THE FOLLOWING COVERS RECALL

SOME OF THE HISTORY OF TACOMA

AND SURROUNDING TOWNS



"Old Ironsides" visited Tacoma in 1933.

THE COLLECTORS CLUB OF SEATTLE FIRST DAY ALBUM SHEET









The above cover depicts Mount Tacoma, which is actually Mt. Rainier. Mt. Rainier was discovered in 1792 by Capt. George Vancouver and named by him in honor of Rear Admiral Peter Rainier of the British Navy.

From 1852(the year the first settler arrived on Commencement Bay) until 1868, the present city of Tacoma was called Commencement City. In 1868 the name was changed to Tacoma by Gen. Morton McCarver. He was a lifelong frontiersman, who was interested in prospective railroads and consequently in 1868 bought all the land he could on Commencement Bay and shortly began to build a town by selling town lots.

In 1868 Mr. Philip Ritz, a cultured man and scientific farmer, visited Commencement City on a tour gathering information for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Mr. Ritz was aware that the Indian name for Mt. Rainier (and all other snow covered mountains) was Tacoma and he successfully urged Gen. McCarver to call the "new" town Tacoma.



This is a Washington Territorial cover-----the postmark of 1883 is six years before Washington became a state.

This cover was sent from "Olympia, Wash." to "County Treasurer of Pearce County W T, New Tacoma W T" (Washington Territory) and the County Treasurer added the note in red ink to the envelope-----"A. Hartsock's oath of office as Timber Inspector, filed Feb 7 - 1883"

Aaron Hartsock(per the enclosed oath of office) was to be the Timber Inspector for District No. 4 consisting of Mason and Pearce(incorrect spelling for Pierce) counties.



County of Pierce
Tacoma, Wash.

EDWIN C. MILLER
ASSESSOR

DEPUTIES
HARRY AUSTIN
H.L. FLEMING
C.P. MEAD

District No. OUTSIDE

August, 3, 1912

Mr W.H.H. Harvey
Interlaaken. Tacoma
LAKE WOOD

Dear Sir.

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Very respectfully

EDWIN C. MILLER

County Assessor.

The above cover and the adjacent cover depict the return addresses of the Pierce Country Assessors of 1910 and 1912. This Pierce County Court House stood on the present site of the County-City Building in Tacoma. Note the use of the Panama Pacific Exposition slogan cancellation-----three years before the 1915 opening.

H. V. RAILSBACK
Assessor

E. C. Miller, Deputy
H. L. Fleming, Deputy

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Pierce County, Washington.

TACOMA, WASH. Aug 1 1910

M W M Simpson
Ortting wash

DEAR SIR—

Your net valuation on personal property for the year 1910 has been placed at $485 00

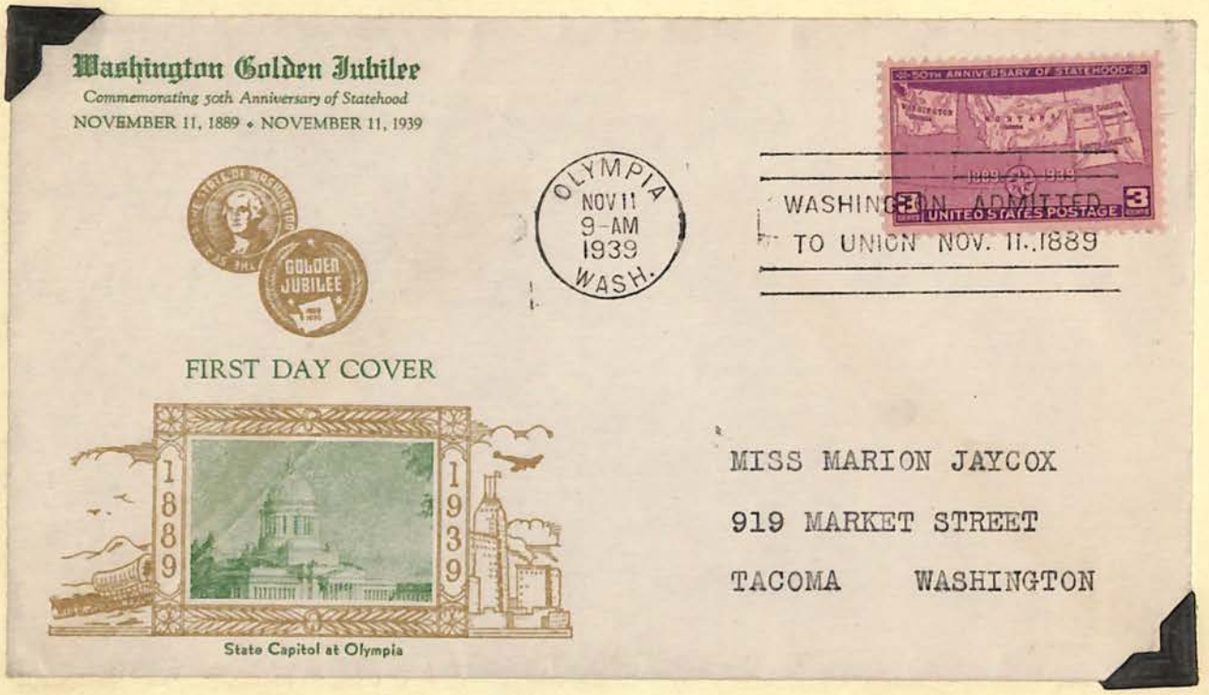
If same is not satisfactory, you will have an opportunity of coming before the Board of Equalization, which will be in session at the office of the county auditor, beginning Monday, August 1, 1910, and there show cause why said assessment should not remain.

"The County Board of Equalization may continue in session and adjourn from time to time during three weeks, and shall remain in session not less than three days, commencing on the said first Monday of August."





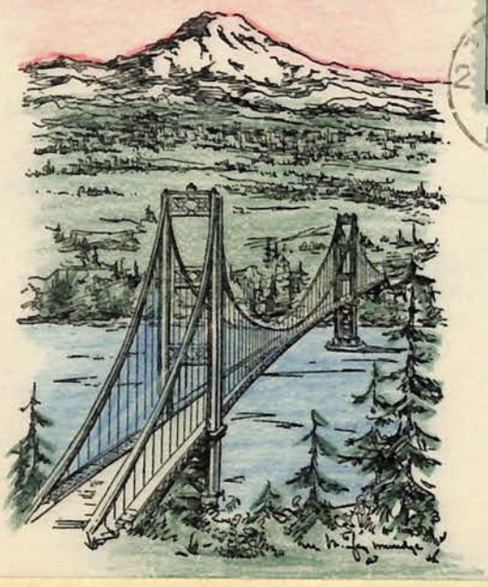
WASHINGTON TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL



WASHINGTON GOLDEN JUBILEE

COMMEMORATING
TACOMA NARROWS BRIDGE

OPENING OCTOBER 1950



A CENTURY OF FRIENDSHIP
UNITED STATES - CANADA
1848-1948

UNITED STATES POSTAGE 3¢

TACOMA NARROWS
BRIDGE
CELEBRATION-1950

Elizabeth Robb
1134 Broadway
Tacoma, Washington

DEDICATION McCHORD FIELD
JULY 3, 1940
TACOMA
WASHINGTON



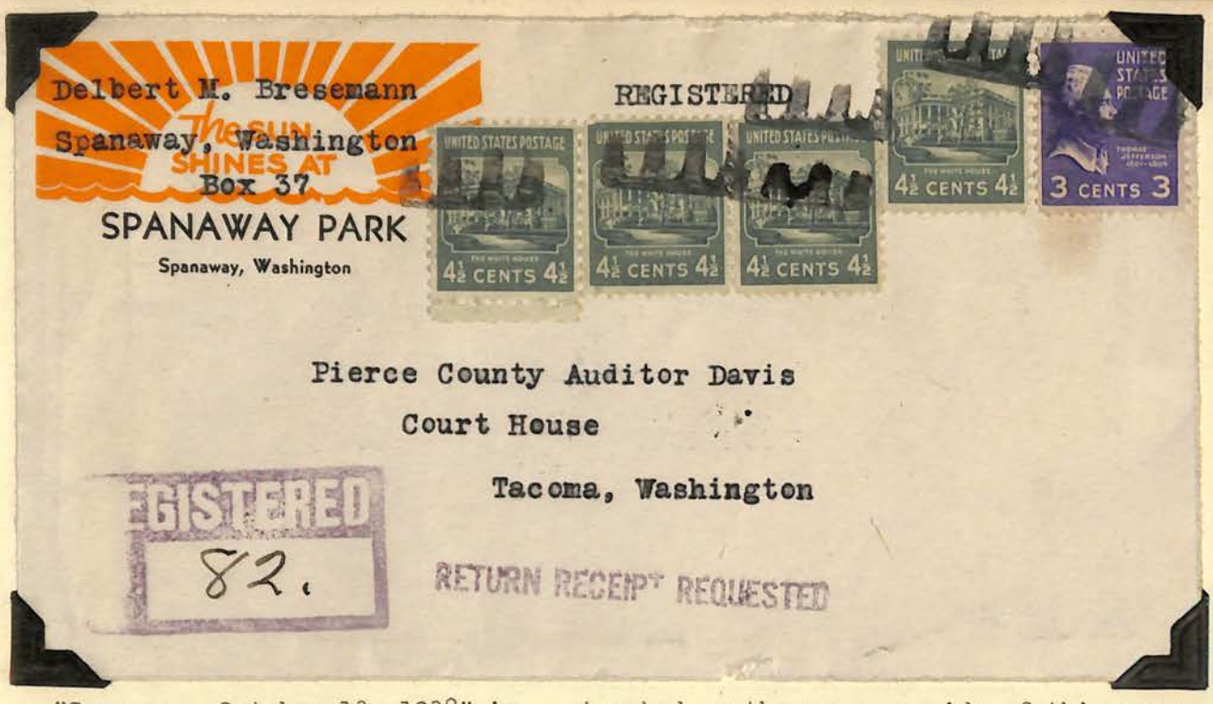
NORTHWEST ARMY AIR BASE

AIR MAIL
6¢ U.S. POSTAGE 6¢

JUN 3 1940
McCHORD FIELD

VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Marion Jaycox
P. O. Box 808
Tacoma, Washington



"Spanaway, October 13, 1938" is postmarked on the reverse side of this cover.

Spanaway is located south of Tacoma near Parkland.



"Rainier National Park" slogan cancellations



Fort Steilacoom was named for

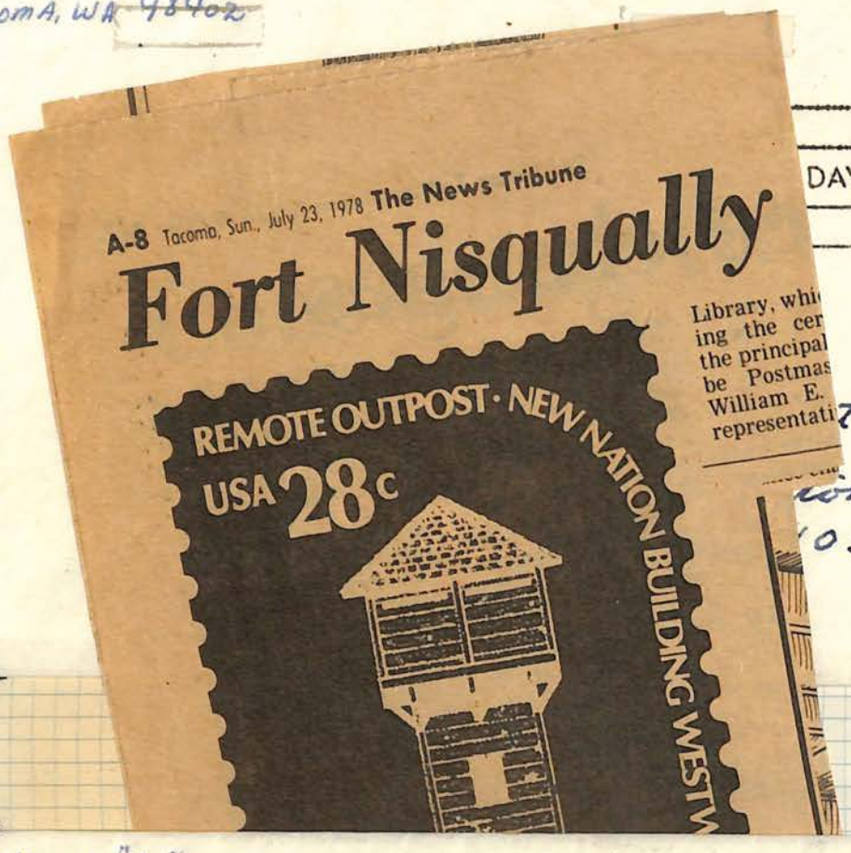
the Indian Chief Teil-a-koom.



Lakeview is located south

of Tacoma near Lakewood.

607 N "C"
TACOMA, WA 98402





DAY OF ISSUE

607 N. "C"
TACOMA, WA 98403

TACOMA, WA
AUG
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1978
98402



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Frederic W. Lane Jr.
607 North C Street,
Tacoma, Washington.
98403

OREGON TERRITORY COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, June 24, 1936.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are hereby notified that the Department has authorized the issuance of a special postage stamp in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of Oregon Territory.

The new stamp is the same size as the special-delivery stamp, 84/100 by 144/100 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally. It is enclosed in a double line border and is printed in purple. Within a horizontal panel with dark ground along the upper edge of the stamp is the wording "1836 Oregon Territory 1936" in white roman lettering. The central design is a map of the old Oregon Territory comprising the present States of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, together with parts of Montana and Wyoming. Marked on the map are the five places, one in each State, selected, for historical reasons, to have the first day sale. There is also shown an outline of the old Oregon Trail.

In the vertical space between the ends of the rectangular panel containing the central design and the outer edge of the stamp, there is, at the left, a western scene depicting a mounted Indian on a rocky promontory with wigwams on either side, behind which are shown trees and mountains. In a similar position at the right is portrayed a covered wagon train of the early pioneer days emerging from a pass in the mountains. The figures of the two front horses partly extend over the edge of the map panel.

In each lower corner is a circular panel with white edges and dark ground enclosing the large numeral "3" in white modernized roman. In a narrow panel with dark ground along the lower edge of the stamp is the inscription "U. S. Postage" and "Three Cents" in white roman, arranged in two lines. The lower line is extended by three white stars at either end. Short white lines with curved inner ends extend from lower corners of the map to the circles containing the denomination numeral. The stamp is being printed by the rotary process without straight edges and will be issued in sheets containing 50 stamps.

The new stamp will be first offered for sale at the following post offices on July 14, 1936:

Lewiston, Idaho.
Missoula, Mont.
Astoria, Oreg.
Walla Walla, Wash.
Daniel, Wyo.

It will be available for sale at other post offices beginning July 15, or as soon thereafter as production will permit.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations on July 14 at the above post offices may send a limited number of addressed covers, *not to exceed a total of 10*, with cash or postal money order remittance payable to the postmaster, covering the value of the stamps required for affixing. Personal checks, or other postage stamps *will positively not be accepted in payment.* To receive the July 14 postmark, covers must reach the postmaster before the close of business on that date. Covers will be accepted from individual subscribers only and shall be legibly addressed by typewriter or pen. Compliance cannot be made with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of stamps bearing plate numbers or the irregular placing of the stamps on the covers, etc. To facilitate handling and to prevent damage in transit, covers should be of the ordinary letter size.

Requests for a supply of uncanceled Oregon Territory commemorative stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers to the postmaster. Stamps desired for postage purposes should be purchased at the local post offices as soon as available.

For the benefit of collectors desiring selected stamps for philatelic use, the Oregon Territory stamp will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, July 15, but the Agency will not prepare covers for mailing on that date. *To insure prompt shipment, separate mail orders must be submitted for the Oregon Territory stamp, excluding all other varieties of stamp stock.*

Postmasters at direct- and central-accounting post offices may obtain a limited supply only of the new stamp on separate requisition to the Department on form 3201–A, endorsed "Oregon Territory." Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain small quantities of these stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster.

In order that the Oregon Territory stamp may be placed on sale at post offices as widely as possible on July 15, shipments may be made in advance. Postmasters who receive a supply of this stamp before the close of business on July 14 are hereby directed to positively not allow any of the stamps to be placed on sale before July 15.

C. B. EILENBERGER,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

129°. (Ed. 30,000.)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1936

LAST DAY CANCELLATION

LAKE VIEW
OCT 1 1874
WASH. TER.

THE LAKEVIEW POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED ON OCT. 1, 1874 AS LAKE VIEW IN WASHINGTON TERRITORY. LAKE VIEW WAS NAMED BY THOMAS PROSCH, PIONEER NEWSPAPER MAN, AFTER A SMALL LAKE THAT ONCE EXISTED NEARBY.

LAKEVIEW
MAR 29
6 PM
1963
WASH.

1860 1960 U.S. POSTAGE 4¢ PONY EXPRESS



TACOMA'S FIRST POST OFFICE
1869

PIPEX EX. STA.
MAY
31
1969
TACOMA, WA.

UNITED STATES 6c

TACOMA STAMP CLUB
Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs
29th PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
MAY 30-31, JUNE 1, 1969
COMMEMORATING TACOMA'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

C. LANGLEY
47-518 LULANI ST
KANEOHE
HAWAII
96744

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

YAKIMA JUNE 1-3, 1956

1856 SIMCOE BLOCKHOUSE

1956 FRUIT BOWL OF THE NATION

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
JUN
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3PM
1956
YAKIMA, WASH.

3¢ U.S. POSTAGE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Cadet LANGLEY, D.A.
~~The Citade Box 526~~
~~CHARLESTON~~
9035 Edgewater Dr.
~~SC~~
Tacoma 99, Wash.

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3¢ U.S. POSTAGE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

D. W. LANGLEY
% Avia Products Co
7266 Beverly Blvd
Los Angeles 36
CALIF.

OLYMPIA, WASH.
MAY 21
330PM
1938

6¢ U.S. AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL WEEK
MAY 15-21
OLYMPIA
Washington

Miss Peggy Jenkins
P. O. Box 1193,
Tacoma,
Washington

BELLINGHAM GREETS OLD IRONSIDES



U.S. FRIGATE CONSTITUTION
"Bellingham Bay Is One Of The World's Finest Harbors" - ADMIRAL SIGSBEE, U.S.N.
Welcome to Bellingham, Wash.
AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT BAKER
1797 1933

U.S. FRIGATE CONSTITUTION
JUL
18
P.M.
1933
BELLINGHAM
WASHINGTON

1933 U.S. POSTAGE CHICAGO CENTURY OF PROGRESS 1¢

D. C. Bartley,
Green Lake Station,
Seattle, Washington.

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23rd ANNUAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

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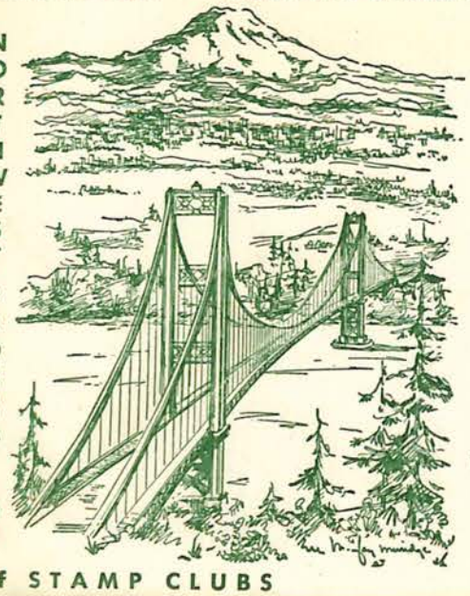

TACOMA MAY 31 JUNE 1-2 1963

PIPEX EXHIBITION STATION
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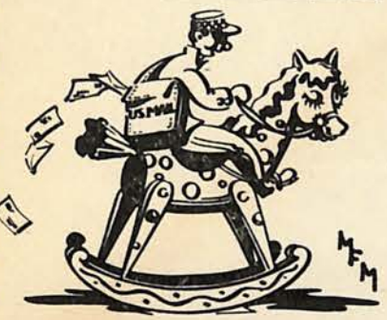
TACOMA, WASH.



"Ride a Hobby" from
HOBBY HALL



WESTERN WASHINGTON FAIR
PUYALLUP, WASH.

FAIR GROUNDS STA.
SEP
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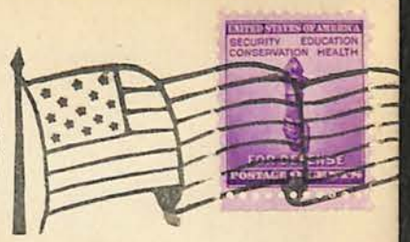
1941
5 PM
PUYALLUP, WN.





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GRAY & LISTER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
PORTLAND 4, OREGON

"For You a Rose Portland Grows"



Greetings from
PORTAND, OREGON
ANNUAL ROSE FESTIVAL
JUNE 10-15, 1947
National Airmail Rose Show
June 11-12
QUEEN GEORGENE I, Reigning



PORTLAND
JUN
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1947
GLENCULLEN DR.

Johnny Gray,
2007 N. E. Mason,
Portland, 11, Oregon.

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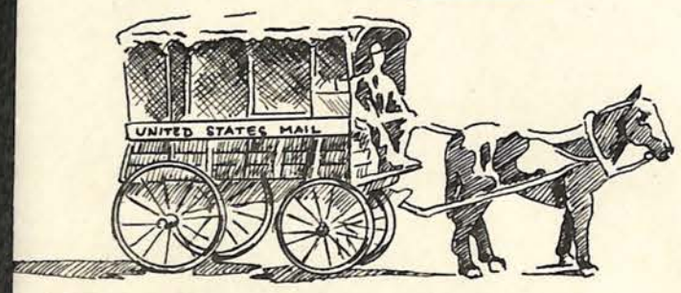
Tacoma Philatelic Center

Postal Historical Museum

Washington
USA 20c

American Goldfinch & Rhododendron



Tacoma Philatelic Center & Museum
Opening Day Oct. 4, 1982

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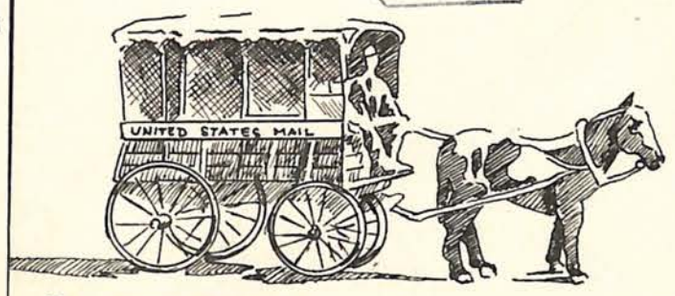
Tacoma Philatelic Center

Postal Historical Museum

Idaho
USA 20c

Mountain Bluebird & Syringa



Tacoma Philatelic Center & Museum
Opening Day Oct. 4, 1982

ENUMCLAW CHAPTER NO. 798

Women of
MOOSEHEART LEGION

MABEL HARRINGTON, Recorder
1920 Harding St.
Enumclaw, Wash.

Annette Chaney
303 W. A. Street.
Yakima.
Wash.

254

ENUMCLAW AUG 3 4-PM 1926 WASH.

SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION 1776 1926 UNITED STATES POSTAGE 2 TWO CENTS

MONTESANO JUN 14 9 AM 1926 WASH.

SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION 1776 1926 UNITED STATES POSTAGE 2 TWO CENTS

French Drug Company,
Tacoma,
Wash.

From: *The Cliff House*
5300 MARINE VIEW DRIVE
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98422

PUYALLUP SEP 26 PM 1964 WASH.

WESTERN WASHINGTON FAIR SEPT. 18 - 27 5c 1964 U.S. POSTAGE

Mailed Direct FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON FAIR PUYALLUP

TACOMA'S SUPERIOR LAUNDRY
Pantorium - Supreme Cleaners
TACOMA'S LINEN SUPPLY
1012 CENTER STREET
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98409

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO
Pine Creek Dairy Company
168 S. DIVISION STREET
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

SPOKANE SEP 28 7 PM 1926 WASH.

IRRIGATE
100,000 ACRES
COLUMBIA BASIN
PROJECT

2 CENTS

L. H. Hilliard
Troy, Idaho









Check 225-00

Armour & Company
Tacoma, Washington







Chester Grey, Jr.
85 Fairmount Terrace
East Orange,
New Jersey







Mrs Vevah Reisz
1710 Gregory Way
Bremerton - Wash.







Mrs. Vevah Reisz
1710 Gregory Way
City

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

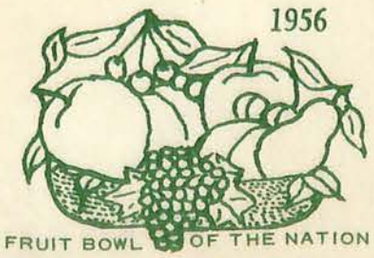
YAKIMA JUNE 1-3, 1956

1856



SIMCOE BLOCKHOUSE

1956



FRUIT BOWL OF THE NATION





FROM _____

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GEORGE, WA
SEP
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1971
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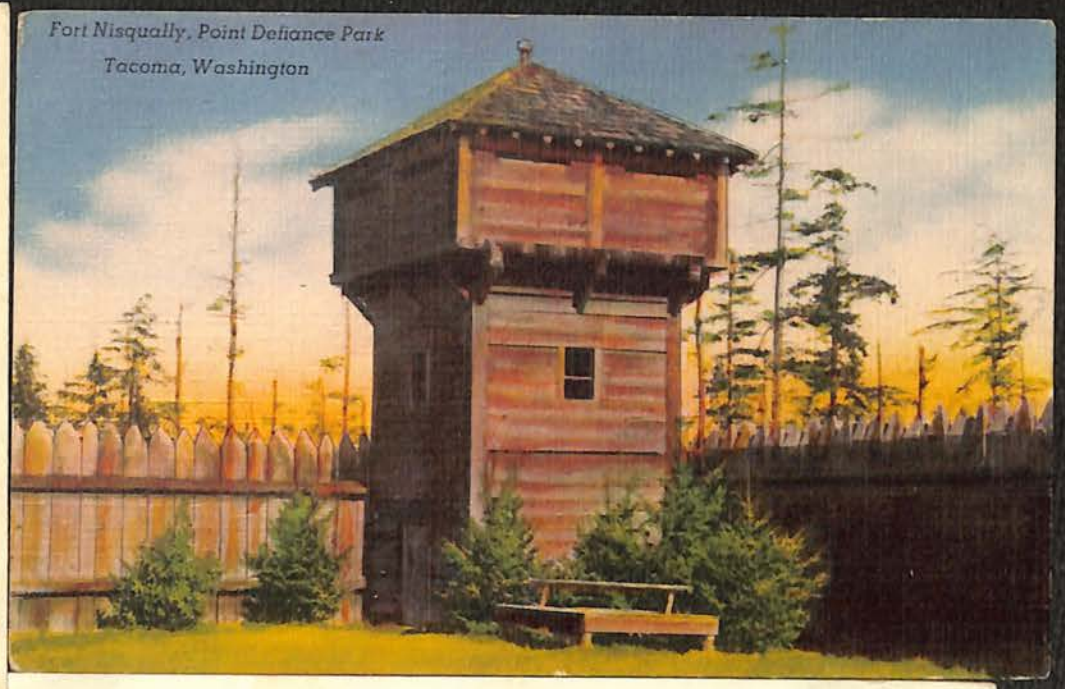
SUPERIOR LINEN SERVICE

1012 CENTER STREET

TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98409


Fort Nisqually, Point Defiance Park
Tacoma, Washington

P·N·C
GLOSSO SERIES

POST CARD

Message

Address

SOUTH BEND
OCT 17
13 30PM
WASH.

U.S. POSTAGE
1 CENT

Mrs. H. E. Foster,
325-19th Avenue,
Seattle, Wash.

No. W 448. Pub. by Pacific Novelty Co. of San Francisco, Cal. Made in Germany.

Press of White Advertising Bureau, Inc., Hancock Bldg., Seattle

POST CARD

SEATTLE, WASH.
APR 22
11-PM
1910

U.S. POSTAGE
ONE CENT

This Space for Correspondence

A Special Sunday Table
d'Hote Dinner is served at the
Perry Hotel from 6 to 8.30 P.
M. Music by Italian Orchestra.
One Dollar.

J. Guerrieri, Mgr.

This Space for Address Only

H. E. Foster
325-19th Av.
Seattle
Wn


Narrows Bridge, Tacoma, Washington



Beautiful Main Gate, Fort Lewis, Washington





Third Class Mail
This package may be opened for
postal inspection if necessary
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED
LEO'S STUDIO
University Place
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON





Oliver Reese
R. 1 Box 336
East Stanwood
Wash.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
MARK W. JONES
STOVES, TINWARE, PLUMBING, GAS AND STEAM
FITTING, ROOFING, TINNING, ETC.
OLYMPIA, WASH.







M. Martin
~~Olympia~~ Salem
~~Wash.~~ Oregon







Ernest Lindstrom
3827 South G Street
Tacoma, Washington

GRAY & LISTER
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Greetings from
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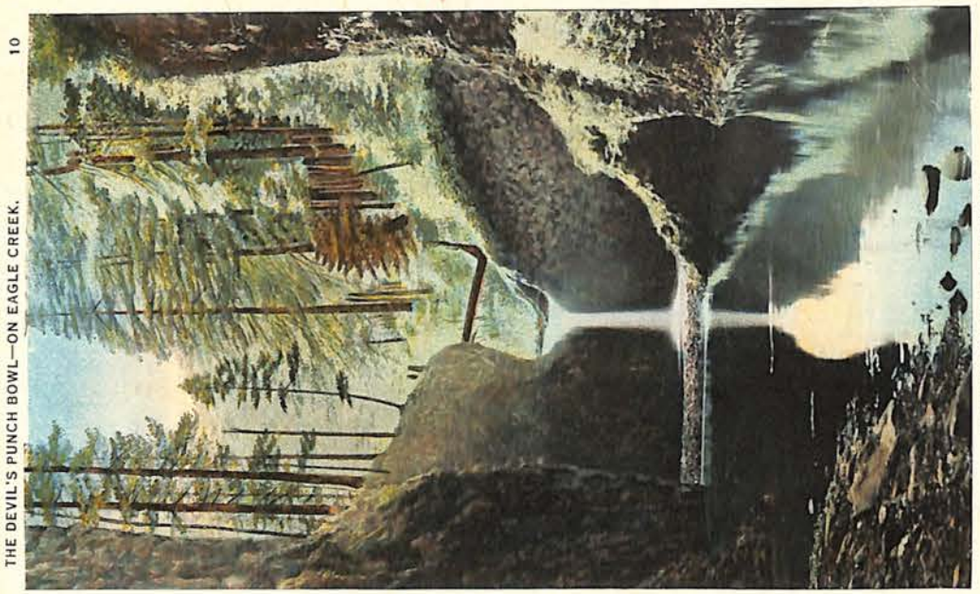

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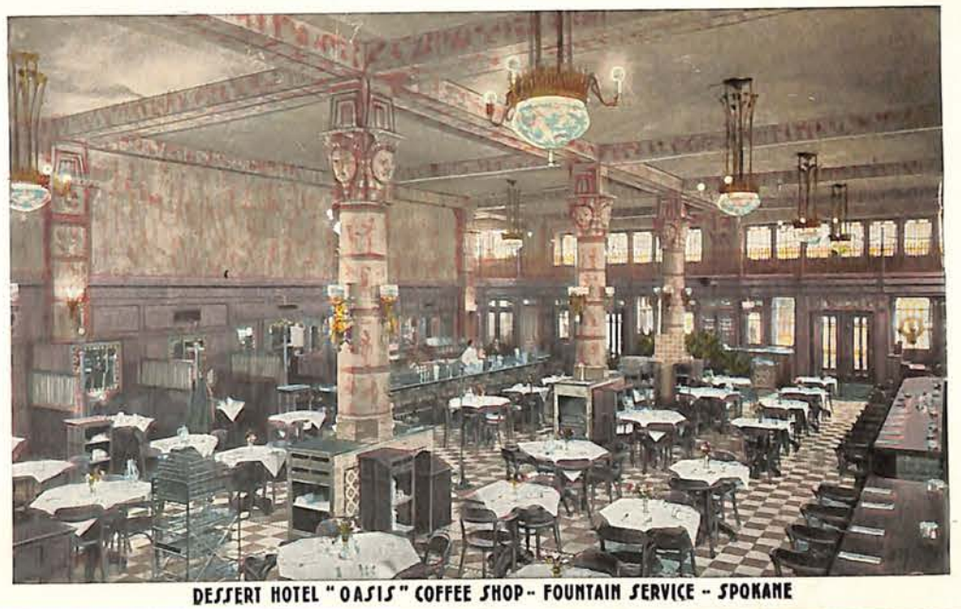
THE DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL—ON EAGLE CREEK.

NEAR COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY



DESSERT HOTEL "OASIS" COFFEE SHOP -- FOUNTAIN SERVICE -- SPOKANE

Cartozian and Sons, Inc.



3320 SOUTH G STREET
TACOMA 8, WASHINGTON.

TACOMA
JUL 26
5 PM
1960
WASH.

FIG
SUPP
TB ASSOCIATION



Headquarters For Every Boating Need

DAY ISLAND MARINA

DAY ISLAND • TACOMA 66, WASH.

TACOMA
FEB 27
5 PM
1962
WASH.

AMERICA'S SPACE
WORLD'S FAIR
SEATTLE U S A 19

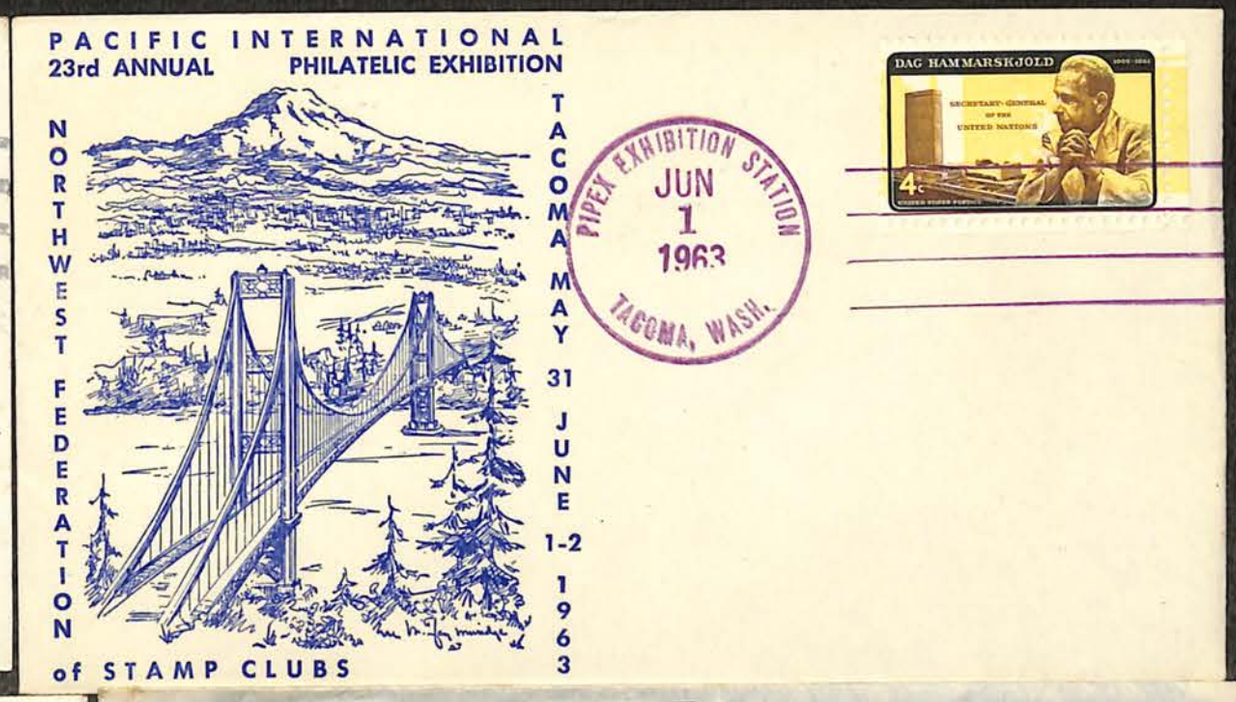


GREEN LAKE MUNICIPAL BATHING BEACH, SEATTLE.

102140




Post Card
FOR CORRESPONDENCE
FOR ADDRESS ONLY
No. 2169, 40 Designs. Patriotic Friendly Message
Dear Mamma,
Received letter and glad to hear from you. No news here. Cattle got out Thurs. and Franklin & I went way out in woods to find them but couldn't. I got stung on leg by yellow jacket. F. & papa found cows that evening write soon.
Marian Love
Mrs. A. S. Burnett,
1108 No. Steele St.
Tacoma,
Wash.
JUL 29 P.M. 1917
U.S. POSTAGE
1 CENT 1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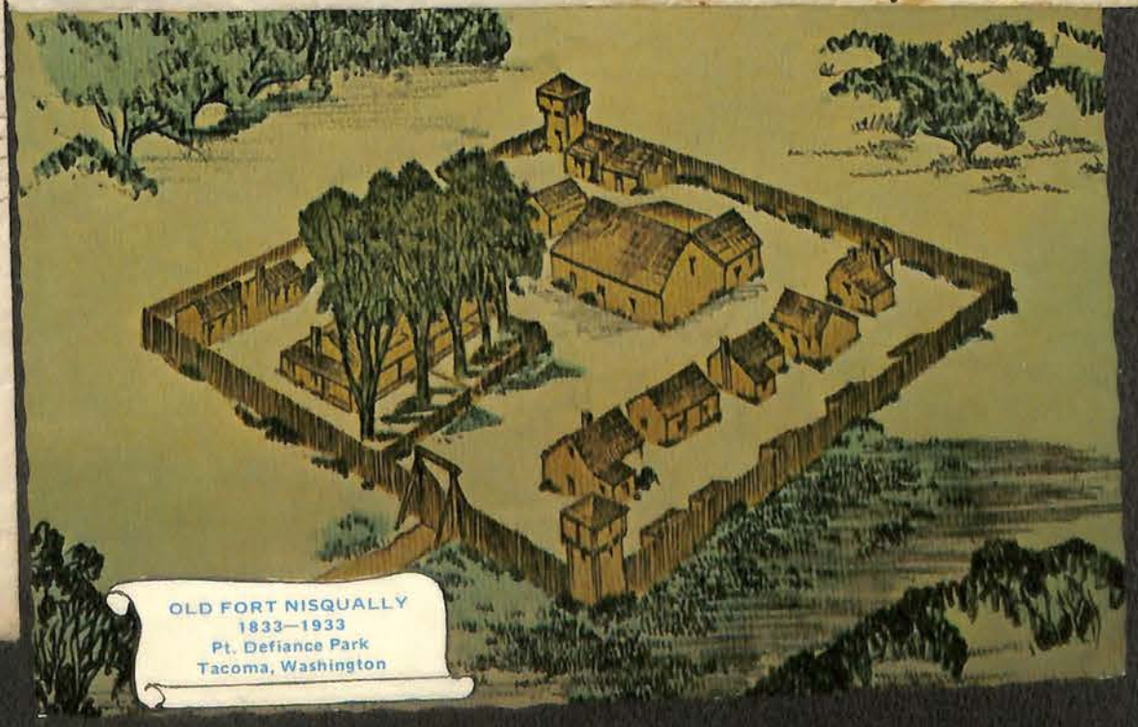
TACOMA, WASH.
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
4c


20th ANNUAL
PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
PIPEX
MAY 28-30, 1960
Lane County Fairgrounds
EUGENE, OREGON
PIPEX CONVENTION STATION
MAY 28 1960
EUGENE, OREG.
JULY 4, 1959
4c
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
Barney
4816 - 6th Ave
Tacoma 6. Wash


TOMORROW'S MAIL TODAY
AIR MAIL
UNITED AIR LINES
TACOMA
MAY 28
2 PM
1941
WASH.
AIR MAIL
6c
Major James P. Barney, Jr.
Hdqrs - IX Army Corps - G-3 Section
King City
California
A.P.O. #309


FORT LEWIS, WASH.
MAY 18
9:30 AM
1940
TOP
TOP
21858
AIR MAIL
6c
U.S. POSTAGE
6c
Capt. James P. Barney, Jr.
10th Field Artillery
Camp Ord
Calif.
Army Post Office #3.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