

# Random Discoveries

**People from all walks of life are always making discoveries from among long stored family memorabilia.** It's when they discover old pieces of mail—envelopes of all kinds, whether or not they still include their contents—that they can turn their finds into good money. Each of the items on this page was located by an individual who, to the best of our knowledge, had no experience as a collector. But in all cases, they were smart enough to contact an expert who could help them with determining the value—and of course, selling the items for cash.



This rather colorful cover that was sent on a 1939 first flight from London to the Orkney Islands may seem too colorful to be valuable. Not so. It turned out to be worth over \$1,000.

The British mourning cover was, oddly enough, found among pieces of American correspondence. Franked with two 1860s Penny Reds, it's valued at over \$200!

As an ordinary 1870s era cover from the U.S. to Switzerland, this cover below—found among family papers—would be worth around \$100. But it is addressed to Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and because of that, it's worth over



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This rare registered 1901 cover mailed from Agana, Guam—which only recently had become a possession of the United States—is franked with two U.S. 6-cent stamps overprinted "GUAM." It is valued at more than \$500.



Do YOU have an old accumulation of U.S. and/or foreign covers, correspondences, old family papers, you-name-it? If so, we'd like to hear from you. See our info on page 1.

The lucky person who found this cover discovered a real gem. A 1930 cover carried on the Graf Zeppelin from Germany via Panama to the U.S. Value is \$850.



Take another look at this seemingly ordinary airmail cover. The stamps are cancelled with a fancy cancel that depicts an early motion picture cameraman! Value: \$150.

