Alaska, two covers and a card, first with double circle "Fort Wrangle, Alaska/Jun 13, 1883" Ty. 4 datestamp on 3c Green entire, then "Fort Wrangel, Alaska/Jan 25, 1889" Ty. 5 datestamp on cover with 2c Green (#213), and picture post card of birds-eye view of Fort Wrangle with "Wrangel, Alaska/Sug 18, 1909" Ty. 2 duplex postmark tying 1c Green (#331), first with vertical crease through the indicia and last with a card crease, otherwise fine-very fine.

Est. \$1,000-1,500

Sold for \$575



Lot 940

Metlakatla, Alaska/Jul 23, 1908, bold datestamp on real photo picture post card of Indian village with totem poles with 1c Green (#300, faulty), also blue double circle "Sitka, Alaska/July 24, 1906" Ty. VII postmark on real photo picture post card with view of the town with 1c Green (#300, repaired), and "Sitka, Alaska/Jul 11, 1909" duplex postmark on picture post card of Sitka with 1c Green (#331), fine-very fine.

Est. \$750-1,000

Sold for \$350



Lot 941

STEAMER "HUMBOLDT" clear blue-green straight-line handstamp and matching "Ship letter, Due 2 cents." altered to "4" cents on cover endorsed "Ship's letter" sent collect to Glyndon, Minnesota, entered the mails with **Ounalaska, Alaska/Oct 16, 1897** datestamp, "Seattle, Wash/Oct 24, 97" transit postmark and Glyndon arrival backstamp, very fine; one of only two recorded examples of this Humboldt Steamship Company marking.

Est. \$750-1,000

Sold for \$1,200



Lot 942

Sitka, Alaska/Aug 8, 1889, clear datestamp on cover to Portland, Maine with 2c Green (#213) tied by target cancel, Portland, Oregon transit and Portland, Maine receiving backstamps, very fine.

Est. \$400-500

Sold for \$150



Lot 944

American Yukon Nav Company/Jun 14 1915/Steamer Yukon, large violet boxed handstamp on 2c Carmine on amber entire (#U412) to Yellowstone Park, Wyoming from Stephens Indian village, which is located about 50 miles up river from Rampart, Alaska, very fine; accompanied by real photo picture post card of the steamer. Letter written by an Episcopal missionary to the Indians from Stephens Village on the Yukon river: "Stephens Village June 13, 1915." It is addressed to the "Hon J. W. Meldrum, Yellowstone Park Wyoming" "Our chances to get letters out come so seldom and unexpectedly that I had to keep some in cold storage weeks before I could send them out and now, the boats go by so many times on the other side that I cannot tell when they will go. But - now at 11:30 P.M. I hear the whistle screame miles below and as the boat has freight for us I am reasonably sure that you will get this. Perhaps by the "Fourth" - I am very rushed just now. My cabin is at last started and I hope to be in it before the winter closes down upon us again..I suppose you know we have no darkness now. The sun set a few minutes ago and by the time I seal this and get it down to the store it will be coming up again..I must stop now for I think I hear the chug of the boat."The river boat steamer Yukon was built for the White Pass & Yukon R.R. Company in 1913. It was a large stern-wheeler of 1067 tons and was operated by the American Yukon Navigation Co. for the W.P. & Y.R.R. She was a sister boat to the Alaska which was built at the same time. The Yukon was sold to the Alaska Railroad Co. in 1942 and ended her days when she was crushed in the ice break-up in 1947.

*Est. \$500-750***Sold for \$550****Lot 945**

Alaska balance of 25 covers and cards, including many picture post cards, the vast majority being 20th century, mostly mounted and written up on album pages, includes a magenta double oval "**Alaska Commercial Co./St. Michael Alaska Ty./Apr 16 1895**" handstamp on somewhat

faulty ship cover, **1905 Rampart** on registered cover, **1900 Nome** on Special Delivery cover, **1909 Fort Liscum** on a picture post card, **1906 Treadwell**, **1900 Eagle**, three steamboat picture post cards and more, a few faults but largely fine-very fine.

*Est. \$1,000-1,500***Sold for \$1,100****Lot 1224**

The Nugget Express, Dawson, Y.T., Paid, Nov 15, 1899, violet oval handstamped Yukon Territory frank on cover to Rye, N.Y. with 2c Red (#279B) with additional straightline "Nugget Express/Dawson Y.T./Canada" handstamp and magenta double circle "Nugget Express/Dec 18, 1899" and matching straightline "Office 112 Yesler Way./Seattle, Wash." backstamps, entered the mails with "Seattle, Wash./Dec 18, 1899" waving flag machine cancel, very fine; the only known example showing all three markings (two additional covers with one or two markings are known). Gold was discovered 3 June, 1896 on Dominion Creek about 50 miles southwest of Dawson in what became known as the Klondike Gold Field. Little is known about the Nugget Express which operated out of Dawson in 1899, however this cover is accompanied by a wonderful reproduction of a photo found in the University of Alaska Historical Library titled "Express Leaving Dawson, Nov. 16, 1899" showing their harnessed dog sled in front of their offices, this image is of the same trip that carried the cover. Postmaster Charles Gordon of Chicago, in response to a for information regarding the sending of letters to the Klondike region, replied: "Letters cannot be sent by United States mail to Dawson City, Forty Mile or other towns in British territory. Mail matter for Dawson City, Northwest territory, not being a known postoffice, should be addressed 'via' some United States postoffice, viz: Dyea, Alaska; Unalaska, or Circle City, Alaska. Sent to one of these Alaskan postoffices, it goes to Circle City by way of Dyea, over the overland route; by way of Unalaska by the Yukon route..."

*Est. \$10,000-15,000***Sold for \$16,000**

Lot 1225

Yukon Territory collection offered intact, over 30 items, including miner's letters, picture post cards including real photo cards and many covers with oval steamboat handstamps, nearly all from the early 20th century, noteworthy items include a miner's letter datelined "**April 3rd - 98/Camp No. 9 In the North West Territory** 15 miles below Bennett on Lake Bennett camped in a small grove of Balsam Pine on the west side of the lake where we will build our boat.", another datelined "**April 8th - 98/Camp No. 9** and all fixed for living in good Shape" from the same writer, and a third letter datelined "Claim No. 22 - On Gold Run 55 Miles from Dawson City", all with interesting content, then a cover with Brant Yukon Mining & Investment Co. corner card to Paris, Ontario franked by U.S. 2c Red (#279B) and Canada 3c Victoria (#69) both tied by **Dawson, N.W.T. 1898** datestamp, probably because the sender did not know which countries stamp to use, then a nice group of ten oval steamboat handstamps mostly tying Canadian stamps, including **1909 Steamer Okanagan, 1904 Steamer Dawson, 1914 S.S. Camosun, 1936 S.S. Princess Norah, 1935 and 1937 S.S. Princess Louise, 1930 Steamer Princess Alicia, 1909 Steamer Tess, 1913 Steamer Prince Rupert and 1910 Steamer Canadian** and ending with an interesting group of early used picture post cards, some faults, most fine-very fine; a desirable collection which would be very difficult to duplicate.

Est. \$5,000-7,500

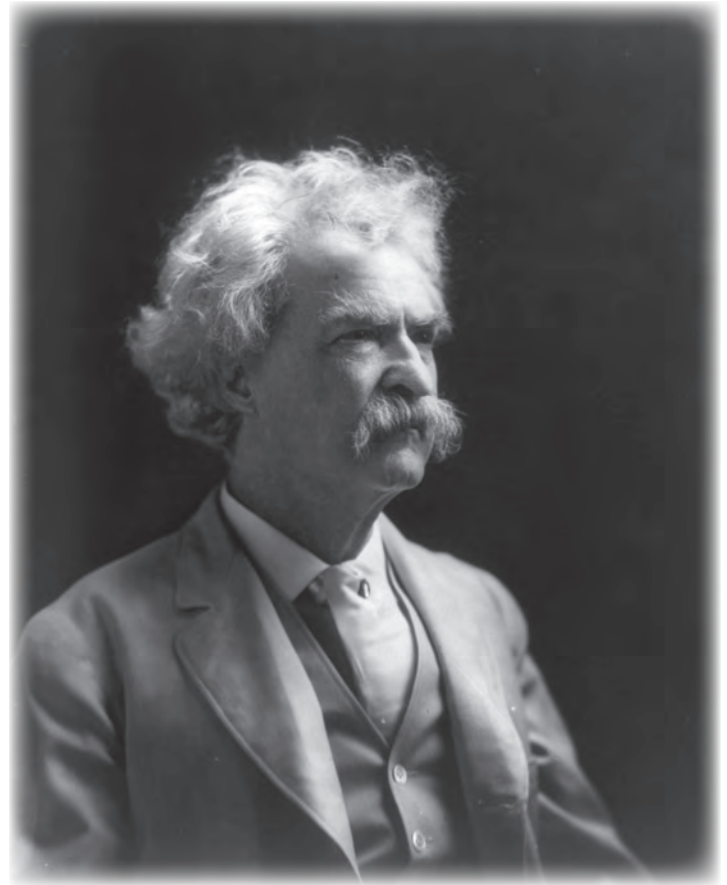
Sold for \$4,250

“Words are only postage stamps delivering the object for you to unwrap.

—George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950) Irish literary critic, playwright and essayist; recipient of the 1925 Nobel Prize for Literature.

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Mark Twain's Thoughts on Stamps



from Stan Grove

Some club members might enjoy these lines from Mark Twain, referring to the pre-1850s days when letters could be mailed either postpaid or collect—

“Speaking postally, my mind goes back to the days when it cost as much as a quarter to send letters to New Orleans. We did not have stamps in those days. My father used to give me the letters with the money to take them to the post office. This constituted my one source of income, as it did for most of the youths of Missouri.

I pocketed the money and the letters went just the same, only the receiver had to pay. I believe this system did more to undermine the moral fiber of the boys of Missouri than anything I know. Fortunately, my moral character since has been rehabilitated.

When England in 1840 invented stamps, my feelings were decidedly anti-English, as America took up the system and my income disappeared, as my father used to buy stamps, put them on the letters, and I had to trudge to the post office and mail them without any recompense.”

Overwhelmed by the Library of Congress

by Eric Knapp

As I am writing this I am sitting in a large room feeling very overwhelmed, even though this is not the biggest room I have been in since I arrived. I am in the Adams Reading Room of the Library of Congress.

My job sent me to a training class in Washington, D.C. and having never been here before I took some extra vacation days and played tourist. One place I needed to visit was the Library of Congress. I even had a reason.

I have been looking for a book for some information for my collection. The book is not important for this story, but the only place that seemed to have it was the Library of Congress. I figured that was that and I would not get access to the book, until the class came up and I found myself in Washington.

I had no idea how to use the library, so I got on the Internet and found their website. The instructions were right there. I found I would need a "Readers Card" to enter the reading rooms by myself and not as part of a tour. Getting a card is fairly easy. You just have to go in person to the office that issues them, present your ID and fill out one form.

I took the DC Metro from where I was staying to the Capitol Hill station (I had to do this twice because I misread the hours of operation, *oops*). Once I had my card I went off to the main building, where I almost immediately got lost. This was not entirely my fault, the buildings are mazes. The complex is a great collection of hallways and rooms and cubbyholes and grand reading rooms; a place very easy to get lost in.

I did get directions and made my way to the Jefferson Building reading room. This is the one you always see in pictures of the library. The librarian told me I could get the book faster if I went over to the Adams Building and used the reading room there. He also told me how to find the underground tunnel to the building. So off I went.

I found the reading room and made my request. I now had about 45 minutes to wait while they found the book and brought it to me. So I wandered through the reading room and into the stacks around the room and in adjoining spaces. I also watched other people in the room working and reading.

The place had an interesting feel to it. It felt quiet and peaceful, to the point that I pulled my cell phone out and turned off the ringer. I didn't want to disturb anyone.

I wandered around and looked at all sorts of books and a huge variety of topics, an amazing sight to a bibliophile like me. I also had some great conversations with library employees. They are a wonderful, helpful bunch.

Finally it was time and I went back to the request desk and my book was there. I sat down and began looking for the information I needed. While I was doing this a library employee brought a whole cart of large items to a guy down the table from me. They looked like bound newspapers and since the only word I could read on the binding was "Zeitung" I decided I was right. The guy seemed both pleased and amazed that the library had them. I think I heard him say they were 19th century papers.

By this point, I found the section I needed so I copied what I wanted, put the book on the return shelf and left the reading room. I went back through the tunnel to the Jefferson Building, where I got lost again. I did get directions from a library employee and was soon at the front entrance. After a quick visit to the gift shop I headed on to my next adventure, which was a walk down Capitol Hill to the Post Office Building and the National Postal Museum. But that is a story for another time.

The Library of Congress great place to visit and, if you have the time, do research. The atmosphere alone makes you want to do good work on whatever you are doing. I now have a Readers Card good through May of 2012. I'll have to find a reason to come back.



TAPS

by David Schwantes

TAPS is an organization of military wives who have lost their husbands while serving our country. In late February a group of 100 of these ladies gathered in Alaska for an outing and to take part in the start of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. They contacted the Iditarod Committee to see if they could somehow become part of the race. It was too late to do anything officially.

Martin Buser and his wife Kathy Chapoton heard about it, and wanted to see if they could do anything to help. The idea was that the organization had ribbons with their husbands names printed on them and they wanted them tied to the sleds as they left Anchorage. Martin called Jon Van Zyle for ideas, Jon called me, and together we came up with the idea of doing a cachet cover to be carried during the race.

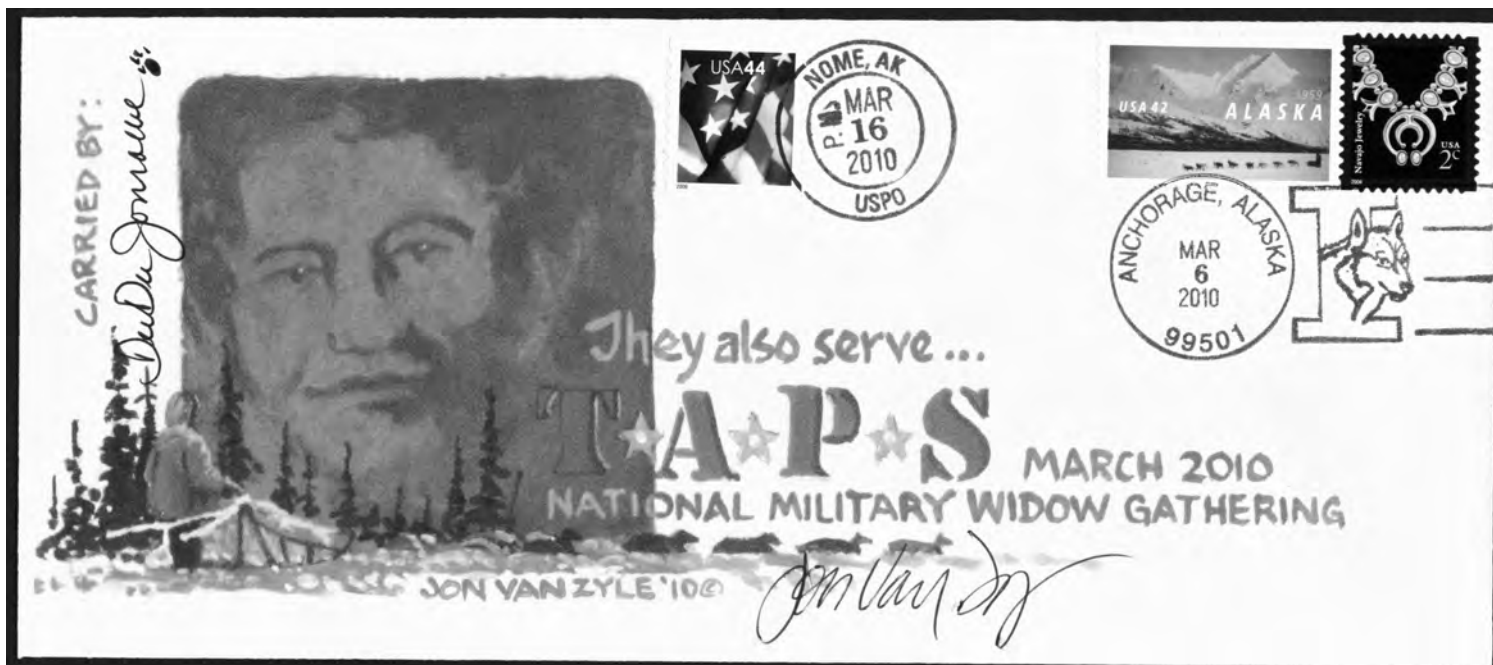
Kathy found 12 mushers willing to tie a number of ribbons to their sled, and we found three mushers to carry the 100 covers. Bob Spaugy and I agreed to produce the covers, stamp and cancel them and package them for the

trip. Jon did the artwork for the cover in about two days and the project got started.

The mushers carrying the ribbons packaged them at the re-start and carried them all the way to Nome. Martin, Dee Dee Jonrowe, and Art Church carried the covers. I cancelled them in Anchorage, and then met the mushers at the finish line and cancelled them again in Nome. Jon signed each cover, as did the mushers who carried them.

After the race, I sent the covers to the leader in Seattle, and the ribbons were placed in the covers and each of the 100 ladies received the cover with her husband's ribbon in it. The ladies had all been down to the start of the race and had pictures taken with many of the mushers who were carrying their husbands ribbons, and they all had a great time.

The special cachet was a great souvenir of the event and it was great being a part of making it happen, even though it was a last minute project at a time when all the people involved were already busy.



Gold Nuggets

In 1897, 68 weary prospectors disembarked from the steamer *S.S. Portland* when it arrived in Seattle on July 17th.

Regardless of their exhaustion, they arrived in Washington very rich men, every single one of them! Known as the Klondike Kings, their arrival signaled the start of the Klondike Gold Rush.



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...

1960: The sexual revolution of the 60's had begun with the use of birth control pills and Hugh Hefner opening the first of his Playboy clubs in Chicago. Notable technical achievements include the invention of the Laser and a Heart Pacemaker. France tests its first atomic bomb and joins those countries with nuclear bomb technology, and the following comments were noted in TAP issues:

The Post Office Department made a decision that all first class mail between Anchorage and Seattle would go by air on a space available basis. Previously first class mail traveled by ship. Air mail rate mail would receive a higher priority under the new plan.

Pan American Airways reported that the first flight covers that the company had prepared for their inaugural jet flight from Seattle to Fairbanks were damaged during the flight. A note explaining what happened was included with every cover.

Town study reports were published for Barge, Barrow and Beaver. New cancels were reported from Annette, Alaskindia, Alitak and Atka.

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Coming Next Time...

Several of us are going to put our heads together and see what we can find out about pioneer Alaska collector and cover maker A.E. Koestler. He is probably most well known for a series of colorful Dogsled covers from the 30s and 40s.

Also, look for a report from this year's Iditarod cover action from Dave Schwantes!

AUCTION



CLOSING DATE:
SEPTEMBER
30TH, 2010

Abbreviations used:

BS =	Back Stamp	CC =	Corner Card return address
DCC =	Double Circle Cancel	DPO =	No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office
EAMC =	Emergency Airmail Cover	4BC =	Four Bar Cancel
FD =	First Day	F =	Fine
FF =	First Flight	II =	Informative insert
LD =	Last Day	MC =	Machine Cancel
NP =	Nonphilatelic	PC =	Postcard
PO =	Post Office	PMS =	Postmaster signed
T =	Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed.	VG =	Very Good
VF =	Very Fine	R =	Reserve Bid, only 50¢ unless otherwise noted

Send bids to Terry Shaw, P.O. Box 1435, Prineville, Oregon, 97754; (Phone (541) 416-6600 days; (541) 447-5836 evenings). E-mail cgsarchxx@aol.com. Abbreviations used: BS = Back Stamp; CC = Corner Card return address; DCC = Double Circle Cancel; DPO = No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office; EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover; 4BC = Four Bar Cancel; FD = First Day; F = Fine; FF = First Flight; II = Informative insert; LD = Last Day; MC = Machine Cancel; PC = Postcard; PO = Post Office; PMS = Postmaster signed; T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed. VG = Very Good; VF = Very Fine; XF = Extra Fine. **R = Reserve Bid; only \$1.00 unless otherwise noted (look carefully as many items start at only 50-cents).** 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 with your friends. Let's get more members bidding!

I am in desperate need of new material for the next auction!

- Anchorage** (11/27/35) T9. EAMC with "Air Center of Alaska" cachet. F.
- Anchorage** (8/20/86) FD Cancel for 17¢ Dog Sled Stamp; Great Silk cachet. VF.
- Andreafski** (12/7/51) T1, DPO. Car Care Adv. on Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
- Amalga** (10/13/07) T1, DPO. Cover with Letter to the Thanes (namesake for SE Alaska town of Thane). F. R = \$70.00.
- Anvik** (6/1/16) T2 on cover. VG. R = \$22.00.
- Barrow** (11/3/43) T10. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet. F. R = \$2.75.
- Bell Island** (2/24/40) T1, DPO. Health Springs Resort cover. F. R = \$3.75.



Lot 4



Lot 7

- Bethel** (2/7/42) Unlisted Registered cancel. F. R = \$22.50.
- Bethel** (3/28/43) T4. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet to Nyac (3/30/43) T2, BS -- DPO. F. R = \$2.75.

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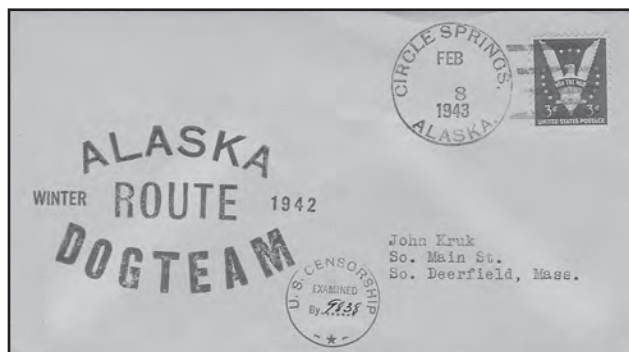
From the Front Cover:

10. **Chicken** (5/15/30) T3 & "Fancy Chicken" cancel, DPO. Registered cover with great stamps. 3 different dates in Chicken cancels. Scarce item. F. R = \$100.00. (see image of reverse on page 48)



Lot 11

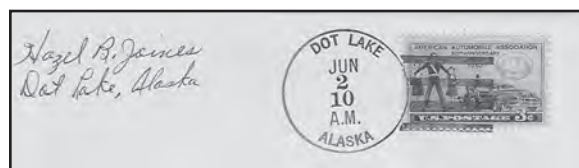
11. **Circle** (5/10/43) T6. Censored EAMC to Fort Yukon (5/18/43) T4, BS & Fairbanks (5/11/43) T21, BS. F. R = \$3.25.
12. **Circle Springs** (2/8/43) T1, DPO. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet. F. R = \$2.75.



Lot 12

13. **Clam Gulch** (2/27/58) T2. Gov. PC. VF.
14. **Copper Center** (7/17/50) T5. C-10 sized Union Bank cover via Mountain View (7/19/50) T1, DPO to Anchorage. F+. R = \$3.50. (see image on page 49)

15. **Cordova** Vintage (1900's), unused real photo postcard of "Rainer-Grand" Hotel & Restaurant and the "Cordova House". F+. R = \$5.00.
16. **Dempsey** (5/2/10) T1, DPO! As noted in Helbock for the known example, this also is "a favor postmark on a picture postcard with no address or stamp". Rare. VF. R = \$55.00.
17. **Diamond** (12/10/42) T1, DPO. Censored, with Dogteam Post cachet to Nenana (12/17/42) T5, BS. F. R = \$3.25.
18. **Dot Lake** (6/2/--, likely 52), T1, DPO. This is likely a First Day of Office cancel on a cover signed by the Postmaster. VF. R = \$2.00.



Lot 18

19. **Douglas** (7/20/1894) T3, magenta Star cancel on cover. F. R = \$185.00.



Lot 19

20. **Douglas** (5/25/1898) T5, earlier than listed on cover to Philomath, OR (5/31/1899) BS {note year difference in postmarks}. F (rough open, right). R = \$75.00.
21. **Eklutna** (9/30/42) T3, DPO. Censored airmail cover to Fort Defiance, Arizona (10/7/42) BS. F. R = \$10.00.
22. **Ekwak** (3/3/60), like T1, DPO. F.
23. **Entrance Island** (5/31/56) T1, DPO. Last Day of PO, Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
24. **Fairbanks** (8/5/49) T18, inverted dial. Point Barrow Resupply, Polar Bear/Map cachet. F. R = \$1.50. (see image on page 49)
25. **Fairbanks** (8/20/74) MC Special photo cachet and CC, Senator George Silides Election Campaign. VF. R = \$2.50.
26. **Fort Yukon** (12/3/14) T2 on Christmas PC. F. R = \$8.50.
27. **Girdwood** (9/28/58) T3. Nonphilatelic cover. F.

Spring Auction (continued)

28. **Goodnews Bay** (8/29/42) T2. Censored, plain postcard. VG-F.
29. **Gronwoldt** (11/1/50), Unlisted DCC, DPO. PMS on cover. VF. R = \$12.50.



Lot 29

30. **Gronwoldt** (11/30/51) T1, Last Day of DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$3.50.
31. **Hawk Inlet** (8/5/54) T4, DPO. F. R = \$1.25.
32. **Holikachuk** (6/17/43) T1, DPO. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet. Likely not carried by Dogteam in June~ F. R = \$2.75.



Lot 32

33. **Hot Springs** (8/7/1908) T1, DPO. Cover, rough open right. VG. R = \$31.50.
34. **Iditarod** (4/5/12) T2, DPO on cover. F (a bit rough open, right, does not affect cancel). R = 70.00.
35. **Jack Wade** (6/10/42) T4, DPO. Gov. PC with PMS message. F. R = \$3.25.



Lot 35

36. **Juneau** (11/12/37) T28. Great First Day for the Alaska stamp, Scott # 800; Gold Panner cachet. VF. R = \$2.75.

37. **Ketchikan** (12/20/1899) T3. Cover with letter. Year weak in cancel, but OK in BS and in letter. VG. R = \$63.75.
38. **Ketchikan** (1/26/43) T13 Great censored cover with embossed Crosby cachet and fishing photo. F. R = \$8.00.



Lot 38

39. **Killisnoo** (6/7/1898) T2, DPO. Cover with three letters enclosed! VG-F, "Kil" weak, rest strong. R = \$102.50.
40. **Kimshan Cove** (4/22/36) T1, DPO. EAMC to Juneau (4/22/36) T25 BS. F+. R = \$3.75



Lot 40

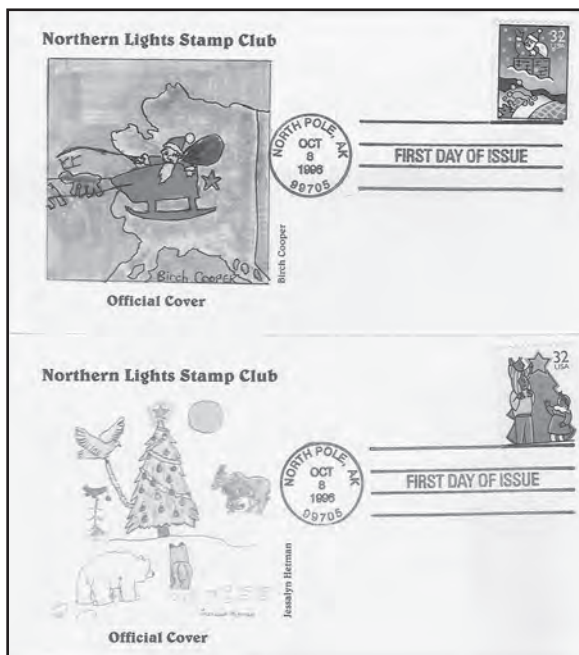
41. **Klawock** (9/1/41) T6. Great cover with embossed Crosby cachet and sled dogs/airplane photo. R = \$7.50. (see image on page 49)
42. **Kodiak vintage** (1940's), unused Helsel real photo postcard of Baptist Mission. VF. R = \$2.25.
43. **Kodiak** (3/12/62) MC. Real photo QSL card, air-mail to England. F. R = \$3.75.



Lot 43

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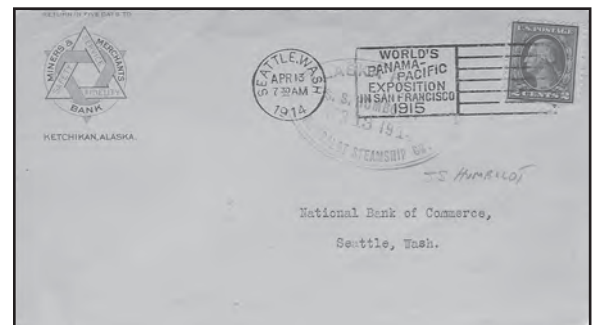
44. **Latouche** (2/22/10) T2, DPO. Dogsled color PC. F. R = \$45.50.
45. **Lost River** (3/14/53) T1, DPO. C-10 sized air-mail cover. F. R = \$2.75.
46. **Matanuska Valley vintage** (1940's), unused real photo postcard (by Robinson). VF. R = \$2.50.
47. **Napamute** (3/14/54) T3 DPO. Registered cover. VF. R = \$7.75.
48. **New Knock Hock** (9/1/50) T1, DPO. FD of new PO. VF. R = \$3.50.
49. **Ninilchik** (12/30/52) T5. Registered airmail cover to Anchorage (12/31/52) T16, BS. Great franking. F+. R = \$10.00.
50. **Nolan** (3/31/18) T1, DPO. Registered cover to Chicago (5/23/18) BS; great franking. VG-F. R = \$90.00.
51. **North Pole** (10/8/96) FDC cancels on 5 covers, each with an II, a different 1996 Christmas stamp, and cachet from the Northern Lights Stamp Club (2 cachets are by Birch Cooper, 3 by Jessalyn Hetman). VF. R = \$5.00.



Lot 51

52. **Nyac** (4/18/43) T2, DPO. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet. F. R = \$2.75.
53. **Palmer** (4/22/58) T5. C-10 sized "Matanuska Maid" corner card cachet. F.
54. **Pilot Point** (9/19/42) T1. Censored, registered, airmail cover to New York via Anchorage (9/19/42) T10, BS. Nice "Prexie" franking. F+. R = \$17.50.

55. **Platinum** (6/6/58) T4. Great Sourdough flipping flapjacks cachet, PMS. F. R = \$1.50.
56. **Poorman** (7/31/52) T3, DPO. Last Day of PO, PMS. F+. R = \$2.25.
57. **Porcupine** (10/19/10) T2, DPO on Eskimo PC. VG - F (cancel light, but clear and also written in message on PC). R = \$55.00.
58. **Port Ashton** (10/14/52) T1, DPO. FD of then new PO. F+. R = \$2.25.
59. **Portage Glacier vintage** (1940's), unused real photo PC. VF. R.
60. **Rampart** (5/31/1901) T3, DPO. Actual birch bark envelope! F. R = \$55.00.
61. **Red Devil** (10/28/57) T1. FD with "Devil" cachet, PMS. VF.
62. **Saint Michael** (11/29/46) T14 & T15 (earlier than listed). Cover also backstamped in Unalakleet (unlisted M.O.B. cancel), Nome, and Knoxville TN. F+. R = \$29.50.
63. **Seattle** (4/13/14) and nice oval cancel from the ship **S.S. Humbolt**. Miners and Merchants Bank (Ketchikan) cover (face only). F. R = \$8.50



Lot 63

64. **Seattle** (10/1/51) FF (nice cachet) to Anchorage (10/1/51) T13, BS. VF. R = \$1.50.
65. **Seldovia** (11/19/24) T41, earlier than listed. Registered to Seward; Anchorage (11/21/24) Registered BS -- appears to be an unlisted type! F. R = \$39.50.
66. **Seldovia** (11/29/28) T5. Registered cover to Seward (10/31/28), apparently unlisted BS. F. R = 22.50.
67. **Seldovia** (2/14/42) T7. Registered cover via Anchorage (2/19/42) T10, BS to Seward (2/20/42) T13, BS rotated dial, 6 years later than listed! F. R = \$15.00. (see image on page 49)
68. **Seward** (2/17/55) T11. C-10 sized, Alaska Railroad cover. VF.

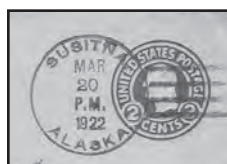
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69. **Shageluk** (3/22/43) T2. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet. F. R = \$2.75.
70. **South Naknek** (10/5/70) Registered C-10 sized cover to Anchorage (10/6/70) Registered BS. Nice franking. F. R = \$3.00.



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71. **Stevens Village** (4/11/43) T1. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet. F. R = \$2.75.
72. **Susitna** (3/20/22) T1, DPO Magenta Cancel on cover. VF. R = \$8.25.



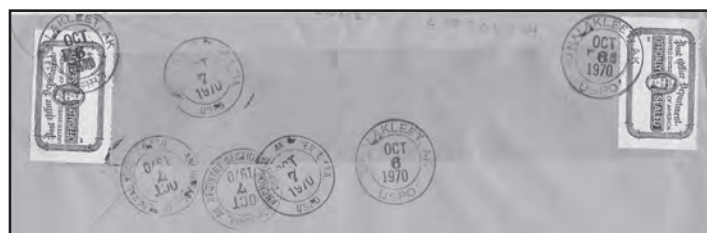
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73. **Talkeetna** (4/30/80) 4BC. Boy Scouts, Mt. McKinley cachet (first BSA attempt to climb this famous Alaskan Mountain. F. R = \$2.50.



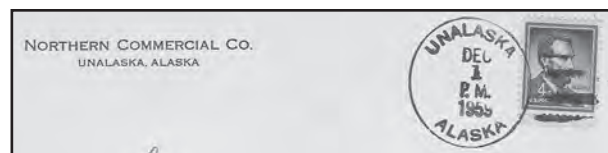
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74. **Tannacross** 1946 (no postmark) on used QSL card to Rochester NY. F.
75. **Teller** (6/27/43) T5. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet to Nome (6/29/43) T2, BS -- DPO. Likely not carried by Dogteam in June~ F. R = \$2.75.
76. **Unalakleet** (11/3/37) T3. EAMC to Nome (11/9/37) T19 BS. F. R = \$3.00.
77. **Unalakleet** (10/6/70) Registered to Anchorage (10/7/70) Registered BS -- "Officially Sealed" stamps on penalty envelope (rare Alaska usage). F. R = \$8.50



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78. **Unalaska** (3/24/42) T13. Censored (paper tape), registered cover to Seattle (4/6 & 8/42) Reg. BS. F. R = \$14.50.
79. **Unalaska** & St. Paul Island 1947; sent but no postmark on QSL Card. F. R = \$2.00.
80. **Unalaska** (12/1/59) 4BC on Northern Commercial cover. F+.

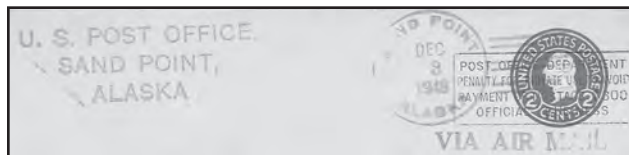


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81. **Unga** (9/20/38) T4, DPO. Registered to Seward (10/7/38) unlisted M.O.B. backstamp. Period use of Alaska Stamp, Scott # 800. F+. R = \$17.50. (see image on page 49)
82. **Valdez** (10/11/10) T5 on Copper River Indian Grave PC. F. R = \$7.50.
83. **Wainwright** (8/17/43) T2. Censored, Alaska Dogteam Winter Route cachet to Fairbanks (8/21/43) T15, BS. Likely not carried by Dogteam in August. F. R = \$2.75.
84. **US Army Postal Service, APO 726** (7/27/43) 4BC. Censored, free frank cover. F+.
85. **US Army Postal Service, APO 726** (12/18/43) 4BC. Censored airmail cover to NJ, BS. F.

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86. US Army Postal Service, APO 944 (10/7/43) 4BC. Censored airmail cover. F+.
87. US Army Postal Service, APO 980 (20/17/45) MC. Twice censored airmail cover. F+.
88. Full sheet of twenty, 500-share dividend certificates for the **Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Co.** All certificates are canceled by perforation. F+. R = \$7.50.
89. **Vintage (early Statehood)**, unused C-10 sized State of Alaska advertising cover. VF. R = \$1.25.
90. **Vintage Famous "Alaska Loop"** of the Alaska Railroad; real photo winter scene PC. VF. R = \$3.50.
91. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1958 Afognak T5, DPO; 1957 Akiak T4; 1955 Angoon T5; 1958 Aniak T7; 1947 Bethel T4. F. R = \$2.00.
92. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1958 Curry T6, DPO; 1955 Fort Yukon airmail T4; 1958 Gakona airmail T4; 1958, Gambell airmail T2; 1958 Girdwood, T3. F. R = \$2.00.
93. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1954 Holy Cross airmail T4; 1947 King Cove T3; 1948 Sand Point T5, airmail -- Official PO use cover; 1954 Spenard T2 DPO; 1952 Whittier T2, DPO. F. R = \$2.50.



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94. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1958 Miller House T3, DPO - PMS; 1958 Mount Edgecumbe T2, DPO - PMS; 1958 Naknek T6; 1958 Nikolski T1; 1958; Ninilchik T6. F. R = \$2.50.



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95. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1953 Cordova T11; 1951 Homer airmail T7; 1940 Hope T6; 1937 Sanak T1, DPO (period use of Alaska Stamp); 1938 Seldovia T3 (period use of Alaska stamp). F. R = \$3.00.

96. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1955 South Naknek airmail T3; 1958 Takotna T5 (PO penalty env.); 1953 Tanacross T1, DPO; 1954 Tanana T8; 1958 Tok Junction T1, DPO, PMS. F. R = \$2.50.
97. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1938 Moose Pass T2 (period use of Alaska stamp; 1953 Mountain View T2, DPO (period use of Boy Scout stamp); 1956 Napamute T3, DPO; 1958 Ninilchik airmail T6; 1953 Quinhagak, T3. F. R = \$2.25.
98. **Five different Alaska territorial covers:** 1939 Nome T21 (period use, Baseball stamp); 1958 Rampart T8, DPO. 1950 Ruby T5 (Alaska map cachet); 1955 Saint Paul Island T1; 1950 Seldovia T8. F. R = \$2.25.



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99. **Five different Alaska territorial covers (all C-10 sized):** 1958 Pilot Point T3; 1955 Saint Paul Island T1; 1955 Tenakee Springs T2; 1958 Tok Junction airmail T1; 1958 Unalaska T5 (large type, local Trading Post cover). F. R = \$2.00.
100. **Five different Alaska territorial covers (all C-10 sized):** 1958 Noatak T3; 1958 Platinum T4; 1958 Summit T4, DPO; 1955 Tok Junction airmail T1, DPO; 1955 Unalaska T14. F. R = \$2.00.
101. **10 different Statehood era covers:** 1978 Alakanuk 4BC; 1961 Alakanuk DCC; 1975 Anaktuvuk Pass 4BC; 1974 Annette 4BC; 1960 Barrow DCC; 1959 Bethel grid cancel; 1970 Candle 4BC; 1965 Cape Yakataga 4BC; 1965 Chatanika 4BC; 1964 Chatham (blue ink) 4BC & DCC. F. R = \$2.50.



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102. 10 different Statehood era covers, all 4BC: 1962 Chefornek; 1959 Chevak; 1984 Chignik Lagoon; 1966 Cohoe; 1959 Cold Bay airmail (period use of Alaska statehood stamp); 1959 Crooked Creek (magenta); 1959 Delta Junction; 1965 Dot Lake Rural Station, Delta Junction; 1959 Ekwak, DPO, PMS; 1962 Emmonak airmail. F. R = \$2.50.

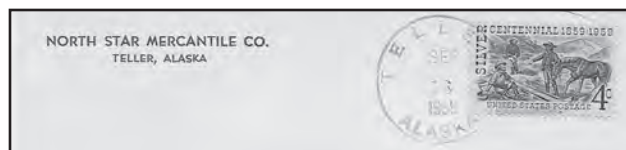


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103. 10 different Statehood era covers: 1988 English Bay (CPO) 4BC; 1977 Fortuna Ledge 4BC; 1964 Gambell 4BC; 1959 Girdwood 4BC; 1961 Goodnews Bay, PMS 4BC; 1959 Gustavus airmail 4BC; 1961 Hamilton airmail 4BC, DPO; 1965 Hawk Inlet DCC; 1984 Halibut Cove 4BC and (CPO) DCC; 1968 Healy Fork 4BC, DPO. F. R = \$2.25.

104. 10 different Statehood era covers: 1966 Port Ashton 4BC; 1982 Port Heiden 4BC & (CPO) DCC; 1964 Portage Junction DCC, DPO; 1982 Prudoe Bay 4BC; 1959 Ruby 4BC; 1967 Saint Paul Island 4BC; 1969 Scammon Bay 4BC; 1994 Sterling 4BC; 1965 Takotna 4BC; 1964 Tatitlek 4BC. F. R = \$2.00.

105. 10 different Statehood era covers: 1959 Teller (North Star Mercantile Co.) 4BC; 1966 Tetlin 4BC, DPO; 1964 Tooksook Bay (marked "First Day") 4BC; 1962 Tulusak 4BC, DPO; 1961 Tununak airmail (PO penalty env.) DCC; Tuntutuliak (PO penalty env.) 4BC; 1969 Ugashik 4BC; 1959 Unalaska airmail 4BC; 1968 Usibelli 4BC & (Rural Sta.) DCC; 1958 Whittier 4BC. F. R = \$2.25.

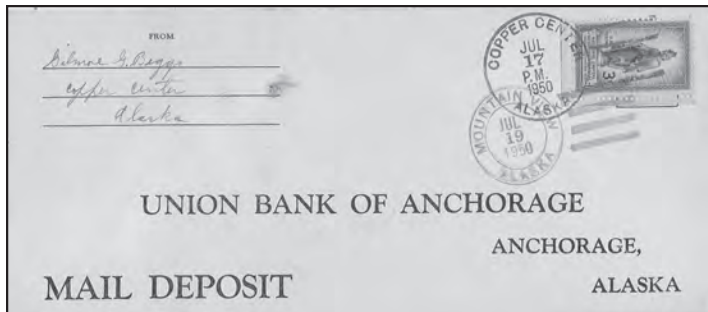


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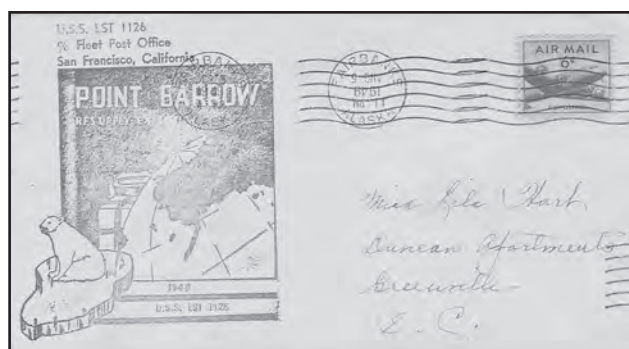
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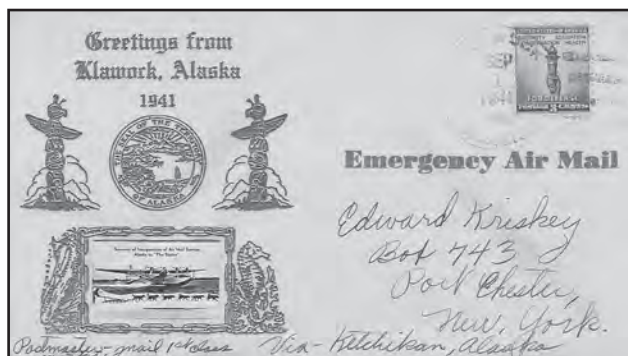
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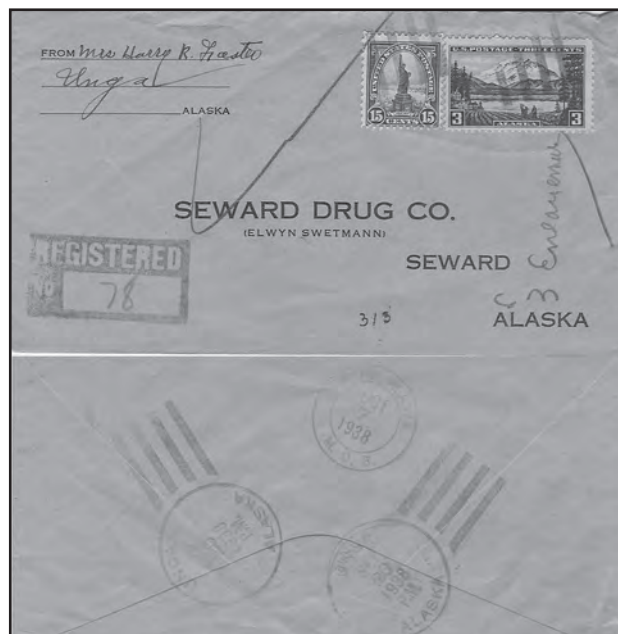
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