

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

**Guide to Collection**

**Postage stamp collection, 1909-[ongoing]**

**MS 115**

2 boxes  
0.8 linear ft.

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**INVENTORY**

**BOX 1**

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS AND FIRST DAY COVERS, ETC.

1. Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition, Seattle, Washington, 1909, \$ 0.02 cent stamp, with portrait of William H. Seward. (2 items)
2. First Flight Cover, United States Air Mail, Juneau-Fairbanks, May 3, 1938. (1 item).
3. This cover was carried on the entire maiden voyage, M.V. Malaspina in January 1963. Signed by Governor William A. Egan and R. Jacobsen, Master, M.V. Malaspina. (1 item)
4. Official Alaska Purchase Centennial, 1867-1967, First Day of Issue; first day cover of Alaska Purchase \$ 0.08 cent stamp, March 30, 1967. (1 item)
5. Alaska Purchase, \$ 0.08 cent, first day cover, March 30, 1967. (1 item)

6. Alaska Purchase Centennial, Alaska Purchase, \$ 0.08 cent, first day cover [totemic drawing on left side of envelope]. March 30, 1967. (1 item)
7. Letter of Willard R. Cox, designer of the Alaska Purchase Centennial \$ 0.08 cent stamp, to Jan Wallen, Alaska State Museum, dated October 23, 1968. Autobiographical information and intent of the design. (1 item)
8. Humble's Maiden Northwest Passage Voyage, S.S. Manhattan, commemorative envelope dated September 25, 1969. (1 item)
9. American bald eagle, African elephant herd, Haida ceremonial canoe, and the Age of Reptiles, \$ 0.06 cent, uncirculated plate block of 4. Issued May 6, 1970. (1 item)

*Items 10a-10e are located in a separate folder in Box 1*

- 10a. Northwest Coast Indian Art and other commemoratives honoring American Folk Arts. Album sheet with background on several stamps including the Alaska Purchase Centennial \$ 0.08 cent and the Haida Ceremonial Canoe \$ 0.06 cent stamps. (1 item)
- 10b-e. Northwest Coast Indian Mask \$ 0.15 cent stamp first day covers mounted on information album sheets. (4 items)
- 10b. Bella Coola mask. Notes on totem poles.
- 10c. Heiltsuk, Bella Bella mask. Notes on Northwest Indian culture.
- 10d. Chilkat Tlingit mask. Notes on potlatch.
- 10e. Tlingit mask. Notes on Indian shamans.
11. Dog Sled, 1920's, \$ 0.17 cent (1986; 1 item; coil stamps, horizontal pair)
12. Polar explorers, \$ 0.22 cent: Elisha Kent Kane, Adolphus W. Greely, Vilhjalmu Stefansson, and Robert E. Peary and Mathew Henson. (May 28, 1986; 1 item; uncirculated block of 4)
13. [Winter] Olympics 88, \$ 0.22 cent, first day cover dated January 10, 1988.
14. Antarctic explores, \$ 0.25 cent; Nathaniel palmer, Lt. Charles Wilkes, Richard E. Byrd and Lincoln Ellsworth. (1 item; uncirculated, block of 4)
15. Alaska Statehood, 1959-1984, \$0.20, first day cover of the Kodiak Historical Society, postmarked January 3, 1984. (1 item)
16. Bering Bridge by Paul Schurke, Soviet Union, 1989, 10K stamp on information sheet, mint condition. (1 item)
17. IDITAROD 1980. Honoring William Shannon Serum Run, 1925, Nome Kennel Club; commemorative envelope with two \$.15 stamps, postmarked March 1, 1980 and March 18, 1980. (1 item)

18. Alaska, 1867-1967, Centennial Building, Dedicated March 30, 1967, Sitka, Alaska. [First Day Issue envelope with \$.08 Alaska Purchase stamp, postmarked March 30, 1967. Donated by Mr. Kaye Dethridge, Sitka, Alaska, 8/90]. (*One copy in Duplicates folder*)
19. Bald Eagles at Eagle Beach, Alaska, Sixth Annual National Audubon Society Wildlife Conservation Stamps, 1990 [souvenir sheet of five \$1 stamps with brochure, in mint condition with container envelope numbered #Z713065?], (5 items);(*One copy in Duplicates folder*)
20. Tent City Festival – First Edition Commemorating the Founding of Anchorage 1915-1990 Official 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, No. 0299, postmarked July 10, 1990, Anniversary Station, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 [enclosing card with brief history of Anchorage].
21. Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Anchorage 1915-1990, postmarked July 10, 1990, Anniversary Station, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 [enclosing card with brief history of Anchorage].
22. Alaska Centennial 1867-1967 North to the Future [commemorative envelope].
23. Iditarod National Historic Trail “Limited Collectors Edition.” Commemorative envelope postmarked March 17, 1999, the Iditarod Trail Station, Nome, Alaska, 99762. Includes all five Arctic Animals \$ 0.33 stamps. (1 item)
24. [Program] First Day of Issue, Wildlife Conservation Stamps, Owl Series, August 26, 1978, Fairbanks, Alaska.
25. [Program] First Day of Issue, American Eagle & Shield Postage Stamp, December 1, 1975, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
26. Fort Wm. H. Seward Centennial commemorative envelope. Postmarked Sept. 24, 2003, Haines, Alaska; \$.37 “Liberty” stamp.
27. First Flight Cover, United States Air Mail, Juneau-Fairbanks, May 3, 1938. Two \$0.03 stamps. Donated by Mrs. Weston W. Burton. Includes letter and 3 Penny Reichspost stamp.
28. Alaska’s Deadliest Shipwreck S.S. *Princess Sophia*, October 25, 2018. 100 year commemorative mourning cover envelope. George Washington forever stamp from the Classic Forever set 2016. Includes card with information describing the incident. On the verso of the card is a copy of a radiogram dated Oct. 25, 1918 from the U.S.S. *Cedar* describing communication with the *Princess Sophia* and other ships. Donated by Mary Lou Spartz, October 2018.

## DEALERS CATALOGS

- C-1 Harmers of New York Auction Catalog, 1977. ALASKA POSTAL HISTORY, LITERATURE AND MEMORABILIA. (1 item)
- C-2 Henry M. Spelman III, San Francisco, California. Auction Catalog. 40<sup>th</sup> POSTAL HISTORY AUCTION, 1981 (includes Alaska). (1 item)
- C-3 Dick Long of Bandon, Oregon. MAIL AUCTION SALE, U.S. COVERS, 1981. (includes Alaska). (1 item)

## DUPLICATES FOLDER

## BOX 2

## GASTINEAU PHILATELIC SOCIETY, COLLECTORS

**Small faded blue 2-hole binder**

1. Album of commemorative and first day covers, ca. 1940s-1984. Includes Alaska, Washington State and Canadian covers. (42 items)

**Folder**

2. Our New 49-Star Flag! First Day Album Sheet, July 4, 1959. With block of four \$0.04 stamps and first day cancellation. (1 item)
- 3a-c. Alaska Statehood, 1959, \$0.07, first day cover, January 3, 1959. (3 items)
4. Alaska Statehood, 1959, \$0.07, first day cover with plate block of 4. (1 item)

**Royal blue folio**

5. Souvenir of Alaska, 49<sup>th</sup> State Album. (4 items)

One album sheet of the Alaska Statehood Stamp, \$0.07 cent, with attached uncirculated block of 4 and uncirculated plate block of 4.

One Alaska Statehood stamp, \$0.07 cent, "Official Cachet" first day cover, January 3, 1959.

One album sheet with July 4, 1959, 49 Star flag \$ 0.04 cent stamp.

(Attached to sheet) one July 4, 1960, vertical American flag \$ 0.04 cent stamp, uncirculated

(Attached to sheet) one "Long May It Wave" horizontal American flag stamp, \$0.04 cent uncirculated.

One July 4, 1959, \$ 0.04 cent, "Saluting Our New Old Glory..." first day cover with two stamps attached, cancelled in Auburn, New York and Ketchikan, Alaska, respectively.

**Black "COVERS" Album**

6. Album of primarily Alaska covers, 1959-1982. Includes Panex 3-6, 9-11, 13-22, commemoratives for Alaska Marine Highway vessels. (54 items)

**Folder**

- 6a. "Gastineau Philatelic Society Presents Panex XVI [at] its Sixteenth Annual Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition [brochure] April 16, 17, 18 [1976] 13-cent stamp: Spirit of '76. (1 item)
- 6b. Letter from Stuart C. Hall, President, Gastineau Philatelic Society, to Mr. Richard B. Engen, Director, Division of Libraries & Museums, Alaska Department of Education, Oct. 30, 1975. Transmitting souvenir covers and cachets, including information on their distribution. (1 item)

**Black United States Postal Service folio** (*Located in Box 1*)

7. One Nation indivisible, E Pluribus Unum, \$0.13 cent (American Eagle & Shield) sheet in album. December 1, 1975. (1 sheet of 100 stamps)

**Folder**

8. Program for First Day of Issue, American Eagle and Shield \$ 0.13 cent stamp with stamp and first day cancellation, December 1, 1975. Autographed. (1 item)
- 9a. Photograph of Governor Jay Hammond signing a proclamation on the \$0.13 American Eagle and Shield stamp, December 1, 1975; with Postal Service Officials and Gastineau Philatelic Society members. (1 item)
- 9b. Gastineau Philatelic Society memo dated November 15, 1975, with information on the photograph. (1 item)
10. Gastineau Philatelic Society embroidered patch, Juneau, Alaska. (1 item)
11. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Centennial 1898-1998. [first day cover] July 4, 1998. Panex XXXVII. Cachet photo: Juliane Nick Dexter Collection, Alaska State Library. Enclosing card. 32-cent stamp: "The Stars and Stripes Forever!"
12. Salute to the Mendenhall Wetlands. [first day cover] Panex XXV, October 19, 1985. Cachet design: Paula Wolfe. \$0.22 stamp: "Broadbill Decoy Folk Art" [enclosing card.]
13. New Station Dedication. [first day cover] United States Post Office, Mendenhall Station, Juneau, Alaska. Panex XXVI. October 24, 1986. 22-cent stamp: John J. Audubon.

14. Alaskan Volunteer Fire Dept. [first day cover] Panex XXVII, October 10 & 11, 1987. Cachet design by Dale DeArmond. [enclosing card with brief history of the Juneau Volunteer Fire Department] 20-cent stamp: Fire Pumper 1860s.
15. *Juneau Empire* 75th anniversary. [first day cover] Panex 27. October 10 & 11, 1987. William Faulkner \$0.22 stamp. [enclosing card with brief history of the *Juneau Empire* and biographical information on William Faulkner]
16. Alaska Marine Highway. Silver Anniversary 1963-1988. [first day cover] Panex XXVIII, May 7, 1988. Cachet design, Herb Bonnet's "Malaspina in Wrangell Narrows." 25-stamp: Jack London.
17. Alaska's 30<sup>th</sup> Statehood Anniversary, 1959-1989. [first day cover] Panex XXIX, April 1-2, 1989. Cachet and cancel by C.L. (Jack) Popejoy. [enclosing card with list of governors.]
18. Alaska Airlines. From Bush Airlines to Juneau's Jet Age, Alaska Air Transport. [first day cover] Panex XXX, May 5-6, 1990. [enclosing card with biographical information on Sheldon B. (Shell) Simmons] 25-cent stamp: 26<sup>th</sup> Universal Postal Congress.
19. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII. Battle of Midway and the Aleutian campaign, June 3-4, 1942. [first day cover]. Panex 32, April 11, 12, 1992. Cachet and enclosing card describing the Battle of Midway by Alan B. Rosenberg. 29-stamp: "Atlantic Charter sets war aims of allies."
20. Alaska Marine Highway, 1963-1993. 30th Anniversary. [first day cover] Panex XXXIII, Oct. 16, 1993. Cachet, pictorial hand cancellation and Alaska Highway Commemorative stamp: Byron Birdsall. 29-stamp: "Alaska Highway 1942."
21. Vancouver Expedition Bicentennial 1794-1994. [first day cover] Panex XXXIV, October 15-16, 1994. Enclosing card by Dr. P.G. Connors-Allen. Cachet and pictorial hand cancellation by Mark Meyers: "Ononnistoy: The ceremonial visit of Ononnistoy and other Chiefs to Captain George Vancouver on board the sloop *Discovery* at anchor in Port Stewart, Alaska, September 1, 1793." 29-stamp: "1493-1993 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Columbus Landing in Puerto Rico."
22. Alaska Steamship Company. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. [first day cover] Panex XXXV, April 22, 1995. Enclosing card by Dr. P.G. Connors-Allen; cachet photo: S.S. *Jefferson*.
23. Alaskan Brewing & Bottling Co, Celebrating 10 Years of Brewing Excellence, 1986-1996. [first day cover] Panex XXXIV, April 20, 1996. [enclosing card with brief history of the company] 32-stamp: "1894 Haynes."
24. Mount Roberts Tramway, Grand Opening 1997. [first day cover] Panex XXXVII, May 3, 1997. [enclosing card] 32-stamp: "Pacific 97."

25. Alaska Marine Highway System M/V Kennicott, Delivery to the State of Alaska and Acceptance by the Governor, July 3, 1998. "...official souvenir commemorative cover..." Cachet design: Brenda Schwartz. [enclosing card with ferry specifications] 32-stamp: Ferryboats 1900s.
26. Alaska Marine Highway System M/V Kennicott - Maiden Voyage. July 7, 1998. Official souvenir commemorative cover. Cancellations at southeast Alaskan communities. Cachet design: Brenda Schwartz. [enclosing card with ferry specifications] 32-cent stamp: Ferryboats 1900s.
27. Centennial of First Balloon Ascent in Juneau. Panex XXXIX, April 25-25, 1999. [first day cover] Cachet photograph: ascent from Juneau made July 4, 1899 by 'Professor' (Jack?) Leonard. Enclosing card with details. 20-cent stamp: "Explorer II 1935." 13-cent stamp: "Alaska 1778 Capt'n. James Cook."
28. Alaska Historical Library and Museum, 1900-2000. Panex XL, April 29-30, 2000. [first day cover] Cachet: Gov. John G. Brady, who in a sense served as Alaska's first curator and librarian..." [enclosing card] Franked with Library of Congress bicentennial \$0.33 stamp. Second Day of Issue. (*Three copies in Duplicates folder*)
29. Centennial of Incorporation of Treadwell, Alaska. [first day cover] Panex 41, April 21-22, 2001. [enclosing card with brief history of Treadwell] Cachet design from 1900 postcard. Franked with \$0.33 stamp: "California Gold Rush 1849" and \$0.01 stamp: "American Kestrel."
30. [Scanned image] Centennial Exhibition Juneau, Capital City, Alaska. [first day cover] Panex VIII. Feb. 1, 1975. \$0.10 Stamp: Andrew Jackson. (Acc. no. 2000-119)
31. [Scanned image] Eldred Rock Light Station [first day cover] 31<sup>st</sup> Panex. April 13, 1991, Juneau, AK. Cachet design: Seely Hall. Enclosing card. (Acc. no. 2000-119)
32. [Scanned image] M/V Kennicott - Alaska Marine Highway System Inaugural Voyage - Southeast-Southwest Inter-tie. July 24, 1998, Auke Bay, Alaska. [first day cover] Cachet design: Brenda Schwartz. Enclosing card. (Acc. no. 2000-119)
33. [Scanned image] Second Combined Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition. [first day cover] Panex II, Juneau, AK, May 6, 1961. (Acc. no. 2000-119)
34. [Scanned image] 7<sup>th</sup> Exhibition, Gastineau Philatelic Society, April 16-17. [first day cover] Panex 7, Juneau, Alaska, Apr. 16, 1966. (Acc. no. 2000-119)
35. [Scanned image] Alaska Polar Bears [first day cover]. Panex XII, April 15-16, 1972. Juneau, Alaska April 15, 1972. \$0.08 stamp: Wildlife Conservation. (Acc. no. 2000-119)

36. Sentinel Island Light Station 1902-2002. Panex 42, April 27-28, 2002. Seely Hall, artist for cachet and postal cancel. [blue cover]
37. Same as 36 with yellow cover.
38. [Program] 16 Annual Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition, U.S. Bicentennial 1776-1976, Friday-Saturday- Sunday, April 16-17-18, Alaska State Museum, Juneau. (20th anniversary, Gastineau Philatelic Society).
- 39-42 Alaska's Marine Highway. M/V Fairweather official souvenir commemorative cover for the inaugural revenue run. [first day cover] Cachet artist: Alice Slattery Tersteeg. Cancellations: Haines, Skagway (2), Sitka. June 7-July 8, 2004. Enclosing card.
- 43 1903 Alaska-Canada Boundry [boundary] Decision. [first day cover] Panex XLIII, April 26, 2003. Cachet design, Seely Hall, Jr. "Old Glory" 34-cent stamp.

### Folder

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19 items. First day covers donated by Leslie Croxton. Mrs. Croxton's late husband Lauren Croxton was the first Alaska Commissioner of Fish and Game. Acc. # 2016-005.

First Day Covers, May 3 - 8, 1938. Pacific Alaska Airways, F.A.M. Routes 15 & 16. White Horse-Fairbanks, Juneau-Fairbanks, Juneau-White Horse, Fairbanks-White Horse, White Horse-Juneau, Fairbanks-Juneau, White Horse-Juneau, Juneau-White Horse, Nome-Fairbanks-Juneau. Captains: S.E. Robbins, W. J. Jones. First Officer: Walter Hall.