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## AWARDS

Colopex 2000—Silver-Bronze  
Colopex 2002—Silver-Bronze  
STaMpsHOW 03—Silver-Bronze



# B-r-r-r-ief Notes



## Journal Awarded Silver-Bronze

The Alaskan Philatelist was recently entered in the Philatelic Literature Competition at the 2003 APS StampShow held in August in Columbus, Ohio.

We again scored in the Silver-Bronze category (missing full Silver by just one point), which was a little disappointing, but gives us several goals to work toward in the next year or so.

We were told to change the front page so that it effectively separates the logo and name of the publication from any articles. So you will see that recommendation reflected in this issue of TAP.

Also, we were told that we really needed original and significant research articles. That's where you come in: we need a greater portion of the membership to write an article.

I know this is not easy for many of you. It isn't easy for any of us that are not experts on Alaska Postal History. But that's exactly the point: we need the diversity of all member's input. We have a few seasoned members who can help with technical details and the Editor will work with article writers via email to help them turn out a good final product.

Please consider writing about the area that you personally collect.

## Member Profile

Unfortunately, there will no Member Spotlight feature in this issue, because, well, we sent out six requests and got back only two. Those have been exhausted and no one else has stepped forward yet.

Look to page 67 for the Member Questionnaire and consider taking a few moments to fill it out and send it in. Use this as your opportunity to contribute to the club.

Please contact Angela Watson (P.O. Box 3262, San Diego, CA 92163 or [bleumoon@cox.net](mailto:bleumoon@cox.net)) and submit your info for the next one.

## Auction Notes

This auction features a great collection of Alaskan First Day Covers. There are many unusual cachets, including some hand painted, and several interesting signatures! These covers are grouped at the end of the auction. They make memorable gifts! There is also an interesting selection of Alyeska Pump Station Stickers, on and off cover. ENJOY!



Lot 228

## TAP Deadlines

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

## Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog Volume 1 & 2

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

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

The catalog is 8 1/2 x 11 loose-leaf format punched for a three ring binder.

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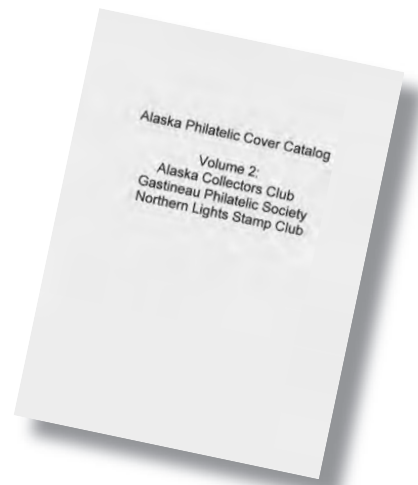
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# Secretary/Treasurer's Report

by David Schwantes

First of all, I want to apologize to the members who had the wrong year on their address labels on the last issue of TAP. I had both the 2001 and 2002 membership lists on my computer desktop, and on one of the updates, I mistakenly recorded them on the wrong membership list. I have it all straightened out now.

Things are fine here in Anchorage. We have had a beautiful summer, much warmer than usual, with a week's worth of days in the 80's. Some say that is too hot for us Alaskans. Now that fall is near, we are cooling off and getting more rain as usual. The State Fair begins next week, and school started on September 2nd, so we know that summer is about gone.

I will be busy with philatelic events over the next few months. I am working on a cover for the Anchorage Philatelic Society now which will honor the centennial's of Seward and Fairbanks. We will have them dual cancelled on the anniversaries of those two cities in August and November.

In October the Anchorage International Airport will be fifty years old, and we will be producing a cover to commemorate that event. The opening of the airport back in 1953 was one of the first covers sponsored by Anchorage club. I am also working to bring my exhibit "STAMP COLLECTING IN ALASKA" up to date as I plan to exhibit and attend MILCOPEX in Milwaukee, September 19-21. It will be my first time exhibiting outside of Alaska, so should be a fun and exciting experience. I am also thinking and planning for next year's APEX here in Anchorage, and the next running of the Iditarod. Well, that's what hobbies are all about—keeping busy and having fun.

Things are going well with the Alaska Collectors Club. Our treasury is looking healthy again, and the newsletters are looking great. As members, it is important to do your part in keeping things going. I know Terry Shaw needs items for the auctions, and Eric Knapp needs stories for the newsletter.

Remember that we will be electing new officers for next year. Our next newsletter will have the ballot in it, and before then we will be seeking members to fill those positions. Step up to the plate, and do your share! I have served as secretary for the past eight years, and look forward to turning the job over to someone else, although, I have enjoyed it.

I hope you have all had a great summer and that the autumn season finds you happy, busy, and enjoying your stamp collections.

# President's Message

by Eric Knapp

I must start out by saying that I am running a bit behind schedule. This seems to be usual with me. The election information and election ballot will be in the next issue of TAP. Along this line, I am looking for people willing to run of office. The offices in the Alaska Collectors Club are important, but the jobs are not hard. I would encourage everyone in the club to consider running for office.

I also need to tell you that I am about out of original articles for TAP. I have a file of articles from other places, with copyright issues I will need to clear, but that are worth printing. But, TAP should be more than just a collection of reprints.

One reason we all collect is the knowledge we gain. But knowledge is always best when it is spread around and added to by others. I have said it before. Everyone has something they can write about in their collection. It does not have to be a "classic" item or a "scarce as hens teeth" cover to be worth writing about. Some of the best and most interesting articles I have seen over the years have been about "new" or "common" things.

Try this. Find your favorite item, and write down why it is your favorite. That is the outline of an article. Getting started can be that simple.

As an example, I am doing some research into some of the Alaska Cinderella and local stamps that are out there. I have several but know very little about them. I am going to find out what I can and write up what I find. The first of these will probably appear in the 1st quarter of next year. It should be an interesting hunt.

As we go into fall I can just say have a very good one. Go take in a stamp show someplace and have fun with your hobby. That is the reason for it.





# Alaska's Bingles (what the heck is that?)

**A radio program about Alaskan "coins"**

*by Thomas LaMarre*

*Editor's Note: Recently seen on ebay was a 10¢ denomination Bingle going for \$75.00 and there was also listed a \$5 Bingle that was listed for \$175.00. Not a cheap collectible!*

"North to the Future" is Alaska's state motto. But it could have been the battle cry of hundreds of Midwesterners who invaded Alaska's Matanuska Valley to beat the Depression.

As early as 1898, Congress appropriated money to investigate Alaska's agricultural potential. It recommended the establishment of several experimental farming stations, including one in the rich Matanuska Valley, northeast of Anchorage.

After the 1929 stock market crash, there was renewed interest in "America's last frontier." In 1935, the government sponsored an agricultural colony in Alaska. Hundreds of Midwesterners packed up their belongings and headed there. But the Matanuska Valley Project ran into trouble from the start. Non-stop rain turned the landscape to mud, and families had to live in tents until homes could be built. The colony stumbled along for five agonizing years. In the 1940s, most of the colonists gave up farming to take better-paying defense jobs.

But for coin collectors, the Matanuska Valley Project wasn't a complete failure. Alaskan colonists were issued their own coin substitutes or "tokens." They were called "bingles," and they were issued on the basis of family dependents. Bingles were only good at stores run by the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation—or "ARRC."

There were aluminum "pennies," "nickels," "dimes," "quarters" and "half dollars," and brass \$5 and \$10 tokens. But only a few thousand of most denominations were issued. They had the same design on both sides—the denomination and an inscription that the tokens were good in trade at ARRC stores.

Bingles were only used for six months. Then they were redeemed for regular United States money and destroyed. Those that were kept as souvenirs went on to become valuable collector's items.

This has been "Money Talks." Today's program was written by Thomas LaMarre and underwritten by Whitman Coin Products, a division of Golden Books, providing folders and albums for many popular coin series. "Money Talks" is a copyrighted production of the American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, (719) 632-2646.

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## **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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:eknapp@gci.com).

# New Cancells Reported

## New Cancells from ACC Members

RECEIPT FOR DOMESTIC INSURED PARCEL  
(Not for International Mail)

ADDRESSED FOR DELIVERY AT (P.O., State & ZIP Code)  
EAGLE RIVER, AK 99577

POSTAGE 5.40  
INSURANCE FEE 1.30  
SPECIAL DELIVERY  
SPECIAL HANDLING  
TOTAL 6.70  
INSURANCE \$ 50.00  
MAILING OFFICE  
☐ Fragile ☐ Liquid ☐ Perishable  
POSTMASTER (By)

SENDER - Enter name and address of addressee on the reverse and read information regarding insurance coverage and claims.  
PS Form 3813, January 1991

### KODIAK

Laszlo Hanko emails the following:

Found out a couple of days ago, that the main post office received a new cancel about 3 weeks ago. I maybe able to find out from the postmaster the exact date.

### SITKA, PIONEER STATION

George Hall reports this new cancel from Sitka, Pioneer Station.



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# Delivery Time Over 90 Years Ago

by Seely Hall

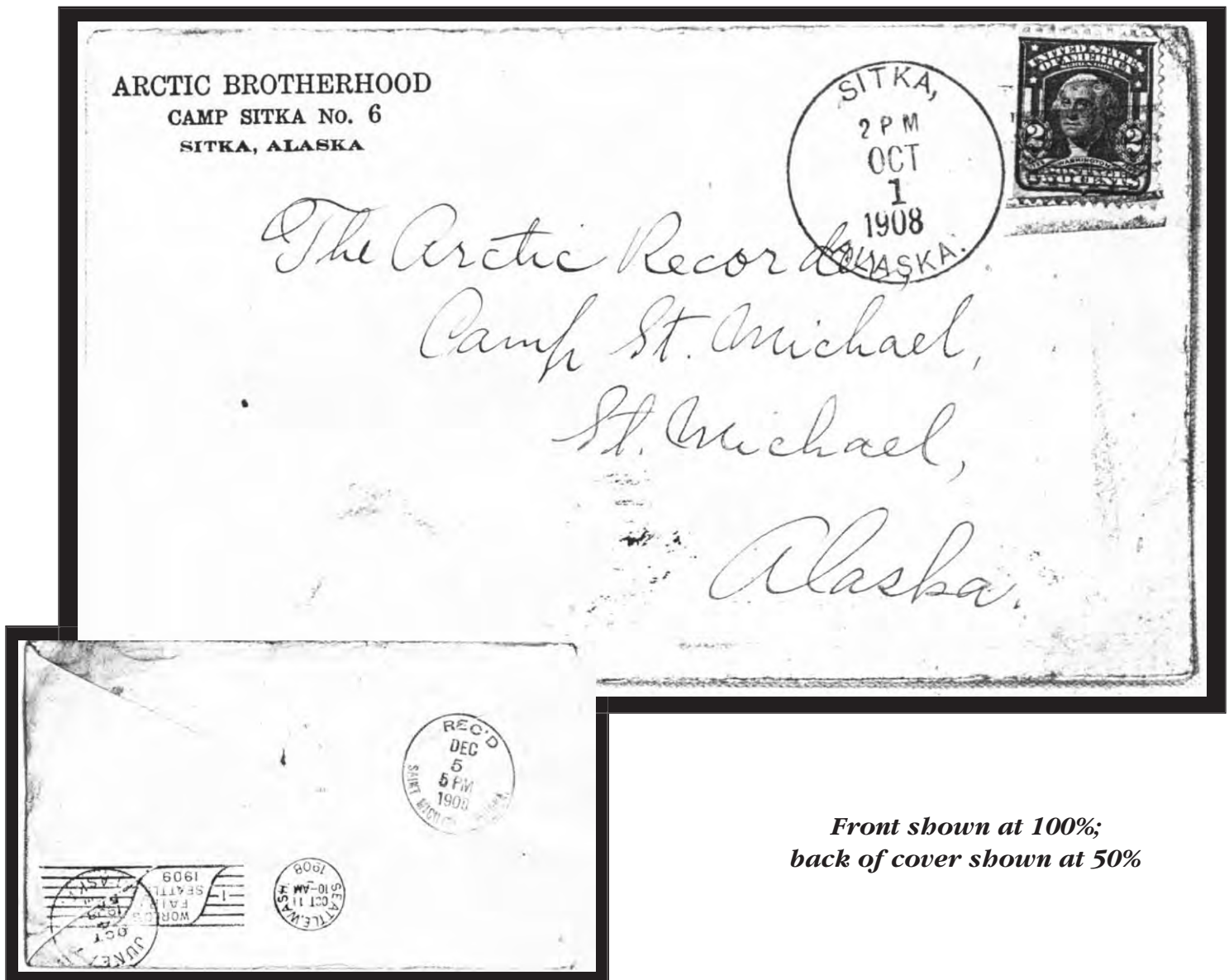
Here we have a 1908 cover from the Arctic Brotherhood, Camp Sitka No. 6 to its recorder in Saint Michael. If mailed today, a delivery time of a few days would be expected, but not in 1908.

Sitka's postmark is a variety of type 18, six bars struck rather than the usual four and in blue ink. Posted Oct. 1, 1908 it traveled by boat to Juneau, backstamped Oct. 4, 1908, presumably type 14 and perhaps carried by Juneau and Sitka RPO. Then rather than going north, it headed south to Seattle on Seattle and Seward RPO or Seattle and Skagway RPO, both in operation in 1908. We see a Seattle backstamp of Oct. 11, 1908, then, at last it headed for Saint Michael.

But how? Regrettably, no backstamp indications are present. A number of RPO's could have carried

this letter. Perhaps Seattle and Kodiak if it made mainland stops, Seattle and Seward and Seattle and Skagway. Being winter, this most likely was carried from a mainland port by dog team in various stages to Saint Michael, finally reaching its destination on Dec. 5, 1908 as indicated by the Saint Michael Rec'd stamp type R-2, and the EKV in Helbock's 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

If it started in Skagway the White Pass and Yukon R.R. could have also entered as a carrier in part. We really have no positive method of determining the exact carriers into and across interior Alaska but dog teams seem the best bet in winter. A delivery time of just over two months doesn't seem unreasonable but oh, how we would complain today!



*Front shown at 100%;  
back of cover shown at 50%*

# Member Questionnaire for Newsletter Article

We're going to try a different tack with this feature. Here is the questionnaire, so now everyone can fill it out and send it in for publication in the newsletter. Please take a few minutes and send this in. We'd love to feature all our members in the newsletter. This is an especially important feature in a club with no regularly scheduled meetings. We will need three things from you:

- 1) this sheet with you filled in answers (add other sheets as necessary),
- 2) a recent photo of you (prefer clear, well- focused and good contrast photos), and
- 3) a color photocopy of your favorite piece of Alaskan Postal History.

Please drop all those things in the mail back to me at:

**Angela Watson • P.O. Box 3262 • San Diego, CA 92162. *Thanks!***

1. Please list your name place of residence and age: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did you become a stamp collector? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What about Alaska Philately interests you the most? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What specialties within Alaska Philately do you collect? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What other countries or areas do you collect? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What other philatelic study groups or organizations are you a member of? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Tell us about your favorite piece of Alaskan Postal History (include the color copy so we can scan and add to your article). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Anything else you want to tell us about yourself (other hobbies, interests, favorite curse word, etc?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Legendary Barrow in the Far North Redux

by Hal Vogel

The rerunning of Dr. Miller's Postal History Series (concerning Alaska) in current issues of TAP is both a tribute to the insight of TAP's present editor and the original series' author (Ralph A. Miller).

Although these columns that first appeared in *Western Stamp Collector* are nearly a half-century old, they still are vibrant with poise and potent with Alaska postal history detail. They are as fresh and vital today as they must have been in the mid-20th Century.

Figures 1-4 provide illustrations and support some elaboration to the last Miller reprint that had Barrow, Alaska, as its subject. Although noting the evolution of how other than natives came to know about Barrow, there was no mention of its name derivation. This most northerly American post office was renamed by an 1825-28 British expedition. Frederick William Beechey aboard *HMS Blossom*, in support of John Franklin's Arctic land expedition, had entered the Bering Strait in the summer of 1825.

It must have been around 23 August 1825, when *Blossom* reached Point Barrow, that Beechey probably contemplated what he would call this place. The natives there already had a name for it (Nuwuk). This did not stand in the way of his renaming it after the energetic Second Secretary of the Admiralty, John Barrow.

If it needed a new name, 'Barrow' probably would have been fitting. Sir John became renowned for his vigorous support of exploring expeditions in the first half of the 19th Century, especially those by the British Navy to the Polar Regions.

Figure 1 is mail officially (free franked) sent by John Barrow (his baronetcy would be bestowed the following year) 8 May 1829 to Major Cooke-Lisle in Retford (Nottinghamshire) during the first half of his long Admiralty civil service career. Secretary Barrow, known for his tireless dedication to duty, must have been working late on the 8th. That style of free frank cancellation is identified as the one usually used for "evening duty" postings.

Free franks had to be countersigned by an official authorized their use. Barrow's signature appears in the cover's lower left. This would have been mailed shortly after the Second Secretary had been honored with the renaming of this most northerly U.S. Arctic village.

The Miller reprint about Barrow also mentions what seems to be the first official United States attempt to survey this region of Arctic North America. This would be the five-vessel 1853-56 U.S. North Pacific Exploring Expedition under (then) Lt. John Rodgers. The Alaska Arctic portion of this squadron's surveying occurred in the summer of 1855.

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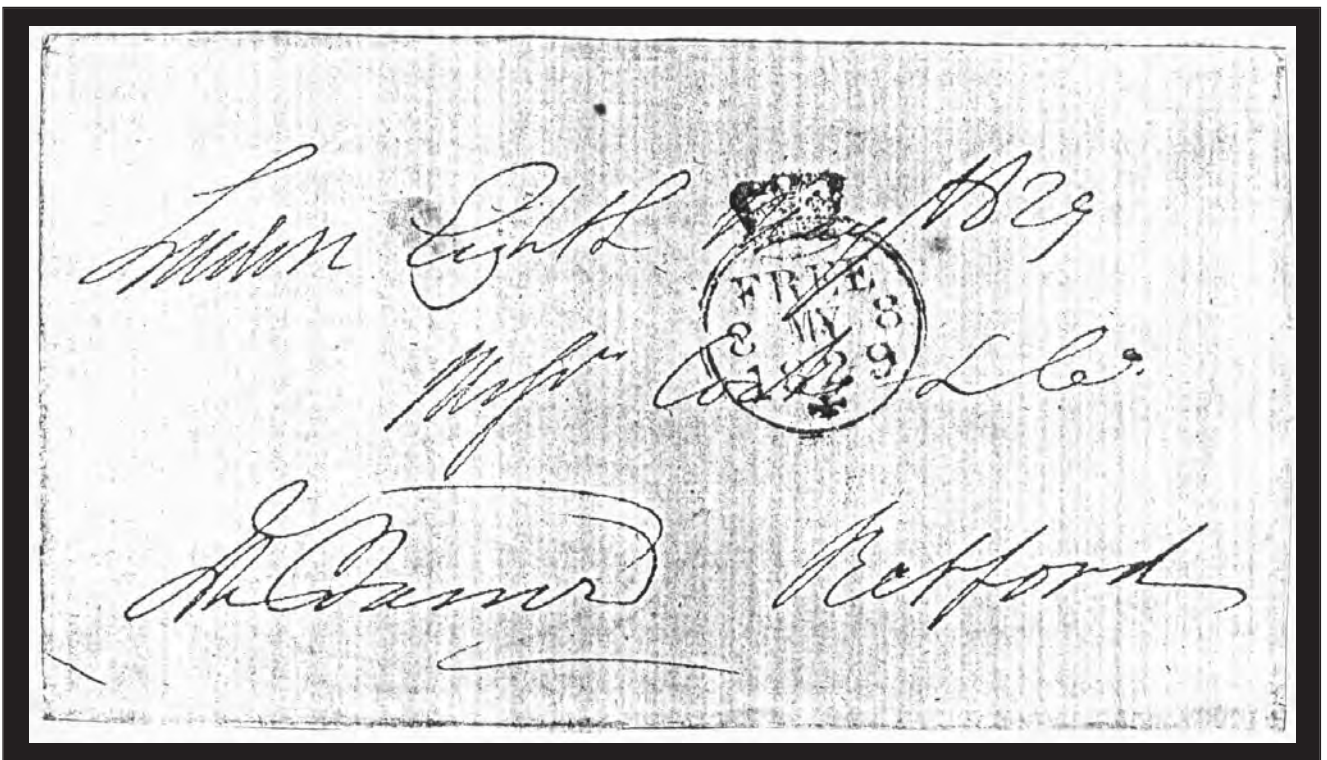


figure 1. (shown at 75%)

# More on Barrow's History

from page 68

Figure 2 was mailed from New York 10 April 1853 from the Assistant Surgeon aboard one of the expedition's five vessels (*USS Porpoise*). It bears a "5cts" version of the post office's cancellation, indicating that it was not sent prepaid. Otherwise, it only would have been charged three cents for its delivery to James Stuart's mother (fig. 3) in Harrisburg, PA.

The USN Surgeon apparently was looking forward to a "great Expedition" (fig. 4) as he remarks (fig. 3)

that they were about to leave for Norfolk, from where the expedition officially would depart. Surgeon Stuart's enthusiasm in his pre-departure mail from the expedition no doubt was severely dampened late in 1854.

*Porpoise* was lost at sea just prior to its rendezvous with the rest of the squadron for movement into the far North Pacific. Surgeon Stuart and the rest of the crew never were recovered.

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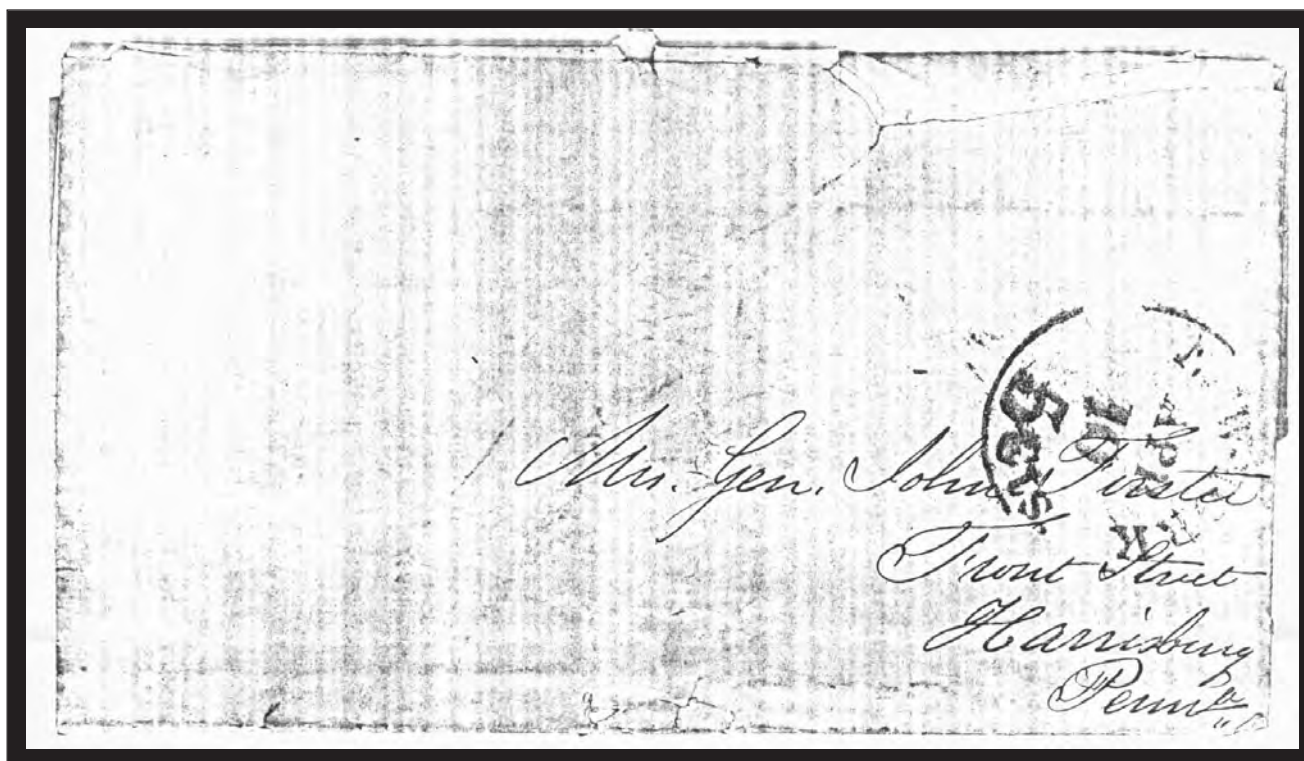


figure 2. (shown at 75%)

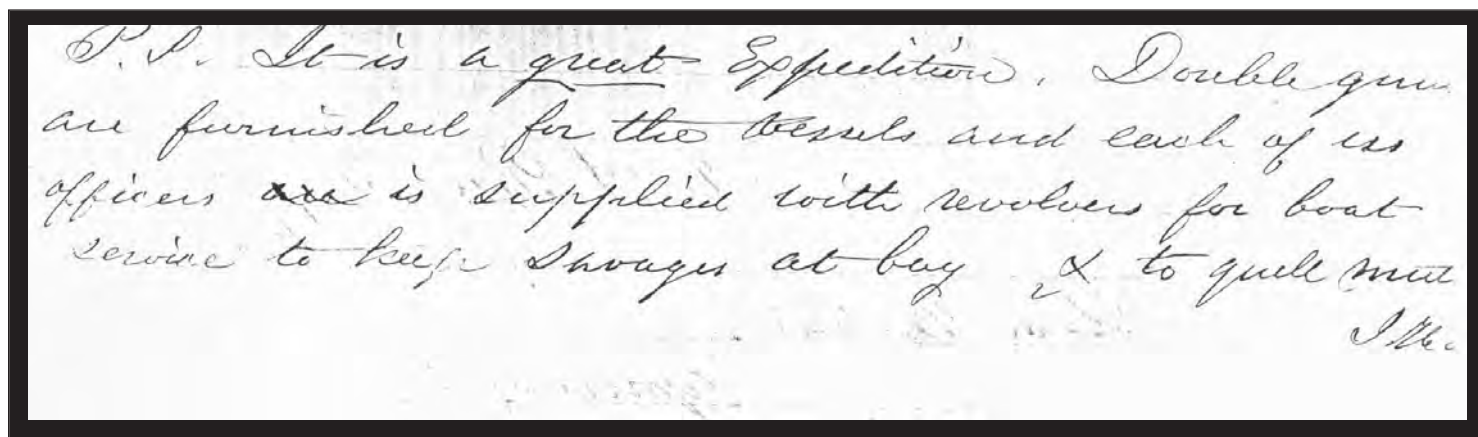


figure 4. (shown at 75%)



# More on Barrow's History

from page 69

U. S. Brig Porpoise Apr. 9.  
1853.

Dear Mother,

Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> came to hand to day. I have only to add to my letter of last night that I'm just as busy as one man well can be, getting aboard and examining instruments, making out inventories, &c. &c. Not having yet procured a steward, I am obliged to do twice as much writing as the other medical officers who make their stewards act as clerks as well as apothecaries. — Things are still progressing as usual. One of our Lieutenants came near being <sup>by accidental discharge</sup> shot with his own revolver this morning & thereby giving me my first gun shot case. I told him it was a punishment for shooting two barrels of it at deserters night before last, but he seemed to think deserters fair game.

I told you about my probably remaining aboard till we got to Norfolk. — By the way, don't dispose of that bedding. I may need some of it yet. Love to all.

Yours in haste affectionately

James H. Stuart

Mrs. Gen. John Foster

Harrisburg, Pa.

figure 3. (shown at 70%)

# More Questions About Alaska's Post Offices

*Editor's Note: This is a compilation of questions from several emails from Dirk and myself. I hope our membership can help with some of these questions.*

I got the latest TAP, thanks for publishing the open letter! Hopefully something will happen. I am still building on my catalog and come occasionally across more question marks.

Here are a few:

## **Chickaloon.**

It reopened in 1985 as a CPO, but what is the parent PO?

## **Badger Road, CPO of Fairbanks.**

Still open? If not, when closed?

## **Chignik Lagoon.**

Independent, a CPO or a Rural Branch? If not independent, what is the parent PO?

## **Clear AFB Branch.**

Of what? Clear or Fairbanks? Open since? Still open?

## **Coffman Cove.**

CPO of which office?

## **Fairbanks, College Branch.**

Active? or when closed?

## **Currys Corner, Rural Branch Fairbanks.**

Opened in 1959 or later? Still open?

## **Edna Bay.**

Branch of ?? reopened since 1993 or earlier?

## **English Bay, Rural Branch of Homer.**

Opened 1973, closed 1974, reopened ?, closed 1978, reopened 1989, closed 1992.

## **Fairbanks, Federal Station.**

It opened in 1968 and closed in 1978. I have cancels dating 1988 and 1989. When did it reopen? Still open?

## **Fairbanks University Branch.**

Did it close in 1993? Or earlier or later?

## **Fritz Creek.**

Contract Branch of ?

## **Galena Air Force Base.**

When did that branch of Seattle, WA open?

## **Girdwood.**

I suspect it closed sometime in the late 1990's. Is that the case? If so, when did it close?

## **Juneau Contract Branch No 1.**

Open? when closed?

## **Juneau Contract Branch No 2.**

When opened? when closed?

## **Juneau Contract Branch No 3.**

When opened?

## **Kasaan.**

When opened? (could be 1993). Still open? Branch or CPO of ?

## **Ketchikan Contract Station No 1.**

Open? if not, when closed?

## **Ketchikan Contract Station No 2.**

When opened? still open? if not, when closed?

## **King Salmon APO.**

When opened?

## **Kodiak Eastside CPU.**

Did it open in 1993 or earlier?

## **Marshall: CPO or Rural Branch?**

If so, what is the parent PO?

## **Nikolski.**

Closed? if so, when closed?

## **Pitkas Point.**

When closed (must be before 1986)?

## **Shemya AFB.**

When opened?

## **Sitka Contract Station No 1.**

When opened? Still open? If not, when closed?

## **Sitka Pioneer Station.**

Closed in 1987, reopened in 1988 ?, still open? if not, when closed?

## **Spenard, Station of Anchorage.**

When closed?

## **Wasilla Contract Station No 1.**

Open? if not, when closed?

## **Wasilla Contract Station No 2.**

When opened? still open? If not, when closed?

## **Wasilla Contract Station No 3.**

Still open? If not, when closed?

## **Wildwood, Branch of Kenai.**

Was open from 1961-1970. Any postmark seen?

In the catalog I am progressing steadily, I have now about 1650 scans (with about 1775 to go, but I will never get them all, I will be quite happy if I am left with about 100 'holes', so in reality I am about half way). In the postmarks themselves I am farthest with about 1600 out of 2760 done (95% towns A-M), none of the precancels and just a few of the meters, pvi-labels, etc. are scanned.

If you do want to publish my questions again, the Internet address to the catalog has changed to [www.esveld.nl/alaska/alaska.htm](http://www.esveld.nl/alaska/alaska.htm) (there is a referral page on the old address)

Best regards,  
Dirk van Gelderen



# Letter from Teller about the Airship Norge

by Per Ravensborg-Gjertsen

**Letter from Teller (Alaska) to Rome on May 16, 1926 on Arrival of the Airship "NORGE" after the transpolar Flight Spitsbergen-Alaska across the North Pole by Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile.**

In order to take photos from the arrival of the airship "NORGE" in Teller, Alaska after the flight from Spitsbergen via the North Pole and get news and information about the flight directly from the crew, two airplanes arrived near the landing place on May 16 1926 from Fairbanks. These airplanes were the Standard J-I Biplane "FAIRBANKS 1" of Fairbanks Airplane Corporation with Joe Crosson and Andrew Hufford and the Bennett-Rodebaugh's Waco 9, flown by A.A. Bennett and Ed Young. The first plane was chartered by Pathe News and the New York Times and the latter by International News Reel. Both planes arrived in Teller about noon, only to stay there a few hours before returning to Fairbanks via Nome.

Several members of the "NORGE"-crew requested the pilots to take personal mail with them on the flight back to Fairbanks, to send them from there or from a still better

place for Europe, as mail sent from Teller would take further weeks. How many letters and cards the two pilots took with them in their airplanes. I do not know.

**This letter, sent by the mechanics Renato Alessandrini to his wife/mother (?) in Rome, was taken with on one of these two planes from Teller on May 16, 1926, as stated in writing on the front of the cover. It bears US-postage of totalling 5 cents and has been post-stamped the following day "FAIRBANKS, ALASKA/9 PM/17 MAY/1926." On the backside arrival-postmark "ROMA CENTRO/10-II/14-VI 1926" has been applied, together with a transit-stamp " / 5 / " (?) and the Italian "NORGE" vignette, stamped with the oval violet expedition-cachet.**

In order to give a better view of the chartered routings of these two airplanes, I refer here to their log-books, established from details in *Alaskan Aviation History, Volume One* by Robert W. Stevens, as follows:

## A.) Fairbanks Airplane Corporation

Standard i-I	FAIRBANKS I		
* Fairbanks	start	May 15	4.00 PM
* Ruby	arrival	May 15	late afternoon
* Ruby	start	May 16	early morning
* Nome arrival I	start	May 16	morning / 10.45 AM
* Teller	arrival	May 16	12.00 AM
* Teller	start	May 16	05.30 PM
* Nome	arrival	May 16	06.30 PM
* Nome	start	May 17	10.00 AM
* Fairbanks	arrival	May 17	06.25 PM

Material from Teller with that airplane was transfered in Fairbanks and sent by train to Seaward and from there by steamer "S.S. ALASKA" to Seattle. arriving on May 28

## B.) Bennett-Rodebaugh-Waco 9

* Fairbanks	start	May 16	03.00 AM
* Ruby	arrival/start	May 16	05.45 AM / 09.00 AM
* Nome	arrival / start	May 16	12.20 PM / short after
* Teller	arrival	May 16	01.30 PM



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# From Teller to Rome via Airship

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*	Teller	start	May16	06.00 PM
*	Nome	arrival	May 16	06.45 PM
*	Nome	start	May 17	10.00 AM
*	Ruby	arrival / start	May 17	03.05 PM / 03.25 PM
*	Fairbanks	arrival	May17	06.15 PM

A few days later. Bennett and Young continued their flight:

*	Fairbanks	start	May 20	1245 PM
*	Dawson (Yukon)	arrival	May 20	05.55 PM
*	Dawson (Yukon)	start	May 21	07.00 AM
*	Whitehorse (Yu.)	arrival	May 21	evening

The two airmen arrived in time to make their connection to the ship from Skagway to Alert Bay (B.C.) on May 23. Here the films were taken over on May 27 by an airplane chartered from Seattle, piloted by Eddie Hubbard and T.G. Randolph of International News Reel as passenger, bound for Seattle again. Randolph brought the material on to Pasco (Wa.) in a car to reach the eastbound post-airplane to New York on the same day.

I have the following open questions, hoping fellow-members can help me answer:

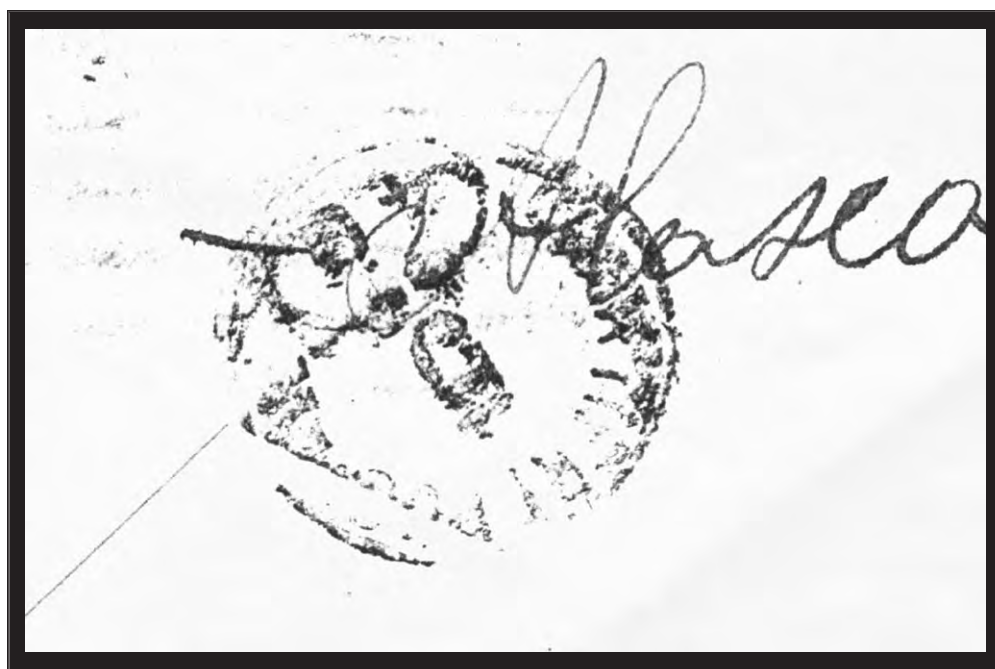
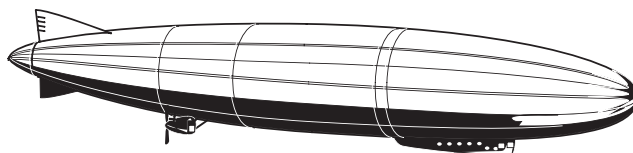
- 1.) Are similar letters/cards sent from Teller by the "NORGE"-crew known to somebody? If so, please send me photocopy of both sides of such items.
- 2.) Is it known which plane and pilot or took both planes such mail for the "NORGE"-crew with him/ them from Teller to Fairbanks?
- 3.) Can anybody help me with the complete text of the transit-poststamp and/or from which place it is?
- 4.) What is the probable way the letter took from Fairbanks to place of shipment to Europe and Rome (1926)?
- 5.) From which US-cities were regular ship-services taking mail to South-Europe in 1926 and particularly during May 17 until June 10?

If you can help, please answer to:

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# AUCTION

## Closing Date: November 30, 2003

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Phone: (703) 605-5261 • days; (20) 466-7186 • evenings. E-mail: [cgsarchxx@aol.com](mailto:cgsarchxx@aol.com)**Please bid in increments of 25 cents.****Use Bid  
Sheet on  
Page 83!****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. Akiak {S.W.} (6/4/25) T1. Cancel on an insured parcel tag from Felder - Gale & Co. in Bethel. Scott #557 & #570! VG. R = \$65.00.
2. Akutan (5/7/53) T1. Plain postcard. F.
3. Alakanuk (11/10/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station #12 Sticker to Cover. VF.

**Lot 3**

9. Central (10/8/88) Special cancel, cachet & II for new Post Office dedication. VF.
10. Chicken (10/15/33) T3 as BS on cover mailed from New York. F. R = \$2.50.
11. Chiniak CPO {Kodiak} (5/3/88) 4BC on 15-cent post card. VF.
12. Chugiak (8/2/54) T1. Airmail Gov. postal card, PMS. VF.
13. Circle (10/28/41) T6 (blue ink) to Fairbanks (10/28/41) T21-BS. VF. R = \$3.00.
4. Aleknagik (9/15/55) T2. Revalued Gov. postal card. VF.
5. Aleknagik (11/14/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station #7 Sticker to Cover. F.
6. Alitak (5/19/43) T2-DPO. Censored plain postcard. VF. R = \$8.50.
7. Barrow (3/20/35) T11. EAMC to Nome (4/10/35) T22-BS. F. R = \$4.50.
8. Candle (4/20/35) T3-DPO. EAMC to Unalakleet. F. R = \$2.75.
14. Clear (12/2/88) 4BC Special Air Force Missile Wing cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.
15. Cold Bay (9/26/60) 4BC. VF.
16. Cooper Landing (1/12/59) 4BC, early Statehood use. C-10 sized env. F.

**Lot 14**



17. Cordova & Kodiak RPO West (8/20/39) on plain postcard back stamped with Purser Bruce Knowles hand stamp. VF. R = \$6.00.



**Lot 17**

18. Council (6/15/52) T8-DPO. VF. R = \$3.00.  
 19. Craig (5/15/41) T6. VG-F. R = \$1.50.  
 20. Crooked Creek (12/3/31) T1. EAMC to Sleetmute (12/6/31) T2-BMS, PMS. F. R = \$9.50.  
 21. Crooked Creek (10/7/39) T1. Great hand-painted Tobin cachet. VF. R = \$9.00.  
 22. Curry (10/3/58) T6-DPO. F. R = \$1.50.  
 23. Dan Creek (4/30/32) T1-DPO (blue ink). VF. R = \$50.00.  
 24. Dot Lake Rural Station, Delta Junction (11/24/75) 4BC. VF. R = \$2.00.  
 25. Denali National Park CPO (3/27/84) DCC. PMS. VF.  
 26. Eagle (2/14/39) T7 EAMC Fairbanks (3/10/39) T15. F. R = \$3.50  
 27. Eklutna (11/11/42) T3-DPO. Censored. VF. R = \$10.00.  
 28. Ester (8/27/88) Special cancel, cachet & II for new Post Office dedication. VF.  
 29. Fairbanks (8/3/07) T5. Super postcard of a Dog Team. F+ R = \$17.50.  
 30. Fairbank (3/4/10) T11. Great postcard of the "2<sup>nd</sup> run of ice". F. R = \$6.00.  
 31. Fairbanks (11/16/38) T15. Great "Last Frinter/Totem" cachet. F+. R = \$2.50.  
 32. Fairbanks (3/29/??) unlisted DCC cancel. Like T22, but no "registered". F. R = \$14.50.



**Lot 32**

33. Fairbanks (4/24/43) T15. Censored. F. R = \$2.50.  
 34. Fairbanks (10/6/46) T24. Super Sourdough Gold Panning cachet from the "Bank of Fairbanks; C-10 sized env. R = \$3.00.

35. Fairbanks, Currys Corner Rural Br. (6/14/75) DCC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 10 Sticker to Cover. VF. R = \$3.00.  
 36. Fairbanks, Deadhorse Br. (5/23/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 10 Sticker to Cover. VF. R = \$1.50.  
 37. Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright Br. (10/13/76) DCC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 8 Sticker to Cover. VF. R = \$2.00.  
 38. Fairbanks (5/2/84) Special cancel, cachet, and II for the visit of Pope John Paul II & President Reagan. 3 identical covers in this lot. VF. R = \$2.25.  
 39. Fort Richardson (1/20/42) MC. Hand-carved cork provisional censor mark! VF. R = \$35.00.



**Lot 39**

40. Fort Richardson 1953 APO cancel. 175<sup>th</sup> Signal Service Co. QSL card "KL7ARR". VF. R = \$11.00.  
 41. Girdwood (8/4/54) T3. Airmail Gov. postal card, PMS. VF.  
 42. Golovin (11/10/36) T5-DPO. Gov postal card; PMS. F. R = \$3.25.  
 43. Gulkana (3/3/37) T3-DPO. EAMC to Nabesna (3/26/37) T1-DPO-BS. F. R = \$5.00.  
 44. Haines (5/31/10) T3. VG-F. R = \$4.00.  
 45. Haines (2/28/36) T8. F. R = \$1.50.  
 46. Haycock (6/22/53) T3-DPO. Plain postcard. VF. R = \$2.00.  
 47. Hogatza (4/20/57) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.25.  
 48. Holy Cross (6/10/41) T3. Hand made cross cachet. F. R = \$3.50.  
 49. Homer (7/14/35) T5 - earlier than listed! F. R = \$2.50.  
 50. Hood Bay (11/29/57) T2 (last day of use listed)-DPO. F. R = \$2.50.



**Lot 50**



51. Hydaburg (7/15/41) T5, earlier than listed. Great Vitus Bearing - Alexi Chirikof "Discovery of Alaska" cachet. F. R = \$7.75.
52. 1911 Iditarod (9/18/11) T2-DPO. VG-F. R = \$72.50.
53. Juneau (10/4/21) T21. Has a letter from Territorial Governor Boone's wife to her son. "Governors House" embossed on back of env. VG; opened rough. R = \$12.50.
54. Juneau (1/4/22) T21. Has a letter from Territorial Governor Boone's wife to her son. "B" wax seal on back of env. VG; opened rough. R = \$10.00.
55. Juneau (5/3/38) T30 1st Flight cachet to Fairbanks (5/3/38) T19-BS. F. R = \$2.25.
56. Juneau (6/21/40) T32 1st Flight cachet to Seattle. VF. R = \$2.00.
57. Juneau (5/6/61) 4BC. Special PANEX II cachet. VF. R = \$4.50.
58. Kasigluk (1/19/62) 4BC. First Day of new Post Office. VF. R = \$1.50.
59. Ketchikan (2/23/49) T13. Great "Last Frontier/Bear" cachet; #800. F. R = \$2.25.
60. Ketchikan (6/22/40) T13. 1st Flight cachet to Seattle. VF. R = \$2.00.
61. Ketchikan (11/17/47) T13. Great color Alaska Magazine cachet & Dec. 4 "Take Out" hand stamp. VF. R = \$4.50.
62. Ketchikan (6/22/48) T13. Great Fire Engine cachet for the local Volunteer Fire Department. C-10 sized env. F. R = \$7.50.



**Lot 62**

63. Luckyshot (8/15/22) T1-DPO. Censored plain postcard. VF. R = \$7.50.



**Lot 63**

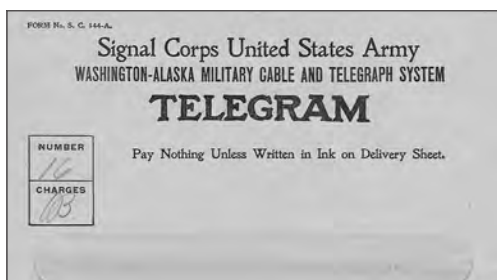
64. McKinley Park (6/3/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 1 Sticker to Cover. VF.

65. Manokotak (4/1/60) 4BC. First Day cancel on plain postcard. VF.
66. Mead River (2/1/51) T1-DPO. VF. R = \$5.00.
67. Metlakatla (4/4/55) T6. Nonphilatelic. F.
68. Minto (1/31/55) T1. Nonphilatelic. F.
69. Moose Pass (10/18/56) T5, earlier than listed! Non philatelic. F. R = \$2.00.
70. Moses Point (5/2/55) T1-DPO. Nonphilatelic. R = \$1.75.
71. Mountain Village (1/17/39) T1 EAMC (great cachet) to Hooper Bay (1/22/39) T1-BS. VF. R = \$6.00.
72. Mountain Village (3/15/58) T2. Nonphilatelic VF.
73. Naknek (12/3/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 4 Sticker to Cover. VF.
74. Naknek (12/3/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 11 Sticker to Cover. VF.
75. Napakiak (5/1/61) 4BC. First Day Cancel; Great "Moose/ Last Frontier" cachet. VF. R = \$3.00.
76. Napakiak (12/31/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 3 Sticker to Cover. VF.
77. New Knock Hock (9/1/50) T1-DPO. First Day of then new PO. VF. R = \$5.00.
78. Nightmute (9/1/52) T1-DPO. First Day of then new PO. VF. R = \$5.00.
79. Noatak (6/23/53) T1. Plain postcard. VF.
80. Noatak (1/5/59) 4BC. Early Statehood use; Gov. postal card. VF.
81. Nome (10/4/07) T10. Real photo postcard, family on dogsled. F. R = \$7.50.
82. Nome (10/4/07) T10. Real photo postcard, family in town. F. R = \$7.50.
83. Nome (3/23/85) Special "Gold Rush City/Dogsled cancel". Real photo cachet of Musher and dogsled; 2 covers in lot. VF. R = \$3.25.
84. Northway (9/9/42) T1. Censored plain postcard. VF. R = \$4.50.
85. Nulato (12/30/50) T7 on block of 4, \$1.00 Woodrow Wilson stamps off cover. F. R = \$3.50.
86. Nunapitchuk (11/10/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 10 Sticker to Cover. VF.
87. Nyac (5/7/56) T3-DPO. Nonphilatelic. F. R = \$2.00.
88. Oslo, Norway & Fairbanks Alaska (5/29/51) cancels on special airmail polar flight postcard for the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. VF. R = \$7.50.
89. Pelican (10/21/53) T1. Plain postcard. F.
90. Petersburg (2/6/75) MC. Corner card for the Five Finger Light House. F. R = \$2.50.
91. Pilot Station (1/6/59) 4BC. Early Statehood use; Gov. postal card. VF.
92. Point Baker (3/12/43) T1. Censored plain postcard. VF. R = \$3.75.
93. Point Hope (6/24/53) T1. Plain postcard. F.

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94. Point Lay (5/28/58) T1-DPO. VF. R = \$1.75.
95. Port Alexander (6/12/59) 4BC. Early Statehood use; Gov. postal card. F.
96. Port Alsworth (3/14/62) 4BC. Nonphilatelic. VF.
97. Port Ashton (10/14/52) T1-DPO. First Day of then new PO. F+. R = \$2.00.
98. Port Ashton (12/4/52) T1-DPO EAMC (great cachet) to Chitina. VF. R = \$3.75.
99. Port Graham (11/9/53) T1-DPO. Plain postcard. F. R = \$1.75.
100. Quinhagak (3/25/35) T3 EAMC to Fairbanks (3/28/35) T18-BS. VF. R = \$4.00.
101. Rampart (2/8/38) T6-DPO. EAMC to Anchorage (3/1/38) T8-BS. F. R = \$3.25.
102. St. Michael (2/8/07) Rec'd. as BS on cover from Spokane, WA. F. R = \$3.75.
103. Saint Paul Island (6/27/55) T1. Nonphilatelic. F+.
104. Saltchuck (5/11/25) T1-DPO. VG ("ck" missing in cancel). R = \$34.00.
105. Salt Lake City, Utah (10/11/48) MC. Great Crosby embossed cachet with an Alaska map and a real photo insert of Mt. Iliamna. F. R = \$6.50.
106. Sand Point (10/25/58) T7. F.
107. Savoonga (7/2/53) T3. Plain postcard. VF.
108. Seattle, WA (6/20/40) MC. 1<sup>st</sup> flight cachet to Ketchikan. VF. R = \$2.25.
109. Seattle & Seward RPO S. (9/14/30) Rubber stamp, SS Aleutian. F. R = \$7.50.
110. Seattle & Seward RPO N. (2/20/35) Rubber stamp and signed "Washington's Birthday" cachet, SS Western. F. R = \$7.50.
111. Seattle & Seward RPO N. (2/15/36) Cachet, SS Victoria. F. R = \$7.50.
112. Seattle & Seward RPO N. (10/9/40) Rubber stamp RPO & ship. F. R = \$4.00.
113. Seattle & Seward RPO S. (11/16/41) VF. R = \$2.75.
114. Seward (4/30/07) Rec'd. cancel on postcard from WA. F. R = \$5.00.
115. Sheldon Point (2/7/61) 4BC-DPO. Gov. postal card. F-VF. R = \$1.50.
116. Shishmareff (11/1/38) T2. Great cachet for the First "All Alaska Airmail"; Juneau (11/2/38) T26-BS. Eskimo PMS in Shishmareff. F-VF. R = \$7.50.
117. Sitka (3/16/43) T2. Great Crosby embossed/picture insert cachet of Sitka; old censor tape. F+. R = \$6.50.
118. Skagway (8/3/10) T13. Totem/grazing cows postcard. F. R = \$3.25.
119. Sterling (7/13/56) T2. Nonphilatelic, airmail. F-VF.
120. Takotna (4/26/39) T2. Nonphilatelic; Scott # 800. F. R = \$2.00.
121. Tarketna (10/11/36) T2 EAMC to Yenta (3/1/37) T2 (DPO)-BS. F. R = \$4.50.
122. Telegraph Creek, BC (8/8/61) Registered to Wrangell (8/16/61) BS. Great Hudson's Bay Co./Flag cachet on C-10 env. F+. R = \$8.50.
123. Tok Junction (12/4/53) T1-DPO. Plain postcard. F. R = \$2.00.
124. Tolovana (12/11/53) T4-DPO. Plain postcard. VF. R = \$2.00.
125. Treadwell (8/21/05) T1-DPO. Pacific Coast Steamship postcard. VF. R = \$18.00.
126. Unalaska (7/5/79) 4BC. Plain postcard with SS Pres. Johnson rubber stamp. VF.
127. Unga (12/12/45) T6-DPO. F. R = \$2.00.
128. Valdez (11/10/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 1 Sticker to Cover. VF.
129. Vancouver, BC (1/5/40) MC on US stamp. Also canceled by large hand stamp, Princess Norah RPO (1/2/40) on Vancouver - Skagway run. F. R = \$20.00.
130. Venetie (3/16/52) T2. Plain postcard, FD of reopened PO. VF. R = \$1.50.
131. Wacker (10/29/49) T3-DPO. EAMC (nice cachet) to Barrow. Assessed postage due (no PD stamps affixed). VF. R = \$5.00.
132. Wainwright (5/15/43) T2. Censored dog team mail, PMS. VF. R = \$4.00.
133. Wainwright (3/27/73) 4BC. Great map cachet, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv Jarvis Relief Expd. F.
134. Wales (6/26/53) T3. Plain postcard. F.
135. Wasilla (9/29/34) T3. Nonphilatelic. F. R = \$3.50.
136. Wasilla (11/8/75) 4BC ties Alyeska Pump Station # 1 Sticker to Cover. VF.
137. Whittier (11/7/49) T1-DPO. Petersburg postcard. F. R = \$2.25.
138. Yakutat (2/16/42) T6. Return address for a Sergeant at the Yakutat Landing Field; unusual Censored mark. F-VF. R = \$25.00.
139. APO 976 {Northway}(10/31/44) 4BC. VF. R = \$4.50.

**Lot 140**

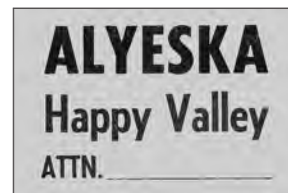
- 140. US Army Signal Corps, Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System, Telegram envelope. Used, but no postmark. VF. R = \$7.50.
- 141. US Navy 13608 Unit 1 {Adak} (1/23/57) 4BC. F. R = \$3.00.
- 142. US Navy FPO 96507 {Amchitka} (10/19/91) DCC. VF.
- 143. "Christus Rex" an unusual ship cachet for a tour in Alaskan waters. The cover is franked with the Alaska stamp and canceled in Barrow (7/31/38) T10, Wainwright (8/2/38) T1, Tigara (8/8/38) T1-DPO, and Kotzebue (8/10/38) T6 (later than listed) Unusual item. R = \$8.50.

**Lot 143**

- 144. USS Oglala @ Yoke Cove, Aleutians (7/23/34) 3BC. Aleutian survey cachet. F. R = \$5.50.
- 145. USS Sedge, "Workhorse of the Black Fleet" signed cachet. At Homer (9/28/93) 4BC. VF. R = \$2.50.
- 146. USS Sedge, "Workhorse of the Black Fleet" cachet. At Anchorage (10/3/95) MC. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 147. USCG Cutter Storist cachet. At Kodiak (1/23/91) MC. F. R = \$2.00.
- 148. USCG Cutter Suprtcen, FPO Seattle clerk signed at Anchorage (1/25/78) MC. F. R = \$2.00.
- 149. USS Tanager & Dutch Harbor (5/21/34) 3BC. Roessler env. F. R = 5.00.
- 150. Four mint Plate # Blocks of 4 of the Alaska Stamp, Scott # 800. F+. R = \$2.50.
- 151. 4 mint Plate # Bocks of 4 of the Statehood stamp, Scott # C-53. F- VF. R = \$2.00.
- 152. 4 mint Plate # Blocks of 4, Alaska Purchase stamp, Scott # C-70. VF. R = \$2.00.

- 153. Mint plate # Block of 4; \$5.00 1985 Alaska Waterfowl stamp. VF. R = \$ 27.50.
- 154. 14 different small town territorial postmarks on cover. F. R = \$6.00.

*The following 23 lots are unused stickers from locations associated with the Alyeska oil pipline. Reserve is only 75¢ each!*

**Lot 161**

- 155. Alyeska, Glenallen (white on dark green).
- 156. Alyeska, Prospect (black on bright lime green).
- 157. Alyeska, Livengood (bright red on blood red).
- 158. Alyeska, Tonsina (red-pink).
- 159. Alyeska, Oldman (purple on white).
- 160. Alyeska, Chandalar (white on brown).
- 161. Alyeska, Happy Valley (Black on bright yellow).
- 162. Alyeska, Fairbanks (black on white).
- 163. Alyeska, Franklin (green on white).
- 164. Alyeska, Sheep Creek (bright yellow on green).
- 165. Alyeska, Isabel Pass (orange on black).
- 166. Alyeska, AT1gun (blue on white).
- 167. Alyeska, Pump Station #1, Surfco (red on white).
- 168. Alyeska, Pump St. # 10 (red on pink).
- 169. Alyeska, Dietrich (black on orange).
- 170. Alyeska, Crazy Horse (white on purple).
- 171. Alyeska, Delta (white on orange-brown).
- 172. Alyeska, 5 mile (black on hot pink).
- 173. Alyeska, Deadhorse (red on white).
- 174. Alyeska, Valdez Terminal (yellow on rust brown).
- 175. Alyeska, Cold Foot (black on orange).
- 176. Alyeska, Toolik (white on black).
- 177. Alyeska, Galbraith (black on blue).

**The following 110 lots are from a collection of Alaskan First Day Covers. There are numerous cachets (including several hand-painted) that I have tried to describe. Many are also signed. Ask for photocopies or scans if you need more information.**

*The Following 7 lots are FDC's for the Alaska Stamp, Scott # 800, postmarked Juneau on (11/12/37). The artist is listed and the cachet on each cover is described.*

- 178. Grimsland, Mendenhal Glacier cachet. R = \$4.50.
- 179. Laird, "6 little arctic natives" cachet. VF. R = \$3.50.
- 180. Royal, Gold panning cachet. VF. R = \$6.00.
- 181. Laird, Muir Glacier cachet. VF. R = \$4.00.
- 182. Territorial Seal cachet. VF. R = \$3.50.
- 183. Fidelity, Mt. McKinley cachet. F. R = \$4.00.
- 184. Holland, map cachet. VF. R = \$6.00.



185. Juneau (1/3/59) FD cancel, Statehood stamp. Artcraft map cachet. VF.
186. Seattle, WA (4/25/62) FD Space Needle/World's Fair stamp. Alaska map/rocket cachet from the Alaska Collectors Club. VF. R = \$3.25.
187. Anchorage (12/15/64) FD Amateur Radio. Artmaster, radio cachet. R = \$2.00.
188. Anchorage ((12/15/64) FD Amateur Radio. Anchorage Philatelic Society "KL7/Map" cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
189. Anchorage (12/15/64) FD Amateur Radio. Unusual, "Quake-shaken" cabin with radio antenna cachet; "KL7". VF. R = \$4.50.
190. Sitka (3/30/67) FD 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of purchase. Artcraft cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.
191. Anchorage (1/20/78) Captain Cook FD. Also franked with the 1937 Alaska stamp and statehood stamp. Colorano "Silk" cachet. VF. R = \$3.75.
192. Anchorage (1/20/78) Captain Cook FD. Fleetwood ship cachet. VF. R = \$2.00.
193. Fairbanks (8/26/78) FD Owl stamps. 4 covers, each franked with a Plate # block of the 4 different stamps (the 4 different Plate Block positions). Northern Lights Stamp Club owl/map cachet. VF. R = \$6.25.
194. Fairbanks (8/26/78) FD Owl stamps. Franked with a block of the 4 different stamps; Northern Lights Stamp Club owl/map cachet. Signed by stamp designer, Frank Waslick. VF. R = \$4.00.
195. Fairbanks (8/26/78) FD Owl stamps. Ceremonial Program franked with a block of the 4 different stamps. Signed by stamp designer, Frank Waslick, and John Applegate, Assistant Postmaster General. VF. R = \$10.00.
196. Fairbanks (8/26/78) FD Owl stamps. One cover franked with the great gray owl stamp, Reader Digest cachet of a Greek coin with an owl on it. VF. R = \$2.00.
197. North Pole (10/18/79) Santa Christmas Stamp FD. Anchorage Philatelic Society cachet, designed & signed by Byron Birdsall; proclamation insert with poem authored and signed by Sheila Nickerson. VF. R = \$2.00.
198. North Pole (10/18/79) Santa Christmas Stamp FD and Washington DC (10/18/79) Madonna stamp FD. Dual franking and cancel on cover with Anchorage Philatelic Society cachet designed by Byron Birdsall; proclamation insert with poem authored and signed by Sheila Nickerson. VF. R = \$2.00.
199. North Pole (10/18/79) Santa Christmas Stamp FD. Franked and canceled Ceremonial Program. VF. R = \$6.00.

*The following 20 lots are FDC's for the 25 years of Alaskan Statehood, Stamp, Scott # 800, postmarked in Fairbanks on (1/3/84). The cachet and signatures are described.*

200. 5 covers, each with the N. Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet, II. VF. R = \$5.00.
201. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. Signed by stamp designer, Bill Bond. VF. R = \$4.00.
202. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. Signed by William Bogler, Postmaster General. VF. R = \$4.00.
203. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. Signed by then Governor, Bill Sheffield. VF. R = \$4.25.
204. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. Signed by, Bill Bond, stamp designer, William Bogler, Postmaster General, former governor William Eagan, and Senator Ted Stevens. F. R = \$10.00.
205. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. Signed by, William Bogler, Postmaster General, former governor Walter Hickel, and Senator Ted Stevens. VF. R = \$10.00.
206. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. Signed by, Bill Bond, stamp designer, William Bogler, Postmaster General, then governor Bill Sheffield, former governor William Eagan, and Senator Ted Stevens. VF. R = \$12.50.
207. Fairbanks (1/3/84) & North Pole (1/3/84) 4BC. Dual cancel and franking. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. VF. R = \$2.00.
208. Alaska map cachet with an insert of President Reagan and Pope John Paul II due to visit Alaska in May, 1984. VF. R = \$2.25.
209. Anchorage Philatelic "Were in" cachet, II. VF. R = \$1.50.
210. Unusual Caribou cachet from the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska. VF. R = \$7.25.
211. Unusual map/1959 Statehood stamp cachet. VF. R = \$5.50.
212. Unusual Lee Swint map cachet. VF. R = \$4.50.
213. Anchorage Philatelic Society Eagle/Alaska flag cachet, II. VF. R = \$2.50.

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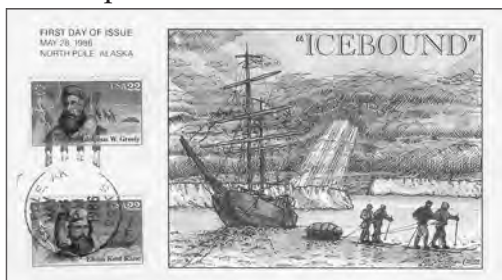


214. Fairbanks (1/3/84) & Fairbanks, Two Rivers CPO (1/3/84) DCC. Dual cancel and franking. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. VF. R = \$3.00.
215. Fairbanks (1/3/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp and & Honolulu, Hawaii (3/12/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp. Dual cancel and franking. Both stamps are "Mr. Zip." singles. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. VF. R = \$4.00.
216. Anchorage, Downtown Sta. (1/3/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp and & Captain Cook, Hawaii (3/12/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp. Dual cancel and franking. Hand-painted Collins cachet. VF. R = \$12.00.



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217. Fairbanks, Steese Branch CPO (1/3/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp. Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II. VF. R = \$2.50.
218. Kodiak (1/3/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp. Kodiak Historical Society cachet. VF. R = \$6.50.
219. Fairbanks (1/3/84) 25 years of Statehood stamp. Franked and canceled Ceremonial Program signed by William Bolger, Postmaster General. VF. R = \$7.00.
220. North Pole (5/28/86) Polar Explorers FDC. 5 covers, each with the Northern Lights Stamp Club Arctic map cachet and franked with a block of the 4 different stamps. VF. R = \$6.00.
221. North Pole (5/28/86) Polar Explorers FDC. Franked with two stamps. Muridge type musher and dogsled cachet. Also franked with a Canadian stamp and canceled in 1983 at Ft. McPherson, NWT. W.A. Forster cachet. VF. R = \$2.50.
222. North Pole (5/28/86) Polar Explorers FDC. Franked with two stamps. Collins hand-painted cachet of stranded ship. VF. R = \$7.00.



**Lot 222**

223. North Pole (5/28/86) Polar Explorers FDC. Official franked and canceled invitation to attend the stamp presentation ceremony. VF. R = \$4.50.
224. North Pole (5/28/86) Polar Explorers FDC. Franked and canceled Ceremonial Program. VF. R = \$7.00.
225. Washington, DC (9/14/88) Polar Explorers FDC. Franked with a block of the 4 different stamps. Colorado "Silk" Antarctic map cachet. VF. R = \$4.00.
226. Washington, DC (9/14/88) Polar Explorers FDC. Franked with 2 different stamps. Collins hand-painted cachet of Pilot/Explorer Byrd. VF. R = \$7.00.
227. Washington, DC (9/14/88) Polar Explorers FDC. Franked with 2 different stamps. Collins hand-painted cachet of Plane flying over ice. VF. R = \$7.00.
228. Fairbanks (5/30/92) Alaska Highway stamp FDC. Northern Lights Stamp Club "Milepost" cachet & II. Signed by Senator Ted Stevens, Reverend Don Nelson, US Postal Service Governor Susan Alvarado, and JC Thomas, Fairbanks Postmaster. VF. R = \$7.50.
229. Fairbanks (5/30/92) Alaska Highway stamp FDC. Collins Hand-painted Moose/Highway cachet. VF. R = \$7.50.



**Lot 229**

230. Fairbanks (5/30/92) and Alcan Station (5/31/92) Alaska Highway stamp FDC & 2nd Day. Dual franking and cancel. Northern Lights Stamp Club "Milepost" cachet & II VF. R = \$2.00.
231. Fairbanks (5/30/92) Alaska Highway stamp FDC. Franked and canceled Ceremonial Program. VF. R = \$5.00.

*The following 23 FDC's are all dual franked with the 1998 Klondike Gold Rush Stamp (Scott # 3235) and canceled on (8/21/98) in both Nome and Skagway. All are VF. Only the cachet is described.*

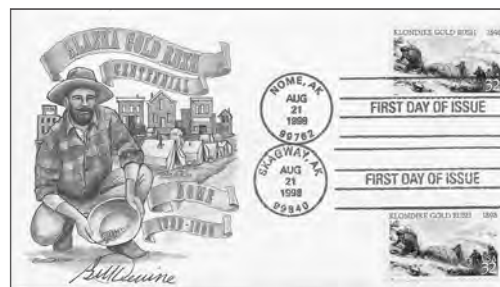
232. Alaska gold miner cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
233. Sled dog/Totem cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.

- 234. Gold mining in Nome cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 235. Map totem cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 236. Map cachet showing Alaska and Russia as a bear; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 237. Animal Mountain cachet colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 238. State seal/Alaska map cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 239. Musher with sled and dogs cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 240. Mendenhall Glacier cachet; colorized reproduction of a cachet first used with the 1937 Alaska Stamp (see lot # 178). VF. R = \$3.00.
- 241. Cachet shows a Klondike camp. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 242. Photo reproduction of the "Trail of '98" over Chilkoot Pass. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 243. Steamer Whitehorse in Fiver Finger Rapids. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 244. Discovery mine on Porcupine Creek, Yukon. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 245. Photo reproduction, packers ascending the summit of Chilkoot Pass. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 246. RRAGS cachet hand-painted by JoAnne Noyles of gold panning. VF. R = \$6.00.



**Lot 246**

- 247. Classic gold panning photo in Nome. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 248. RRAGS cachet of ascending Chilkoot Pass. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 249. Anchorage Philatelic Society cachet. VF. R = \$2.00.
- 250. Bill Devine signed cachet of gold panner at Nome. VF. R = \$5.00.
- 251. Bill Devine cachet of gold panner and steamer at Nome. VF. R = \$3.50.



**Lot 250**

- 252. Bill Devine cachet of gold panning. VF. R = \$3.50.
- 253. RRAGS hand-painted Mountains cachet. VF. R = \$5.00.
- 254. Odd USA map cachet. VF. R = \$3.00.

*The following 8 FDC's are franked with the Klondike Gold Rush Stamp, but only canceled in Nome. The artist is listed and the cachet is described.*

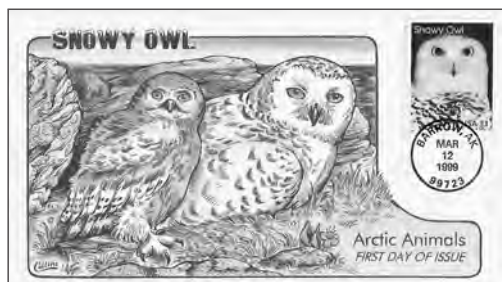
- 255. Pugh hand-painted and signed (1/13) cachet of work ing the mine. VF. R = \$5.00.
- 256. Independence mine, II. VF. R = \$2.00.
- 257. Tillotson signed "Gold Discovered" cachet. VF. R = \$4.00.
- 258. Steamer Sarah cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 259. Steamer Bonanza King cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 260. Steamer Nora cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 261. Steamer Hannah cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 262. Byron Birdsall Sourdough panning gold cachet. VF. R = \$3.75.

*The following 8 FDC's are franked with the Klondike Gold Rush Stamp, but only canceled in Skagway. The artist is listed and the cachet is described.*

- 263. Byron Birdsall Sourdough panning gold cachet. VF. R = \$3.75.
- 264. Tillotson signed "Gold Discovered" cachet. VF. R = \$4.00.
- 265. Independence mine, II. VF. R = \$2.00.
- 266. Jacob hand-painted cachet of a floundering ship. VF. R = \$5.00.
- 267. Steamer Vidette cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 268. Steamer Stratton cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 269. Tugboat Resolute cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.
- 270. Steamboat Alice cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.

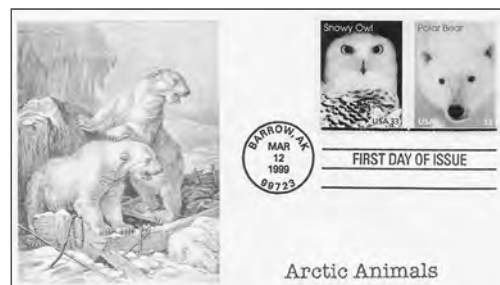
*The following 16 lots are FDC's franked with one or more of the 1999 Arctic Animals Stamps (Scott # 3288-3292) and canceled on (3/12/98) in Barrow. All are VF. Only the cachet is described.*

- 271. Strip of the 5 different stamps on a signed, Pugh arctic map cachet. R = \$6.00.
- 272. All 5 stamps on a House of Farnham arctic animals' cachet. R = \$3.75.
- 273. All 5 stamps on the Anchorage Philatelic Society arctic animals' cachet and II. R = \$2.75.
- 274. Strip of the 5 different stamps on a Tillotson cachet. R = \$5.00.
- 275. Strip of the 5 different stamps on an engraved cachet honoring arctic explorer Willem Barents. R = \$3.50.
- 276. Strip of the 5 different stamps on an engraved cachet honoring arctic explorer Sir John Franklin. R = \$3.50.
- 277. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and each with a color photo, "Animals of the Arctic" cachet. Each cover has a native saying about the animal on the back of the cover. Super set. R = \$22.00.
- 278. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and each with a Collins hand-painted cachet of that animal. Super set. R = \$26.00.



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- 279. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and each with a "Colorano Silk" cachet of that animal. Super set. R = \$20.00.
- 280. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and a photo of that stamp with native art as part of the cachet. Marked, "FDC" cachet. Super set. R = \$20.00.
- 281. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and each with a "House of Farnham" cachet of that animal. Super set. R = \$15.00.
- 282. Barrow (3/12/99) Arctic Animals FD. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and each with a "Juvelar" color photo/painting cachet of that animal (different from lot # 283). Super set. R = \$18.00.



**Lot 285**

- 283. Barrow (3/12/99) Arctic Animals FD. Five covers, each with one of the arctic animal stamps and each with a "Juvelar" painted cachet of that animal (different from lot # 282). Super set. R = \$18.00.
- 284. Franked with the wolf stamp; hand-painted polar bear cachet by Jacob. R = \$4.50.
- 285. Franked with the Polar Bear & Owl stamps; engraved polar bear cachet. R = \$3.00.
- 286. Franked with the wolf, hare, & fox stamps; engraved cachet of wolves on the chase. R = \$3.00.
- 287. Fairbanks (4/17/2001) FDC for the 80-cent Mt. McKinley Airmail stamp. Great RRRAGS cachet of the MT. McKinley. VF. R = \$3.00.

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