

Look what you might turn up!

One of the great loves we have for this wonderful business in which we have spent a lifetime are the sometimes historic, always delightful, pieces of paper that people find in their basements, attics, garages and other storage places—and that turn out to be worth some good money. If you turn up things like the items shown on this page, you should always give us a phone call right away. There's never a day that goes by when we don't purchase material like this!

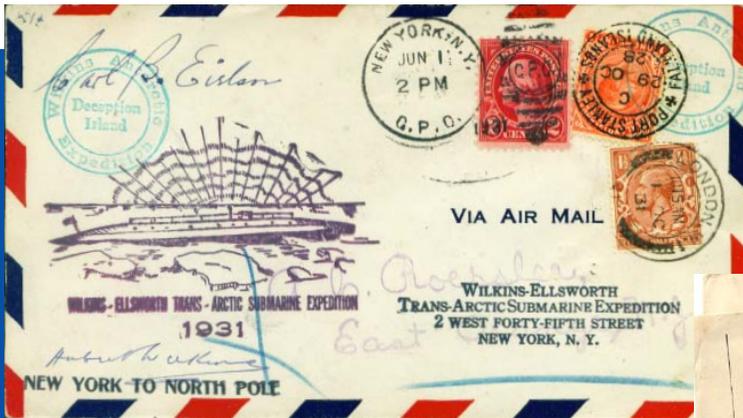
From a family on the West Coast—this cover sent from Japanese occupied Manchuria to the United States in the 1930s. Mail to the U.S. from this area of the world under Japanese control is especially scarce and valuable.



A young lady whose father came to the U.S. from England found this envelope among some that had been stored in his family for decades. Note the stamps on the cover that were cut in half to be used for postage. Such "bisected stamps" on cover are extremely rare.



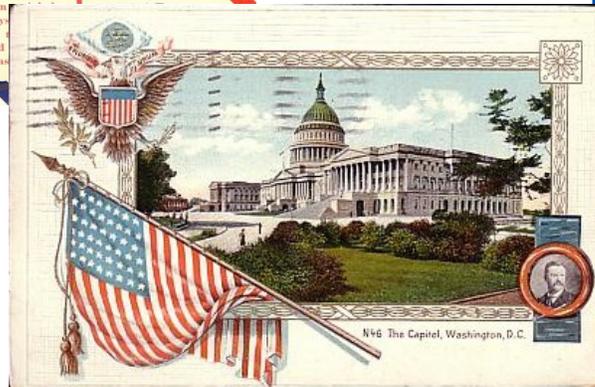
An envelope cancelled on board the first submarine to go below the Arctic Circle in 1931 is not only a piece of history, but highly sought after by collectors. Autographed by the explorers, too! Many families have such souvenirs.



A February 1945 censored cover from a U.S. soldier then based in New Zealand. Typical of the kinds of covers found in family World War II era correspondence. Collectors value these highly.



Fascinating 1931 cover with U.S. and Japanese franking from First Non-Stop flight between Tokyo and Seattle. This is signed by the pilots, C.A. Allen and Don Moyle. Note oval cachets including, oddly enough, one explaining delay in Aleutian Islands. Pre-1935 first flight covers are sought after by specialists.



1909 Inauguration Card for the Inaugural of William Taft as President of the United States. The card is Postmarked Inauguration day March 4, 1909. The reverse is also hand dated March 4, 1909 and has a message that starts off "Three cheers for Taft". It is Postmarked Madison Square Station, New York.