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Nancy McKenna Naval Cachets Collection

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Biographical Note

According to the Universal Ship Cancellation Society: "In 1908, Congress authorized post offices aboard ships and stations of the U.S. Navy. These post offices offer the same service as do post offices in cities and towns, and have identifiable postmarks. Around 1930, collectors began sending their own covers to U.S. Navy ships to be cancelled and returned. These envelopes or postcards that have been postmarked on and mailed from a navy ship are commonly referred to as naval covers. Also around this time, printed, stamped or hand drawn designs were added to naval covers. These designs, known as cachets, became popular. The cachet may be specific to a ship, an event, or may be generic in design. Collectors today continue to send covers to ships for servicing. Covers commemorating keel laying, launchings or ship commissioning are popular with collectors."

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Nancy McKenna Naval Cachets Collection consists of postmarked envelopes with emblems, stamps, and cachets from United States Navy and Coast Guard ships

ranging in dates from 1938-2003. The forty envelopes are arranged in chronological order. The collection also consists of one sheet of four postage stamps. The provenance of the collection comes from McKenna's time as program director of the American Academy of Industry and its attempts to create an exhibit focusing on the Coast Guard Cutter Acacia during its time in Chicago, Illinois.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no particular order and has been arranged chronologically by staff. The collection consists of one series:

Series One: Naval Covers and Cachets

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Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Subjects

Covers (Philately)--United States.
Stamped envelopes.
United States.--Coast Guard--Postal Service.
United States.--Navy--Postal Service.

Container List

800192001	Postmark: U.S.S. Enterprise - Lat 0 Degr, Long 43 West.	9/8/1938
800192002	Emblem: Navy - Hundred Years - U.S. Naval Academy- Annapolis.	10/27/1945
800192003	Emblem: Honoring the United States Coast Guard.	11/10/1945

800192004	Emblem: Operations on a South Pacific Beachhead.	11/10/1945
800192005	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Active (WMEC-618)	10/14/1966
800192006	Postmark: USCGC Glacier WAGB-4	12/5/1966
800192007	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Klamath (WHEC 66)	5/18/1970
800192008	Return Address: USC&GSS Fairweather (MSS20)	5/22/1970
800192009	Return Address: CGC Pendant 65608 - Calif. International Sea Festival.	8/13/1970
800192010	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC McCulloch (WHFC 386)	7/14/1971
800192011	Return Address: Officer in Charge - CGC Point Bennet (WPB-82351)	10/29/1973
800192012	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Bittersweet (WLB 389)	8/16/1974
800192013	Emblem: USCGC SPAR WLB 403 - Semper Paratus.	9/3/1974
800192014	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC White Sage	1/6/1975
800192015	Emblem: USCGC Munro WHEC 724	3/26/1975
800192016	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Sedge (WLB 402)	5/20/1975
800192017	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Ironwood (WLB-297)	2/26/1976
800192018	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Hudson (WLIC 801)	5/31/1977
800192019	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Basswood (WLB-388)	6/16/1978
800192020	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Citrus (WLB 300)	9/27/1978
800192021	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Ironwood (WLB-297)	3/6/1980

800192022	Emblem: Scenic Idaho - Idaho Chapter #24 - NAPUS 76th Convention.	7/3/1980
800192023	Emblem: USCGC Bear WMEC-901 - Bear Class Medium Endurance Cutter	9/25/1980
800192024	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Boutwell (WHEC 719)	9/24/1981
800192025	Emblem: U.S.C.G.C. Resolute (WMEC-620)	11/2/1981
800192026	Emblem: USCGC Mellon (WHEC-717)	11/16/1981
800192027	Emblem: USCGC Campbell (WHEC-32)	2/23/1982
800192028	Emblem: USCGC Acacia (WLB-406)	2/1/1983
800192029	Emblem: USS SSBN-729	2/11/1984
800192030	Emblem: More than a ship - Protect Enforce - USCGC Citrus (WMEC 300)	5/2/1984
800192031	Emblem: United States Coast Guard Cutter White Bush (WLM-542)	7/11/1985
800192032	Emblem: USCGC Chilula (WMEC-153)	1/14/1986
800192033	Emblem: USCGC Boutwell (WHEC-719)	7/29/1986
800192034	Emblem: USS Antietam "Power to Prevail" (CG 54)	10/3/1988
800192035	Emblem: USCGC Chilula (WMEC-153)	12/18/1990
800192036	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Saginaw (WLIC-803); Includes card stating that: "This is an artmaster first day cover"	1/22/1993
800192037	Return Address: Commanding Officer - USCGC Vigorous (WMEC-627)	2/2/1994
800192038	Emblem: USCGC Harriet Lane (WMEC-903) "The Desired Effect Paratus. Libens. Balidus."	1/27/1995
800192039	Emblem: United States Coast Guard 1790 - "City of Roses"; Return Address: USCGC Alert (WMEC 630)	6/5/1996

800192040	Emblem: Juniper Class Tender - USCGC Hollyhock (WLB-214) "Second tender to be names after the tall plant, ALTHEA ROSA that have showy flowers of various colors - Christened and Launched today"	1/25/2003
800192041	Sheet of four United States Postage 3¢ stamps: U.S. Coast Guard 1790-1945	1945