

STORY OF ALECK  
OR  
PITCAIRN'S ISLAND.

'DONT YOU KNOW ALECK?'



Drawn by J. Bassett, N.A.

Engraved by H. Adlard.

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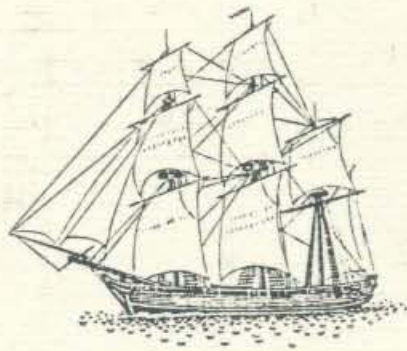


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## PITCAIRN ISLAND

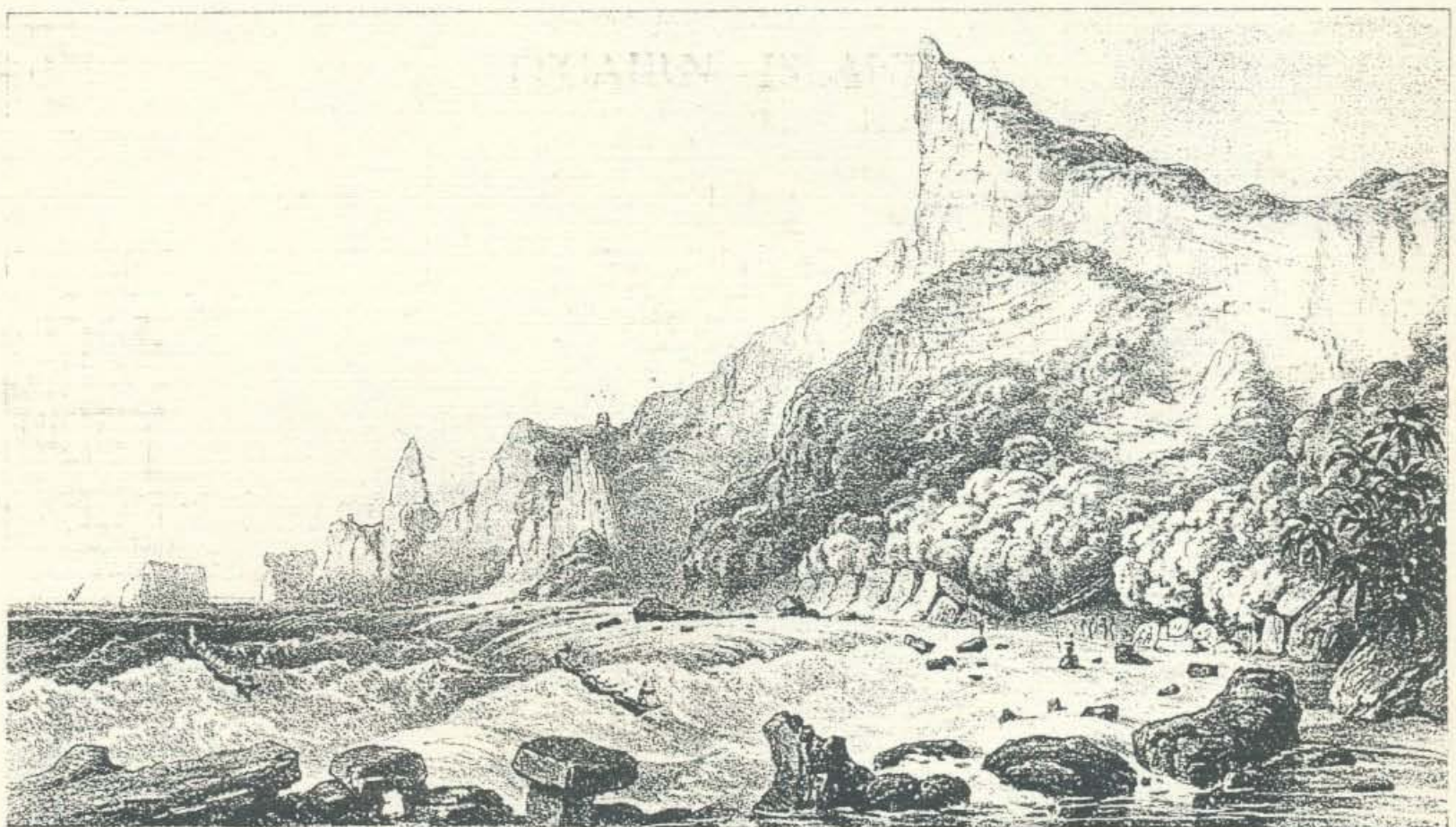


The Barque AMERICA was a whaler out of Bristol, R. I. and first appeared off Pitcairn Island in 1841. One can only guess as to who Thusting and Parker were and why the former was not wanted on shore. He might have been a member of the AMERICA's crew who displeased the Islanders on the voyage to Elizabeth Island.

Elizabeth Island was named for the ship ELIZABETH which had visited the Island. Later the name was changed to Henderson Island after the captain of the ship HERCULES which had made the discovery in 1819.

Previous to 1920, an Austrian wood-carver, by the name of Laeffler, came to Pitcairn and taught the art of carving flying fish, turtles, birds &c to be sold to passing ships. The sale from the carvings and woven baskets, along with postage stamps, accounts for most of the public revenue generated on the Island. The carved objects are made from Miro wood, which is found on Henderson Island, a durable red wood similar to cedar.

In 1820 the whaler ESSEX was rammed and sunk by a sperm whale in the mid-Pacific. Two life-boats landed briefly on Henderson and were later picked up off the coast of South America. One of the epics of the sea that resulted in cannibalism and was the inspiration for Melville's MOBY DICK.



*View of the S. Whaling S. Strand*

*From a Drawing by Geo. Beecher*

LANDING IN BOUNTY BAY.



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Pitcairn Friday 2 1843  
Mister Macomber I want you to take  
the Ship over to Elizabeth Island, and Let them see the  
Island and then come back to this Island, as soon as  
you think they have Examined it sufficient, They are  
to Procure my Ship when you Return they find all of  
their provision over and back a gain they take their Boat  
over with them and we must leave one of ours here

Yours Gilbert Richmond

P.S. Send my Trunk on Shore

PITCAIRN ISLAND 1843  
SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

Captain Gilbert Richmond, Barque AMERICA, orders the first mate to take an exploring party of eleven Pitcairn Islanders to Elizabeth Island and back: "Mister Macomber I want you to take the Ship over to Elizabeth Island and Let them see the Island and then come back to this Island, as soon as you think they have Examined it sufficient..." They are to provide their provisions over and back and take their own boat "as we must leave one of ours here/Yours Gilbert Richmond..P.S. Send my Trunk on Shore." The date "Friday 2 1843" is transparently wrong as Friday was on the 3rd making Thursday the 2nd.

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The AMERICA sailed for Elizabeth Island on Saturday, March 4th and returned the following Saturday March 11th. The exploring party did not give a favourable report on the Island, which is located about 105 miles N.E.



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Mister Macomber  
Barque  
American

Pitcairns 12 1843

Mister Macomber

You will be Obliged to keep Mister Thusting on board, as the People doe not want him on Shore. Last Sunday there was a manowar here for bidding that People should Land upon this Island Excepting upon the account of sickness

Send Mister Parker and any of the Men that you think Proper

Yours G Richmond

Do not let Me see him on Shore.

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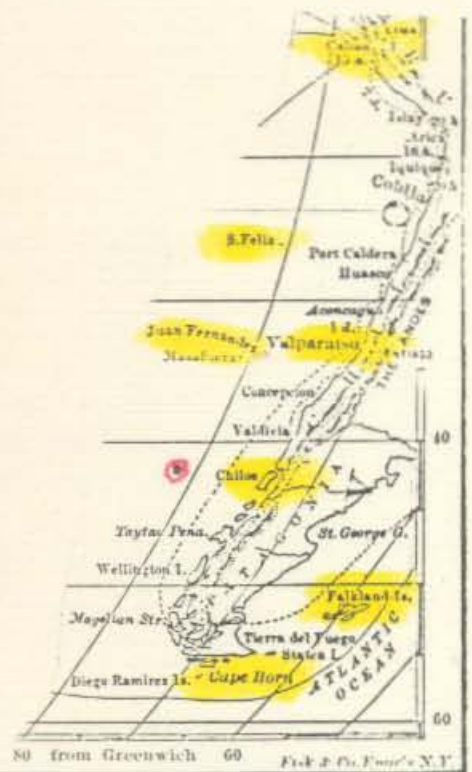
"Mister Macomber You will oblige me to keep Mister Thusting on board, as the people doe not want him on shore. Last Sunday there was a manowar here [H.M.S. TALBOT, Capt. Sir T. Thompson, Bart, Mar. 5th.] for bidding that People should Land upon this Island excepting upon the account of sickness. Send Mister Parker and any of the Men that you think Proper Yours G Richmond/ Do not let Me see him on shore./ G P".

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## PITCAIRN ISLAND

Captain Richard Luce, of the whale ship Margaret Scott of New Bedford, writes a letter in three stages off the coast of Chile and Peru: ".... I am now off the Island of Chiloe\* after a long and tedious passage of 128 days - I never had so boisterous a passage in my life - I shall not get to the N.W. coast this season - I hope it will be for the best. I shall cruise for Sperme Oil until the Chili season, which I shall take for Sperm & Whale, from thence to the N.W. coast - I am in hopes to get 500 lbs of Sperme.... I have a good ship as their is in this ocean and first rate officers - All we want is the Fish - I wrote by the ship Elizabeth - sent them by her first officer Mr Avery of Edgartown..... The day after I spoke Capt Marchant in the Barque Cavalier I took a fair wind that carried me around Cape Horn with a gale of wind to my stern with Hail, snow & wind - I was 15 days between Falkland Islands & .....[SEE below for Latitude & Longitude position which would place the ship about 400 miles west of Chiloe. This was good time for going around the Horn. Captain Bligh, in H.M.S. Bounty, stood off Cape Horn for two weeks, fighting the wind and the sea. He finally gave up and turned eastward around the Cape of Good Hope].... I spoke a French ship - he told me the Valpariso had gone home full - Some of the N.W. fleet have done well.... Ship Margaret Scott Lat 43.00 Long 81.00. ➔



**May day**.... Since writing the above I have cut Black Skin [Black fish - Small, black, toothed whales] A whalemans phrase - I have got one 70 lbs S whale - I saved about 50 bls it blowing a gale off the Island of Chiloe - I touched at the Island of Juan Fernandez\* - Went on shore found a man very sick with constipation of the bowels - the way I shoved Castor Oil in to him was a caution to old folks - I touched at the Island of St Felix - from there to the coast of Peru. I did not get around in time for the N.W. Coast - I shall touch at Callao soon - I saw Capt Osborn ship Marcas out of Telecahanne - his crew gave him the measels.... I shall be quite a Dr. yet... Callao May 11th 1848 - I am now in Callao [Peru] all well - I send this by Ship Taralinta of New York.... Richard Luce."

Letter arrive at New York as per postmark NEW YORK SHIP/OCT 11 (1848) 7 cts in red. Four months later Luce was still in the South Pacific off Pitcairns Island. See letter of September 7, 1848. \*SEE MAP.



# PITCAIRN ISLAND



CHURCH AND SCHOOL-HOUSE PITCAIRN.

OFF PITCAIRNS ISLAND SEPT. 7, 1848

Letter written by Capt. Richard Luce Jr. from the "Ship Margaret Scott At Sea/June 5th A.D., 1848/On the Equator Long 104.00 De." The following extracts are from the letter: "I have not been very fortunate in getting oil - have not seen any whales - in hopes to soon - I am in hopes I shall do better on Chili [coast of] so as to make up a good amount of oil - A few days ago I fell from aloft accidentally injured me some. I think inwardly, say nothing.... I feel... better - the first time that I lost my hold aloft My boats were down - I was in the act of leaving the Mast head to lower my boat - how I lost my hold I cannot tell - I am in hopes to make up 300 of S [Sperm] oil this cruise - I have good officers - all we want is to see the Fish - ..... June 25th 1848."

"Off Pitcairns Island Sept 7 1848 This is the residence of the Mutineers of the Ship Bounty, or their children and grand children - a community of 140 souls, as good and fine a people as ever existed in our age - thanks that there is one community that exists free from Slander - They are a fine people virtuous to a word - Profanity & Vulgarity is a stranger to them and all kinds of vice. Their Chief Magistrate is chosen yearly by vote - I had the honor of Dining with him. The fair sex are allowed to vote - they talk good English and dress in that style - The Ladies have fine looking features - by the by - cannot compare with the Yankee lasses or at least some of them. I should think from appearances they populate faster than they depopulate. I am now bound to the coast of Chili - I hope [for] 1000 bls. - R L in haste"

Captain Luce does not indicate what ship he handed the letter to. It was four months, from the date "off Pitcairns Island", that the letter arrived at HOLMES HOLE, Ms, on JAN 6 and was rated "Ship 6" in red.

The Margaret Scott was one of nine ships listed which touched at Pitcairns Island in 1848. In the log list Lucas is named Captain in error for Luce.



off Port Henry, Monday Sept 9 1848 of the Ship Bounty  
 This is the residence of the Mutineers or their children  
 and Grace's children a community of the  
 same as those and find a people as ever existed  
 in our age, that there is one community  
 that is not from slavery they are a fine people  
 virtuous to a word, Profanity & Vulgarity is a stranger  
 to them and all kinds of vice

Dr. Lacey, N. York  
 Woodbury, N. York  
 Martha Vineyard  
 United States, Mass.

PORT HENRY  
 N. Y.  
 1848

Their Chief Magistrate is chosen yearly by vote I had  
 the honor of dining with his honor. The fair sex are  
 allowed to vote they talk good English and write  
 in that style the Ladies <sup>have</sup> fine looking features  
 by they cannot compare with the Yankee ladies  
 or at least some of them, I should think from  
 appearance they populate faster than they depopulate  
 I am now bound to the coast of Chile I hope to see you  
 So be in haste



# PITCAIRN ISLAND

## SHIP MARGARET SCOTT

is listed as a bark with designation number 2645 in this HARBOR SIGNAL BOOK.

According to the log, kept by the Islanders, Margaret Scott was one of nine ships to call in 1848.

See Captain Richard Luce Jr, letter of September 7, 1848 from Pitcairn Island.

NEW BEDFORD

## HARBOR SIGNAL BOOK.



NEW BEDFORD:

PRESS OF BENJAMIN LINDSEY.

1856.



## SIGNAL BOOK.

Designating Numbers to Merchants' Private Signals.

NEW BEDFORD.

- 1212 Gideon Allen & Son.
- 1213 Charles Almy.
- 1214 Philip Anthony.
- 1215 Abraham Ashley, 2d.
- 1216 Abraham Barker.
- 1221 George F. Barker.
- 1223 Jonathan Bourne, Jr.
- 1224 I. H. Bartlett & Sons.
- 1225 James Beetle.
- 1226 William O. Brownell.
- 1231 Chapman & Bonney.
- 1232 Cook & Snow.
- 1233 O. & G. O. Crocker.
- 1234 William F. Dow.
- 1235 Rodney French.
- 1236 Alexander Gibbs.
- 1241 Robert Gibbs.
- 1242 William Gifford.
- 1243 David R. Greene & Co.
- 1244 Lawrence Grinnell.
- 1245 I. Howland, Jr., & Co.
- 1246 William Penn Howland.



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# Pitcairn Island Letter of 1849 Discovered

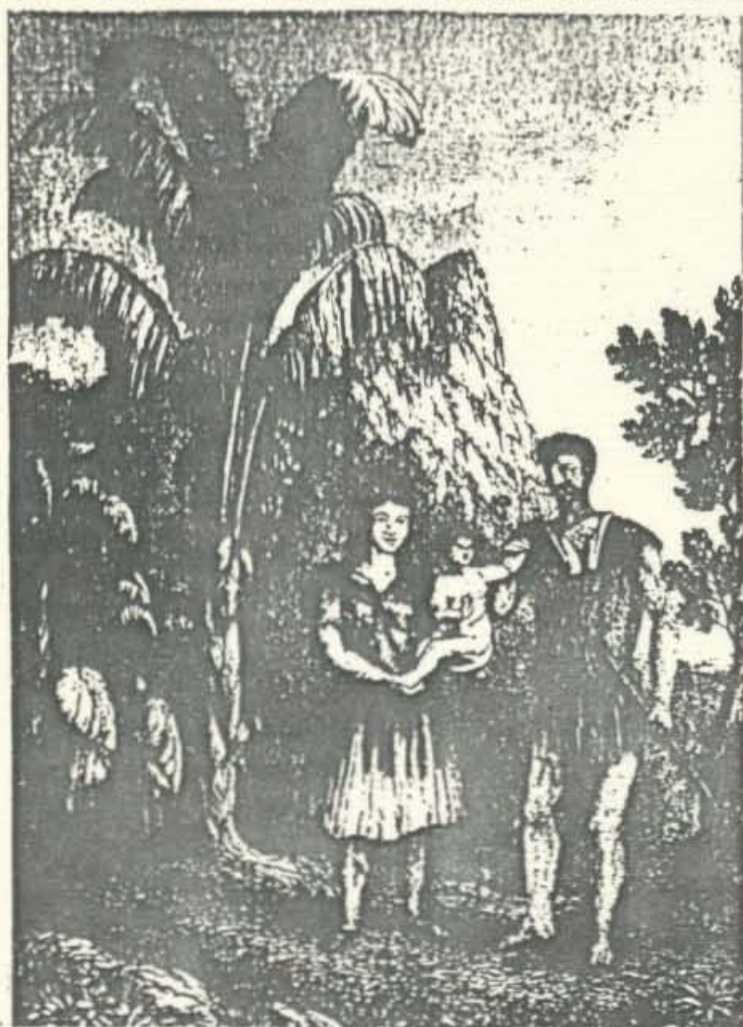
A four page letter, complete with envelope, written from Pitcairn Island in 1849 by the granddaughter of one of the "Bounty" mutineers has come to light in America. This pre-dates by 24 years the previous earliest known surviving letter from Pitcairn Island.

The letter was written on August 6th, 1849 by Jemima Young and was addressed to The Honorable Arthur A. Cochrane, care of the manager of Coutts (an English Bank) of 59 Strand London. The envelope carries the manuscript notation "From Pitcairn's Island". The address and this inscription are all in Miss Young's handwriting.

In a different and bolder handwriting between the address lines, which have been crossed out, are the words, C/- H.M.S. Wellesley, indicating that the Honorable Arthur Cochrane served in the Royal Navy. The letter was probably re-addressed when it arrived at Coutts Bank in London.

The letter almost certainly left Pitcairn on the H.M.S. Daphne which departed the island on August 12, 1849 as this was the only ship which called at Pitcairn in the latter part of 1849. H.M.S. Daphne, commanded by Captain Fanshawe, arrived at Pitcairn from Valparaiso on August 11, 1849, bringing to the Island the first cow and bull and some rabbits. The ship departed the following day.

"Stamp News" has not been able to trace the addressee of the letter, the Honorable Arthur A. Cochrane as his name is not



An engraving of George & Hannah Young, parents of Jemima Young. This engraving was based on a sketch by Lieutenant Smith who visited the island in 1825 on board H.M.S. Blossom (commanded by Admiral Beechey). The child in the arms of Mrs Young is probably Polly Young. Jemima Young was not born until 1828 — three years after this sketch was made.

recorded in the Pitcairn Log kept by the islanders, nor is he mentioned in any of the early books on Pitcairn. Since all visitors who stayed on the island for any period at that time were recorded it is likely that Cochrane was a crew member of a ship which briefly visited Pitcairn. Miss Young in her letter refers to his having left "two years ago". Although 16 ships of various sizes visited Pitcairn in 1847 only one was a British Navy vessel, the H.M.S. Spy under the command of Captain Woodbridge who is mentioned in the letter. The Pitcairn Log states that the H.M.S. Spy remained only the one day at Pitcairn (February 26th) arriving in the morning and sailing at sunset. The ship's doctor (Dr Bowden) rendered aid to Reuben Nobbs who had been seriously injured in a fall the previous week.

If Arthur A. Cochrane was on board the H.M.S. Spy he certainly appears to have made a strong impression on Miss Young who was then 19, in a short space of time.

In all the reference books on Pitcairn in the "Stamp News" library we noted only one reference to the name of Cochrane. That was in the list of subscribers to "Pitcairn's Island and the Islanders in 1850" by Walter Brodie, published by Whittaker and Co of London in 1851, where Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane of 33 Belgrave Street, London is listed as a subscriber for one copy. Perhaps the Admiral was a relative (Father? Uncle?) of the Honorable Arthur A. Cochrane to whom Miss Young's letter was addressed. This would be an interesting line of research for some Pitcairn enthusiast based in London.

Very little is recorded about Jemima Young, other than she was born on October 1st, 1828, the daughter of George Young and his wife Hannah (nee Hannah Adams). George Young, who was born in the period 1794/5, was the son of one of the original "Bounty" mutineers, John Young. He died in 1831. Hannah Young (nee Adams) was born in 1800.

George and Hannah Young had a large family (as was the custom on Pitcairn in those days) and their progeny included Simon Young (born 1823) who later became the spiritual leader and teacher of the community after the return of several families to Pitcairn from Norfolk Island in 1859. Simon Young (Jemima Young's older brother) is depicted on the 3d value of the 1961 Pitcairn Island Return to Pitcairn series.

Jemima Young's letter (which is reproduced elsewhere) is an extraordinary document giving a vivid picture of life on Pitcairn and the thinking of the islanders in the period.

The letter comprises three pages of news and greetings and a fourth page setting out a three verse Poem composed by Miss Young with the first letters forming an acrostic of the recipient's name — ARTHUR COCHRANE.

One interesting point about the letter is that it was written on English engraved stationery from Bath, evidently a gift at some time to the islanders from someone in Bath.

The letter pre-dates by 24 years the previous known earliest surviving letter from Pitcairn. This too was written by a member of the Young family, Benjamin Stanley Young, though whether he was a brother of Jemima Young is not clear from the sketchy Pitcairn Log records since there were several Young families on the island. Benjamin Stanley Young wrote his letter from Pitcairn Island on October 6, 1873 to a former shipmate, Frederick Vincent. This letter is reproduced in full in "The Pitcairn Islands Stamp Catalogue" (pages 11/12).

Jemima Young's historic letter is now housed in the Risvold Collection of Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. to whom we are indebted for photos on which this story has been based. The photography of the cover and letter was carried out by Professional Colour Service Inc of Minneapolis.



## PITCAIRN ISLAND

This is the envelope which bore Jemima Young's 1849 letter from Pitcairn to London. The letter was addressed to the Honorable Arthur A. Cochrane c/s of Coutts (a London Bank). In London the address was erased and the letter was re-addressed to Cochrane c/- H.M.S. Wellesley.



### Jemima Young's Letter

Reproduced here is the letter written by Miss Jemima Young from Pitcairn on August 6, 1849, complete with acrostic poem. The letter contained a number of spelling and grammatical errors but we have reproduced these "as is". It is reproduced in its entirety except for one or two words which could not be deciphered.

Pitcairns Island  
August 6th 1849

Dear and Honourable Sir

As you have requested me to give you an account of my welfare and, of what was going on on the Island, so in compliance with your wishes, I have taken this opportunity to set down and pen these lines, thinking it the greatest pleasure if I can do anything in my power to please you. it was now two years ago since you left us, and although far away from me, still your are as fresh to me in memory glafs as the day when you was with us. how happy would I be to see you once more treading the soil of our dear little Isle. I can assure dear Sir, that the kindness which you have shown me during your short stay among us, gives me the greatest satisfaction, and it had been our conversations for many a days. I have also receive the two books and the pair of gloves which you had so kindly sent on shore. Cap't Worth on board of HMS Calypso had brought us the joyful news of your safe arrival at Valparaiso. and the letter that Mr Wooldridge had so kindly sent by Cap't Worth was heartily received by us, and publictaly read in the school house in the hearing of the pitcairn Islanders, we had been invited on board of two HM's, the Calypso and the pandora, and the treatment which we received from them whilst staying on board is more than I can exprefs, their kindness is too much for utterance. I have also sent you two letters by Mr McLeod, hoping that it will find you in good health and happiness, is what I sincerely desire. since you left us we have had twelve births three marriages and one death which had happened one year ago. we have been afflicted with the Influenza from which we are not quite recovered yet. we have had a very foul weather.

in the first of August, which had proved very disagreeable to us. the heavens were black with clouds and rain, and for the first time we have had hail for the last seventeen years. the wind was in its highest degree when a little schooner was seen a long way off, pointing towards the shore. the tempest was beating most piteously upon it, and it was so rugged that it was impossible for a boat to float; but when it was toward evening the wind became quite moderate and our men went and took a whale boat and go on board. they and a boat from the I schooner returned on shore, they had hardly been on shore for about to hours, when the wind arose and blow the schooner out of sight the Cap't is

now with us waiting most patiently for her return. and now I think it is almost time for me to conclude., and although we are seperated from each other by letter, and as it was not possible that we should see each other again in this world, still I hope that we should meet again in that bright world above where all who believe in Jesus will meet to part no more. give my best respects to your family and friends and to all your relations; and may God Almighty blefs, save and protect you all. My dear mother, brothers, and sisters sends you their of best respects, praying that God who seeth the hearts of all will lead you through all your trials . . . till you arrive on the blefsful shore of eternity — and may the same Lord which ruleth over all preserve us through the seas and storms of life, till we are brought to the haven of safety, where all our sorrows shall be buried in the praises of him who suffered that we might live unto him. with many wishes for your present and future happiness, humbly parying that we may meet again in heaven where we shall see, admire, and celebrate the goodnefs of God and sing his praises for ever. Farewell, and believe me to be

Joy peace and gladnefs here below  
Attends your steps where'er you go  
May God his choicest blefsings send  
Ere you depart this world of sin  
Such is my prayer for you my friend

Your ever sincere  
Friend  
and well-wisher  
Jemima Young

the number of the inhabitants are one hundred and fiftyone seventysix males and 75 females please to excuse all imperfections

An Acrostic on your name

Above in heaven where Jesus reigns  
Regenerate souls alone can go  
The blood of goats — and bullock stain  
How feebly they the way did show  
Unborn from sin we lie in wo  
Redeem'd by Christ to heaven we go

Christ and his love shall be our song  
On Caanan's shore when we arrive  
Christ and his grace employ our tongue  
His pardning love and righteousness

Redeem'd by him we'll blefs his name  
And sing his pleading love  
Nor cease to praise for from the flame  
Eternally he sav-d our soul

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Pleasant Island

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear and Honourable Sir

To you have requested me to give you an account of my welfare and of what was going on on the Island, & in compliance with your wishes I have taken this opportunity to set down and pen these lines, thinking it the greatest pleasure if I can do any thing in my power to please you. It was now two years ago since you left us, and although far away from us, still your are as fresh to me in memory glaze as the day when you was with us. How very happy would I be to see you once more treading the soil of our dear little Isle. I can assure dear Sir, that the kindness which you have shown me during your short stay among us, gives me the greatest satisfaction, and it had been our conversation for many a days. I have also receive the two books and the pair of gloves which you ~~had~~ so kindly sent on shore. Capt W North on board of the HMS Colypso had brought us the joyful news of your safe arrival at Valparaiso, and the letter that Mr Woodbridge was so kindly sent by Capt North was heartily received by us, and particularly so in the school house in the hearing of the future islanders we had been invited on board of the ship, the Colypso and the powder, and the treatment which we received of even than what we enjoyed on board is more than I can express. I have also sent you two letters by Mr Woodbridge, hoping that it will find you in good health and happiness, is what I sincerely desire. Since you left us we have had twelve births three marriages and one death which had happened one year ago. we <sup>have</sup> been afflicted with the Influenza from which we are not quite recovered yet. we have had a very foul weather



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J. Young



## PITCAIRN ISLAND

# The Pitcairn Visitor Who Became An Admiral

By The Editor

As a direct result of an article which appeared in "Stamp News" earlier this year, it has been established that the recipient of the earliest known surviving Pitcairn Island letter (written in 1849) was an English sailor who later became an Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet.

He was Admiral the Honourable Sir Arthur Cochrane KCB who was the third son of Admiral Thomas Cochrane who played a leading role in helping the Chileans, the Peruvians and the Brazilians obtain their independence.

Arthur Cochrane was only 23 (and probably a lieutenant) when his ship HMS Spy visited Pitcairn Island briefly in 1847. He there met Miss Jemima Young, who was then aged 19.

On August 6, 1849 Miss Young wrote a long four-page letter to Arthur Cochrane and this letter almost certainly left Pitcairn on the HMS Daphne which departed from the island on August 12, 1849. The envelope containing the letter was addressed to "The Hon-ble Arthur A Cochrane, to the care of mgr Coutts, 59 Strand, London". On arrival in London Coutts Bank re-addressed it c/HMS Wellesley.

Both the envelope and the letter have survived and are now in the Risvold Collection in Minneapolis, USA. The founder of the collection, Mr Floyd Risvold purchased the unique letter at a London auction several years ago and contacted me earlier this year after he had purchased a copy of "The Pitcairn Islands Stamp Catalogue" in which I had recorded the then earliest known surviving Pitcairn cover as being dated 1873.

As a result of my correspondence with Mr Risvold, I was able to publish an exclusive story in the March 1978 issue of "Stamp News" giving details of the letter and publishing a full transcript of its contents. This story naturally aroused an enormous amount of interest amongst Pitcairn specialists.

After publication of the "Stamp News" story, the English magazine "Stamp Collecting" sought and obtained permission to reprint the article. When this article appeared it resulted in Mr Alexander Cochrane, of Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, England, writing direct to Mr Risvold, giving full biographical details of Arthur A. Cochrane. In his letter Mr Cochrane explained that he was carrying out research into the Earls of Dundonald, a very ancient and distinguished Scottish family whose name is also Cochrane. Mr Cochrane said the existence of the letter came to his notice in a very odd way as follows:

"a. In its issue of March, 1978, the Australian monthly philatelic journal, "Stamp News", contained a reproduction of the

letter and an article about it, in which the question of the identity of the 'Hon. Arthur A. Cochrane' was raised.

"b. In its issue of June 1, 1978, the British philatelic periodical, "Stamp Collecting", with the permission of the Australian editor, reproduced the article and the letter.

"c. The British paper was read by a philatelist who was also a friend of the Hon. Vere Cochrane, brother of Lord Cochrane of Cults, and a second cousin of Major Iain Cochrane, the present (and 14th) Earl of Dundonald.

"d. The philatelist sent a photo-stat copy of the letter and the article to his friend, the Hon. Vere Cochrane, at Cults, in Fife, Scotland.

"e. Only a matter of days before this happened I had been up in Scotland and had been discussing my researches with the Hon. Vere, who was therefore au fait with what I am doing. With my visit doubtless still fresh in his mind, he, in turn, sent on the photo-stat copy of the article and letter to me here in Grange, Cumbria, asking if I could identify the Cochrane who visited Pitcairn Island in 1847, and this I have been able to do."

### Lord Cochrane

Mr Cochrane said in his letter to Mr Risvold, that Miss Young's letter was naturally of great interest to him, especially the Acrostic with which she concluded it. Mr Cochrane then added this comment: "From my researches into the family history, the 'Hon. Arthur A. Cochrane' to whom Miss Young's letter is addressed is clearly identified as being — as he later became — Admiral the Honourable Sir Arthur Auckland Leopold Pedro Cochrane, KCB. He was the third son of Admiral Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, GCB who, before succeeding to the title, achieved fame as Lord Cochrane, the frigate captain who later helped the Chileans, the Peruvians and the Brazilians to achieve independence."

Mr Cochrane appended a genealogical chart of the Cochrane family which is too complicated to reprint here, but we do append below some biographical details of the recipient of the 1849 Pitcairn letter: **Admiral the Honourable Sir Arthur Auckland Leopold Pedro Cochrane, KCB.**

Born 24/9/1824 — third son of Admiral Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, GCB.

4/1839 age 14 Midshipman in the Royal Navy.

/1847 age 23 (as Lieutenant?) visited Pitcairn Island. (See Jemima Young's letter of 6/8/1849).

/1854, age 30, as Commander took part in the siege of Bomarsund in the Baltic.

/1854, age 30, Captain of HMS "Niger".

1/6/1857, age 33, took part in, and was wounded at, the Battle of Fatsun Creek in China during the 2nd Opium War.

1863, age 39, Captain of HMS "Warrior", the first iron battleship.

1873-76, 49-52, Admiral and Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.

Died 20/8/1905, age 81.

When Mr Risvold replied to Mr Cochrane's letter, he made this comment: "It seems strange that this letter appeared in London, came to Minnesota, entered the public domain in Australia, and then picked up by news media in London and now your letter to me in Minneapolis. It seems that Jemima's letter was destined to be preserved in history."









## PITCAIRN ISLAND

Pitcairn's Island March 25 1850

Dear friend

But a few days has passed since you left us, and you are now far far away from us, so far that although I have but very little to write, yet I cannot allow so favourable an opportunity to pass by, without writing to you. Friendship you know can never be loganious. I hope therefore you will write to me by the earliest opportunity. You see I have not forgotten you, and you may rest assured that I will not forget you soon. I hope you and your dear husband will prosper wherever you go, and wherever you be, you will always have my best wishes, and sincere desire for your happiness - and I hope the blessing of heaven will ever rest upon you and yours. I am glad to have it in my power to inform you that we are all alive and well, but it is painful to think that while we are so our dear friends may now be weighed down by either sickness or sorrow. Providence however ordereth all things for the best. In its care therefore I resign you. Hoping if we may never meet in this world, we may meet in that better one above. My dear mother and sisters send you their love. Give our united loves to your dear husband, hoping to hear from



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Caroline Adams

Pitcairn Island  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1856

My Dear Mrs. Barnell

I have just received your very kind & considerate letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of these 100. I assure you I was delighted with it. I cannot at first even guess who would be at the trouble of writing to me from England before reading the letter I looked at the signature, & I need by hardly tell you what my feelings were when I found it came from you. This was the first intimation I had of your whereabouts, since you left us, although I have made many enquiries concerning yourself & family. I have written several letters to that "Horrible Coast" California, and enquired after whenever I was fortunate enough to meet any one acquainted in Mexico & its vicinity, but all to no purpose, so I finally concluded, that you must have fallen a victim to the many fatal diseases in California, & of which we have heard such terrible accounts.



# PITCAIRN ISLAND

Pitcairns Island

April 9th 1856

My Dear Mrs Parnell,

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I find by your address that you are living near (I hope very near) a dear friend of mine The Rev'd Wm H. Holman a chaplain in the navy, he has resided with me nine months (during the time Mr Nobbs was in England) & you must endeavour to become acquainted with him as he is a very nice person, & I am sure he would be delighted to find one who is acquainted with our little Island & its inhabitants. His parents are living in Teignmouth. I hope you are living happily & enjoying a full share of the blessings which Providence bestows in this life. I hear or rather we have heard, that we are to be removed to Norfolk Island, in August or September next. I do think that many of us would hardly survive a removal from here, being born & brought up upon the Island, consequently, everything we hold dear is connected with it.

You must endeavour to keep up the correspondence, between us & write as often as possible & I promise to do the same, you had better address your letters to Norfolk Island, via, Sydney

My dear husband sends you his kind love & please to offer our kindest regards to Mr. Parnell & say we expect a line or two from him

You must always remember us in your supplications to the throne of grace, for we need your prayers, oh! my dear Celia, what is more gratifying, than to think that although so many thousands of miles apart our entreaties, to the throne of the Great Eternal ascend together as one.

With sincerest wish for your present & future happiness, believe me to be ever you

Affectionate friend

Caroline Adams

Mrs Celia Parnell )  
)

P.S. In my anxiety to write I have quite forgotten to say that we still have the liveliest recollections of you & the rest of the passengers on board of the schooner "Rose" where is Mr Mullen? he is a great friend of my husband & we have not heard of him since his visit, we are all well thank God



# PITCAIRN ISLAND

Pitcairns Island

April 20th 1850

Kind Friend

As I may never have such an opportunity again of writing to you I have embraced this with pleasure - but although seperated by the vast and mighty ocean I can never forget you - and I hope you will not be offended when I ask for the same from you

Our little community was lately thrown into great agitation by the conduct of the Captain of an English Barque which arrived hear on the 24th of last month from Auckland having on board six passengers for California it was on Sunday morning that the vessel hove in sight - as soon as we could make her out to be a merchantman we put off in one of our boats to see what is wanted by the Captain having learned the Captain wants water only and that he intends to sail on the same day his vessel being very leaky - we of course thought it would be a work of necessity to help and get it for him. he while we were getting his water, landed in one of his boats bringing with him three of his passengers beside himself and the super cargo when our boat came round to the settlement they brought two other passengers - making in all 5 beside the Captain and Supercargo towards evening he told the passengers that they may remain on shore all night, as he intends to stop another day, and that in the following morning, he will come back and take off some things which he had ordered, and our boats will take off the passengers at the same time - he accordingly took one of ( ? ) and went on board - the next day the wind blew pretty fierce with rain, which continued for two days the fourth day after (Wednesday) - she was seen, to the leeward of the islands, about 30 miles off. Thursday she passed by the island with a fair wind to come and take off her passengers, if the Captain was so minded but she passed by and was never seen or heard of after, leaving with us five passengers - two of which have been fortunate to get of lately in the bark "Colonist"

One of which has kindly undertaken to teach us, music, and I am happy in telling you that he has succeeded much to his satisfaction and our own - this and the birth of a child to day - a boy is the only news I have to impart - and now kind friend I bid you a kind farewell, praying that God Almighty may bless you and yours

I remain your Ever  
affectionate friend  
and wellwisher

Caroline Adams

Miss C. J. Parnell )  
California )

Give my best love to your husband  
Likewise to Mr Geo Mullen  
My husband sends you all his kind regards.



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Caroline - Adams

Pitcairn Island

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1850

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Geoffrey C. Ingleton



# Earliest known Pitcairn Island letter tells of long voyage in search of whales

By Donna O'Keefe

The earliest known letter from Pitcairn Island has been discovered by Floyd E. Risvold and is in the Risvold collection in Minneapolis.

The letter is dated 1848 and was written in two stages by Capt. Richard Luce of the whaling ship *Margaret Scott* (Figure 1).

The first part is headed "June 25 A.D. 1848/On the Equator 104.00W." The contents tell of the loneliness and rigors of the long voyage in search for whales.

Capt. Luce writes, "It is now 7 long months since I left Bedford with a heavy heart. I have not heard one word since . . . I have not been fortunate in getting oil, have not seen any whales . . ."

"A few days ago I fell from aloft accidentally injured me some . . . the first time that ever I lost my hold aloft."

The second part is headed "Off Pitcairn Island Sept 7 1848."

The captain writes, "This is the residence of the mutineers of the *Ship Bounty*, or their children and grande children, a community of 140 souls, as good and pious a people as ever existed . . ."

"Their Chief Magistrate is chosen yearly by vote. I had the honour of dining with his honour."

He says, "The fair sex are allowed to vote."

He also observes that "they populate faster than they depopulate." (Population in 1983 was only 45.)

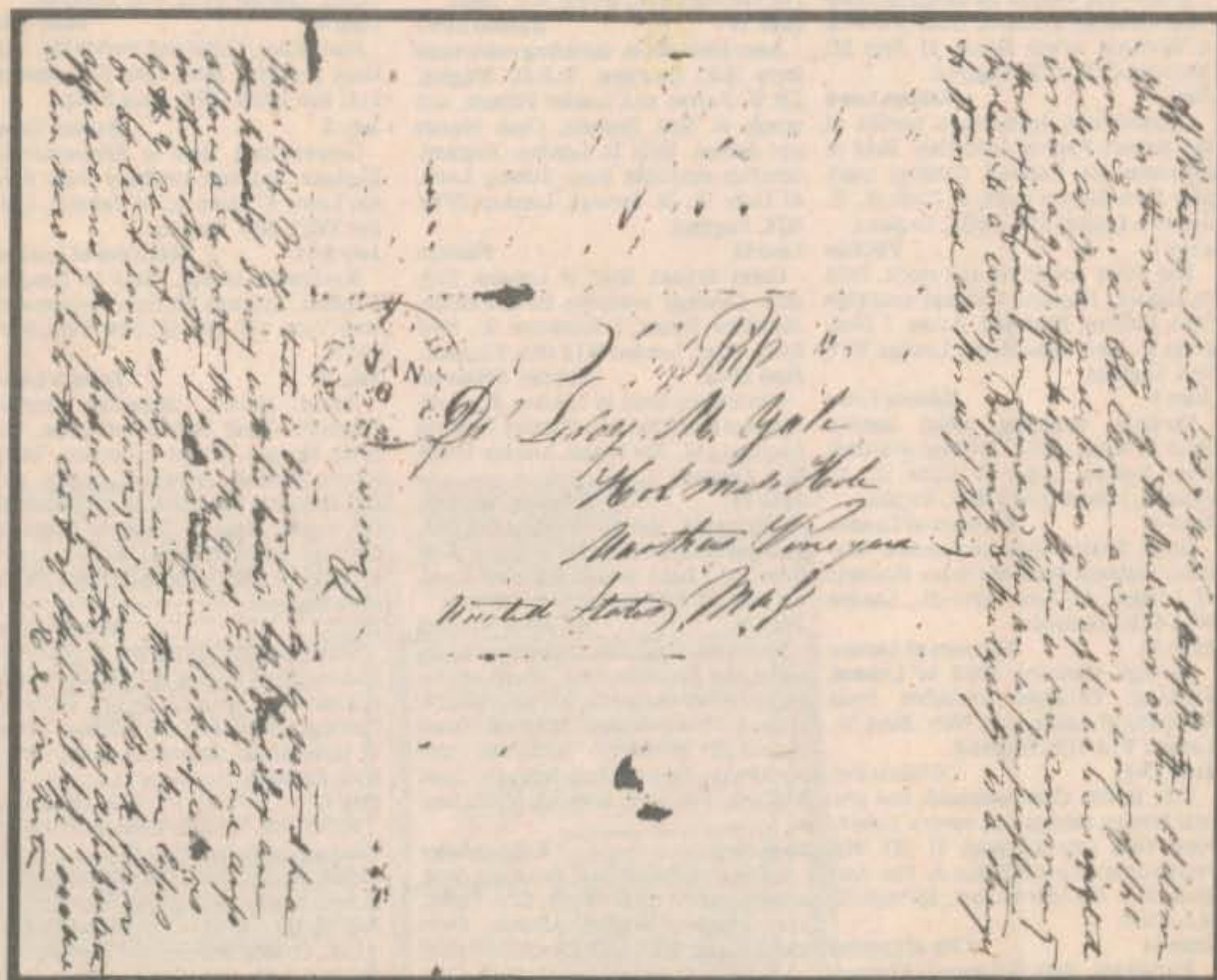


Figure 1. This is the earliest known letter from Pitcairn Island. It is dated 1848 and was written by Capt. Richard Luce of the whaling ship *Margaret Scott*.

written from Pitcairn Island on Aug. 6, 1849 (Figure 2).

The letter was written by Jemima Young to "The Honorable Arthur A. Cochrane/to the care of mgr Coutts/59 Strand/London."

Upon its arrival in London, it was readdressed "C<sup>o</sup> HMS Wellesley."

It is believed Jemima Young met Arthur Cochrane when his ship visited Pitcairn in 1847. She was 19, and he was 23.

Cochrane's ship, *HMS Spy*,

"Regenerate souls alone can go

"The blood of goats — and bullock-stain

"How feebly they the way did show

"Unborn from sin we lie in wo

"Redeem'd by Christ to heaven we go

"Christ and his love shall be our song

"On Canan's shore when we arrive

"Christ and his grace employ

reprinted in the June 1978 British publication, *Stamp Collecting*.

It was read by a philatelist, who also was a friend of Vere Cochrane, brother of Lord Cochrane of Cults, and a second cousin of Maj. Iain Cochrane, the present earl of Dundonald.

The philatelist sent a copy of the article to Vere Cochrane.

Alexander Cochrane of Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, England, who was involved in research into the earls of Dun-

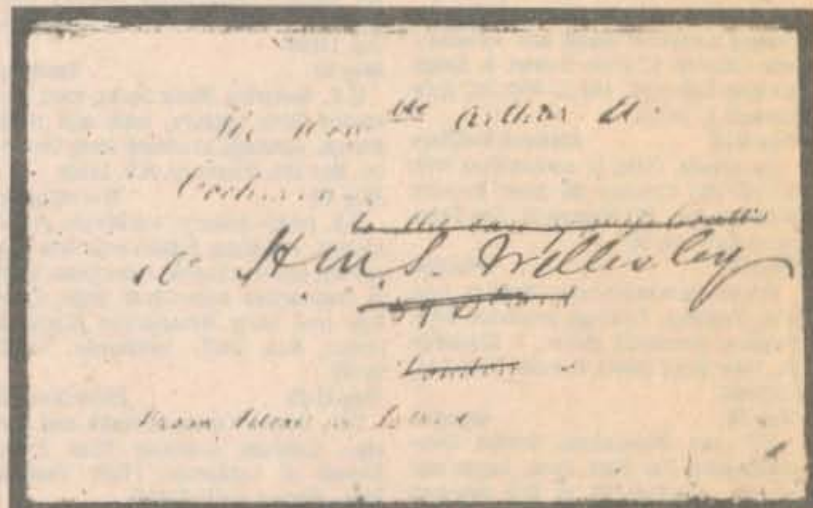


Figure 2. This early Pitcairn Island cover was sent in 1849 by Jemima Young to Arthur Cochrane, whose ship, *HMS Spy*, was docked at the island for a short time. The letter was sent in 1849.

brary in Minneapolis where his letter was forwarded to Risvold.

He stated in his letter:

"From my researches into the family history, the 'Hon Arthur A. Cochrane' to whom Miss Young's letter is addressed is clearly identified as being — as he later became — Admiral the Honourable Sir Arthur Auckland Leopold Pedro Cochrane, K.C.B.

"He was the third son of Admiral Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, G.C.B. who, before succeeding to the title, achieved fame as Lord Cochrane, the frigate captain who later helped the Chileans, the Peruvians and the Brazilians to achieve independence." (Lord Thomas Cochrane is pictured on Peru Scott 226.)

Another letter from Alexander Cochrane to Floyd Risvold confirms that Arthur Cochrane visited Pitcairn Island in 1847

Adams by Capt. Frederick Chamier R.N., published in New York in 1853.

The book bears a manuscript dedication by Caroline Adams to "John & Celia Parnell/who visited Pitcairn Island/March 1850 on their voyage to California."

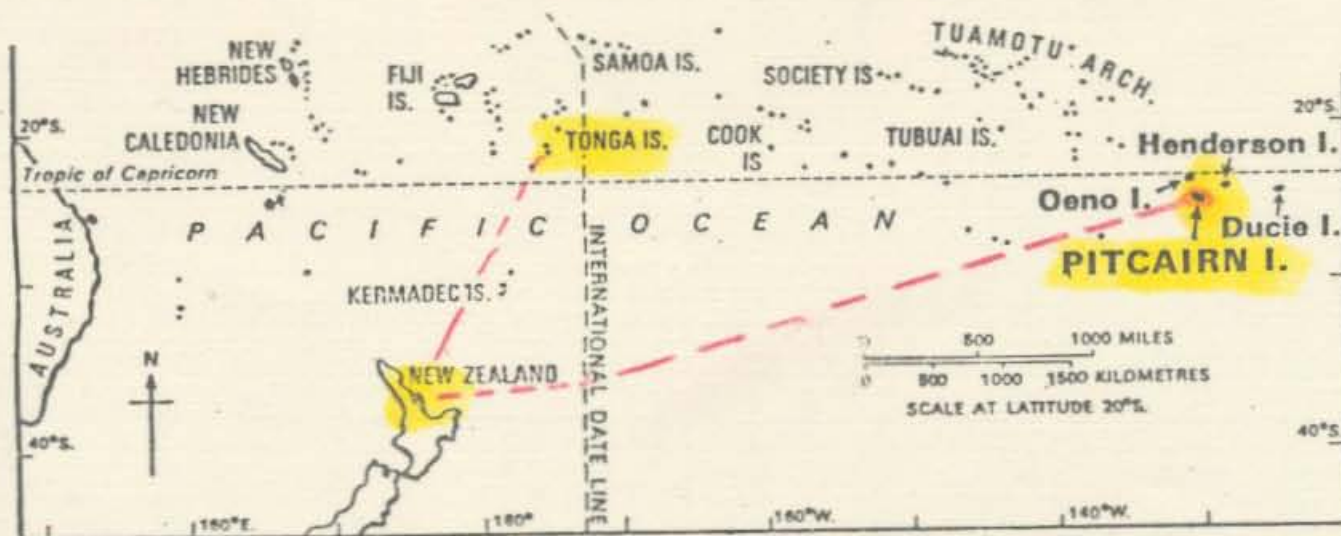
Three original letters were found at the back of the book addressed to Celia Parnell. They probably were placed in the book by Mrs. Parnell as a memento of their visit.

Two are from Caroline Adams and one is from Susan Quintall. The letters are dated March 25, 1850, April 20, 1850, and April 9, 1856, and contain insights to the island and its history.

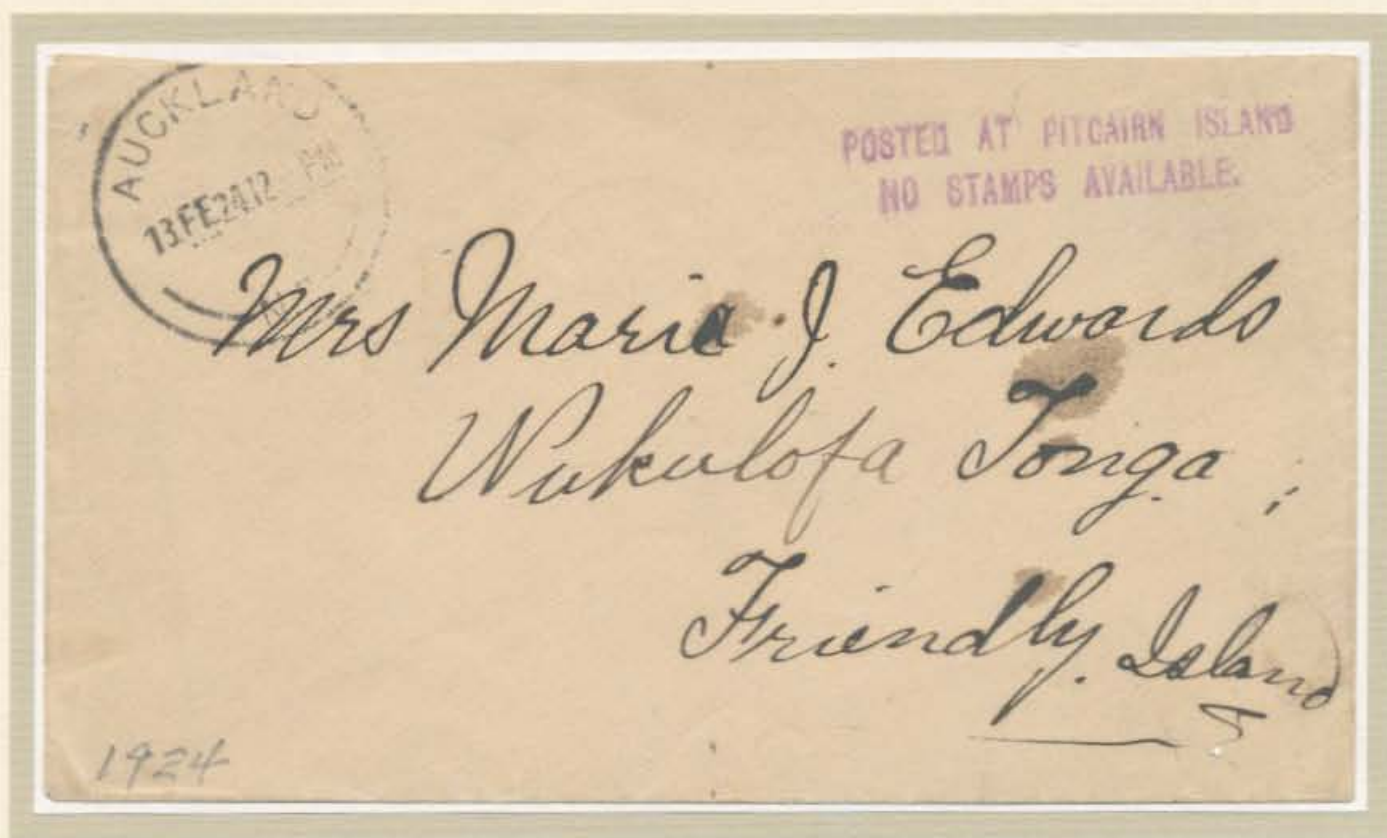
The April 9, 1856 letter from Caroline Adams is particularly interesting as it was written three weeks before the islanders left Pitcairn to settle on Norfolk Island because the set-



# PITCAIRN ISLAND



In 1921 the New Zealand government agreed to accept "unstamped" mail, from Pitcairn Island at the regular prepaid rate, with the charges to be collected from the recipient. By 1927 the New Zealand Postal Agency was established on the Island and stamps of that country were put in use. In 1940 the Pitcairn Post Office was established and the first postage stamps were issued. There are more than a dozen types of the "NO STAMPS AVAILABLE" in red, violet, purple and black known.



Cover shown above was posted from Pitcairn Island in January and arrived at AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND on February 13, 1924 as per postmark. It was then forwarded to NUKUALOFA, TONGA in the FRIENDLY ISLANDS, where it arrived on March 17th. It was held in the post office until it was picked up on April 24, 1924, as per the postmark on reverse. SEE chart above for location of PITCAIRN, TONGA and AUCKLAND.



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Pitcairn Island,  
Sept 19, 1926.

Dear Mother Smith -

Thank you very much for  
your kindness to me thanks for  
the big parcels and especially the  
cutasol now please excuse me  
for calling you mother I am  
sure you are a dear loving  
mother to us all you take too  
much trouble about us, I mean  
our family and myself. How are

The mother of Floyd McCoy writes to a friend: "..... Floyd like to go to New Zealand, if can to study Wirelass (radio), dont know if he will go or not - We are expecting the S.S. Rotorua - the boys just catch the message that she will be in one oclock to night..... Harriet McCoy." Note on the letter "I send an old letter from Mrs McCoy. She is the great grand daughter of Flecher Christian the mutineer and she married one of the McCoys Mentioned in the book." Mrs. E. B. Smith. Cover was carried by the S.S. Rotorua to New Zealand and thence via the Canal Zone, as per partial strike of the postmark "PAQUEBOT". The "T" in the circle indicates that the postage was collect.

POSTED AT PITCAIRN ISLAND  
NO STAMPS AVAILABLE  
1926

Mrs E. B. Smith  
338 North Columbus Avenue  
Tuckahoe  
New York





Mr. R. G. Tolman  
Purser  
S.S. Pennsylvania  
New York

Pitcairn Island  
South Pacific Ocean

Dear Sir  
I hope you are in good health, as my sister & myself are fairly well. Many of the people here have had colds & coughs. The motor ship Ranjitana passed here last week without calling. She had 600 passengers & mails from England & America. It was a disappointment to us as we were hoping to see her. We went among the passengers & we don't get the next one.

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Mr R. G. Tolman  
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Engine is being sent from  
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our orange season is almost over.  
but the pine-apples are coming in, also



Mr R. G. Tolman  
Asst Purser  
S.S. Pennsylvania  
New York

Riteairn Island  
South Pacific  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1930

Dear Sir

I received your letter & packet  
much. I was just wanting Pen-nibs, by same  
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Mr R. G. Tolman  
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about 2 months before while leaving a flight  
boat S.S. Bradavon on a rough day, he was  
visited by 2 Doctors from Passenger Ships, who  
advised him never to go in the boats again, to  
keep quiet as he had a weak heart, he seemed  
to be recovering, when he took the Flu, I think  
that finished him. I am pleased to hear from you at  
any time, there is 9 of the Islanders in Wellington N.Z.  
at present, 4 men 2 Women 3 girls, they are all working  
I don't know how long they will be away, well so long  
God Bless you, I remain yours sincerely  
Richard B. S.



# PITCAIRN ISLAND



RICHARD BENTLEY FAIRCLOUGH standing "outside the porch of Gordon Christian's house where I live" on Pitcairn Island. Richard had been given a permit to move to Pitcairn from England. He arrived about the first of July 1927 and spent the rest of his life on Pitcairn where he died and is buried. The letter on the opposite page is the last of five that he wrote to Robert G. Tolman. They give an excellent description of life on the island.. This letter tells of 2 men who were "landed here from S.S. Corinthie. They had been on board seeing friends off for England" and the boat sailed with them on board. The ship let them off at Pitcairn to catch the S.S. Mataror due in 2 days, but failed to stop. They had to stay about a month for the S.S. Lainue to take them back to New Zealand. Post-marked at Pitcairn June 4, arriving at CRISTOBAL, C.Z. JUN 17 830 AM PAQUETBOT 1930. It arrived at NEW YORK June 23rd.





PITCAIRN ISLAND

Mr R. G. Tolman  
Purser  
S. S. Pennsylvania  
New York.

Pitcairn Island  
South Pacific Ocean  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>/30

Dear Sir

I received 2 letters & 2 packets from you since I wrote you last thank you very much for them. they were a long while in reaching <sup>here</sup> as ship from Panama S.S. Mataroa did not call in. they had to come up from New Zealand. we had a letter today from Mrs Emma Smith she is on a Cruise to Bermuda. & says she intends to leave U.S.A. for England in June to escape the hot summer in America. about 6 weeks ago 2 men were landed here from S.S. Corinthic. they had been on board seeing some friends off for England & the ship sailed with them on board. they wanted to get back to N.Z. so the Captain arranged with the Magistrate to let them land to catch the Mataroa due to call in 2 days. but she never called. so the men were here for a month. they lived at Magistrates house & were invited out to meals by most of the people on the Island. so it cost them nothing. they had the time of their life time. the S.S. Famine took them to N.Z. the Purser said he would give them some work to do for their passage. a Pitcairn man & girl also left for N.Z. they had to pay passage £10 each. there are 10 Islanders in Wellington N.Z. they have gone down there this last 7 months. I think they had better stop at



## PITCAIRN ISLAND

this Island. we went out early this morning to S.S. Rangitata for mails + to ship oranges for N.Z. the motor boat + 3 Whale boats went out. I went on board selling coco-nut shells 3 ply wood panels + Mother of Pearl shells on which I had painted Views of Pitcairn. we were on our way to the shore at sun-rise it was almost dead calm. so different from yesterday there was a gale blowing + heavy sea.

I enclose a copy of my photo taken about 8 months ago by an Islander. I am stood outside the porch of Gordon Christian's house where I live.

my sister is quite well now + wishes to be remembered to you.

our Orange season is now on. the Pine apples will soon be in. it is not the season yet for Alligator Pears.

Please dont send any more pens + pencils for the present.

I wish you every success in your work.  
May God Bless + protect you.

I remain  
yours sincerely  
Richard B. Fairclough



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Mr Robt G Tolman  
Asst Purser  
S. S. California  
Panama Pacific Line N.Y.

Pitcairn Island  
South Pacific Ocean  
Nov 30th 1928

Dear Mr Tolman

I received your letter of Sept 14th. My Cousin Mrs Emma B. Smith wrote asking me to write to you. she sent your & her son George's Photo, but did not send name or address. so I could not write to you. I have been on Pitcairn Island 1 year 5 months. my sister has been here 11 months. her name is Mrs Sessie

Mr Robt. G. Tolman  
Asst. Purser  
S. S. California  
Panama Pacific Line  
New York.  
U. S. A.



committee for Public Works. in times past there used to be a Parliament of 7 men. both men & women have Votes. as there is no ordained minister here marriages are performed by Magistrate after notice is posted up in Public Place. the Magistrate & secty act as Postmaster & mailman. the Post Office is only



Mr R. G. Tolman  
Asst. Purser  
S. S. California  
New York

Pitcairn Island  
South Pacific Ocean  
March 19<sup>th</sup>/29

Dear Sir

I received your letter  
yesterday. many thanks for packet of  
circulars of ships voyages. I am glad

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Mr R. G. Tolman  
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I know of very few...  
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of course any magazines & papers  
are always welcome. both myself  
& sister are well. will be pleased  
to hear from you at any time.  
is George Smith still on S. S. California  
I close with best wishes  
I remain etc

(Dick) Richard B. Fairclough





FROM:.....  
Roy P. Clark,  
Pitcairn Island,  
VIA: PANAMA,  
Canal Zone.



Mr. William H. Compton,  
"Compton's Print shop",  
1254 East 172 St.,  
Cleveland, OHIO,  
U.S.A.





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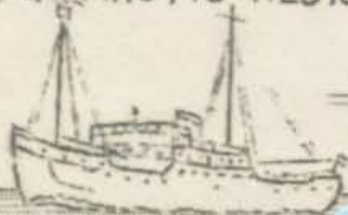
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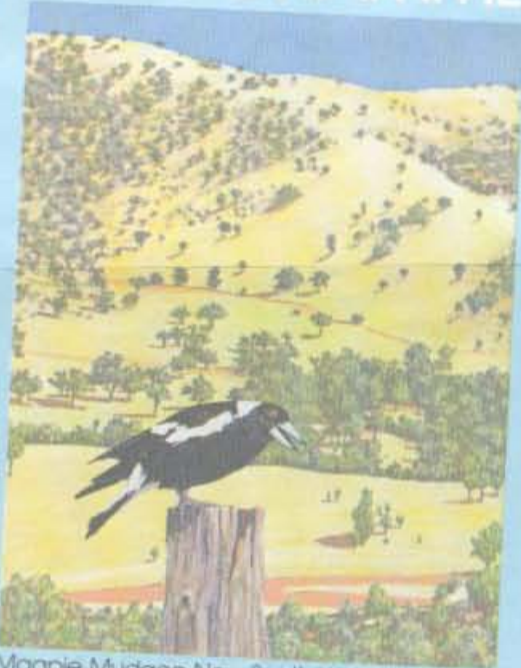
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Magpie, Mudgee, New South Wales



TO Mr Floyd E Risvold  
O E Risvold & Sons.  
4801 Upper Terrace.  
Edina, Minnesota, 55435  
U.S.A.

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

BILL HORNADGE I Sterling St. Dubbo. NSW. Australia 2830. 22nd J

Dear Floyd,

Yours of 27th June just to hand with photostat of the Byrd cover which I have always regarded as one of the really unique Pitcairn items - and also one of the hardest to find which is difficult to explain as 794 of them were created. They SHOULD be a lot commoner than they are and the only explanation I have is that most of them are in non-philatelic hands and were either lost or are still among old souvenirs awaiting to surface.

I have been chasing one of the darn things for years with no success. About three years back thought I had landed one as a U.S. dealer tracked one down for me and was negotiating a sale at \$1000 when he up and died rather suddenly and of course I have no idea who the owner was (other than it was a woman related to one of the sailors on the North Star). I have heard of or sighted about six copies in the years since then.



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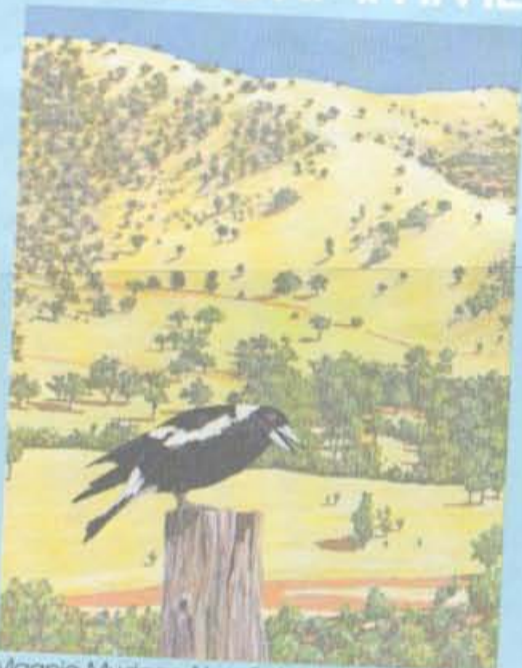
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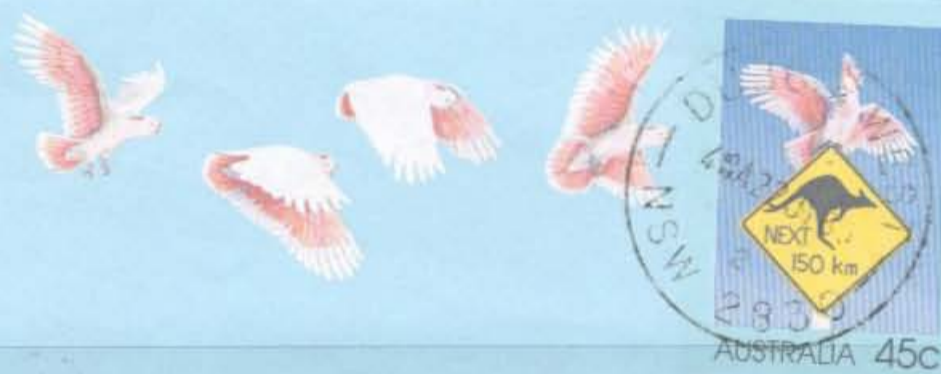


Dr. A. Chase Headline.  
Chicago, Ill.  
Chicago Lying-In Hospital.

BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION  
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Magpie, Mudgee, New South Wales.



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TO Mr Floyd E Risvold  
O E Risvold & Sons.  
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17/10/28

NEW ZEALAND HERALD,

LIFE ON PITCAIRN.

UNIQUE HOLIDAY TOUR.

HUTT FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE

LONELY BUT HAPPY PEOPLE

A unique holiday tour was completed last Friday when the Ruahine arrived in Wellington from London and South Island. Included among her passengers were Mr. and Mrs. A. Hare, of Hutt, and their five sons and little daughter. The family joined the Ruahine at Pitcairn Island, where they had been left by the same ship on her last outward passage.

It is an interesting story that Mr. Hare tells. He was running a motor-vehicle business between Wellington and Lyttelton for some time until he sold out to the Railway Department a few months ago. He then decided to take his family on a holiday and Pitcairn Island was chosen. Mr. Hare explained, because he had visited the place 36 years ago when he was travelling to America in a ship, and he had made up his mind to go back there again some day.

Mr. Hare booked passages for himself, his wife, five sons and one daughter on the Ruahine. They left New Zealand at the beginning of July and arrived at Pitcairn Island about nine o'clock on a dark night and blowing gale. When the islanders came off the boat, which Mr. and Mrs. Hare and their family, with all their baggage, safely landed after a five-hour voyage with wind and sea, of which the boats' crews made light.

Hospitality of Islanders.

The visitors were received with open arms by the Pitcairn Islanders, who, during the whole of their stay, showed them the greatest hospitality. They visited every home on the island and were accommodated in a comfortable furnished house, which was set apart for their special use.

The population of Pitcairn Island is about 200. The village, called Adamstown, after John Adams, one of the crew of the Bounty, is the only settlement on the island.

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Mr. Hare and his family took with them many useful gifts for the Pitcairn Islanders. These included a motor engine, which was fitted into one of the boats, giving it a speed of 10 knots and enabling it a few weeks ago to go miles out to intercept the Norwegian motorship Vestvard, bound to New Zealand. Another very welcome present was a wireless receiving and transmitting set, which soon after it had been set up communicated with steamers 100 miles away in daylight and nearly 200 miles at night. Mr. Hare also took to Pitcairn Island bees, New Zealand flax plants and a number of Norfolk Island pines. He also presented the islanders with the first piano which had been seen there.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

THRILLING EPISODES.

SPECTACULAR SYDNEY FIRE.

AVALANCHE OF HOT BRICKS.

FOUR MEN SUSTAIN INJURIES.

A fire at Paddington, Sydney, recently, which destroyed several small shops and two factories, and resulted in the injury of two firemen and two other men, provided thrilling episodes for the hundreds of people attracted to the spot. Hazily, through a veil of smoke, the firemen could be seen fighting the flames while the walls and the roof collapsed, and while fusing electric wires writhing on the ground further endangered their lives.

A little boy was saved from a shower of white-hot bricks, and four firemen were seen to fall off a verandah roof beneath a cascade of bricks from the tottering front wall of the premises. The damage is estimated at over £10,000.

Workmen were engaged at their various tasks in Mr. Miles' upholstery factory when someone raised the cry of "Fire!" and Messrs. S. J. Miles, son of the proprietor, and W. Stewart, and other employees ran to the rear of the premises to find a large heap of fibre blazing fiercely. While one telephoned to the fire brigade, the others attempted to subdue the outbreak. They slowly retreated before the flames, which, fanned by a strong wind, swept through the entire factory, and then commenced to spread to the whole of the building.

Shopkeepers hurriedly left their premises, and so rapidly did the flames enfold the building, that one shopkeeper at least, Mr. Kessel, was unable to save a single thing of value. When the fire brigades arrived the building was completely surrounded by flames, which threatened to leap the narrow street to the long row of old houses opposite.

Community. Any person who is found to be idle or loafing is fined £1 or compelled to do five days' extra work. The islanders have four large boats, which are employed in fishing and in going off

Gifts of Civilisation.

Mr. Hare and his family took with them many useful gifts for the Pitcairn Islanders. These included a motor engine, which was fitted into one of the boats, giving it a speed of 10 knots and enabling it a few weeks ago to go miles out to intercept the Norwegian motorship Vestvard, bound to New Zealand. Another very welcome present was a wireless receiving and transmitting set, which soon after it had been set up communicated with steamers 100 miles away in daylight and nearly 200 miles at night. Mr. Hare also took to Pitcairn Island bees, New Zealand flax plants and a number of Norfolk Island pines. He also presented the islanders with the first piano which had been seen there.

From many points of view, said Mr. Hare, the Pitcairn Islanders are a happy community. They are deeply religious, they neither smoke nor drink alcoholic liquors. In spite of inter-marriage they are a remarkably healthy people and there is very little sickness on the island. "There are no flies or fleas and very few mosquitoes, and there are no blights or pests to spoil their crops. They have a law prohibiting immigration without a written permit from their council and one from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific as well."

The present inhabitants of Pitcairn Island were not the first to dwell on it. Stone axes and chisels and other implements, stone pillars and figures like those of Easter Island and skeletons with pearl shells placed beneath their heads have been found on Pitcairn. Why the original dwellers disappeared is a mystery like that of Easter Island. Mr. Hare has brought back many beautifully fashioned stone implements and some interesting photographs of rock paintings of human beings, animals, birds and curious designs like wheels.

Returning to the Island.

Mr. Hare stated that he had come back to settle his business affairs and that he and his family would return to Pitcairn Island in a few months. They had been given the "freedom of the island" and the inhabitants were building a house specially for their accommodation. Mr. Hare said they would probably stay for two years next time and two of his sons were going to act as schoolteachers. "We shall remain there until we get tired of the life," he added.



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**Floyd H. McCoy  
of Pitcairn Island**

FLOYD H. McCOY, a direct descendent of William McCoy, one of the *Bounty* mutineers, died in his home on the island on September 15, 1963.

He had been in the American Hospital in Balboa, Canal Zone, from April 21 to July 20, 1963, and underwent two serious operations. The trip from the hospital to the boat was made in an ambulance, a distance of fifty miles. He had to be under sedation at all times, and was made as comfortable as possible in the ship's hospital quarters. His devoted wife, Vi, stayed close by and helped the ship's doctor care for him. After nine days on the open seas, they landed at Pitcairn. Vi's wish was granted that the ocean wouldn't be rough when he was taken in the small boat on the trip to the island. The sea was as calm and placid as a large lake.

Vi sends a message of thanks through STAMPS magazine to all those who made Floyd's last days as happy as possible. He received many get well cards and notes while in the hospital, and those that were received after he left the hospital were forwarded to the island. He was amazed that people who didn't know him would send messages to him just as a result of the item which appeared in STAMPS reporting his illness.

Floyd is very much missed on the island. He was a great leader, and the whole population depended on him for leadership. He was their only navigator who could take men to Henderson Island, a distance of 118 miles, for Miro wood. He was the ham operator who sent out calls for help when a doctor was needed, or to contact friends who sent packages of needed items. He was the Public Relations Officer and the Police Chief. He helped make a landing at Bounty Bay so that the women would not have to step into the water getting in and out of the boats.

Through the sale of stamps the island people were able to build a modern school and church. There are many exquisite curios that can be gotten in the island. Anyone wishing first day covers or curios can contact Mrs. Floyd H. McCoy, Pitcairn Island, S.P.O.

—MYRTLE L. GRUBER

CANAL ZONE  
MINT AIRMAILS

Mrs. Floyd H. McCoy  
Pitcairn Island  
South Pacific Ocean.

Dear Mrs. McCoy:

I am a collector of many maps of the American West 1790-1890. The you will understand the circumstances was as follows:

A few months ago I bought a by a Mr. Robert G. Tolman and mostly written letters there were five between the date 1930, and all written by a Mr. R. B. Fairbrother Tolman. At the time of those letters Mr. S. S. California & also S. S. Pennsylvania, the letters is a long 8 page description. Very interesting to say the least.

Now - we come to the sixth I for this letter to you. The letter I have Harriet McCoy to a "Mrs. E. B. Smith, 338 New York". In the letter Harriet mentions "Floyd like to go to New Zealand, if possible if he will go or not." end quote. This Island, Sept 19, 1926" and the envelope is marking "POSTED AT PITCAIRN ISLAND/NO 1" on this letter, apparently to Mr. Tolman Mrs. McCoy. She is the great grand daughter mutineer and she married one of the McCoy quote.

I thought you might be interested. This is very interesting and historical to me and by you will be greatly appreciated. I know I take STAMPS magazine and read of it to write up in the National Geographic Magazine with a picture at his radio studio. I have always been thrilled with the story of the *Bounty* and Pitcairn Island since I was a young boy - I am 53 now. Too bad I did not acquire these letters earlier so I could have addressed Floyd as well as you. I assume that Harriet is Floyd's mother as you are referred to as "Vi" in STAMPS magazine. Set me straight.

I will be more than pleased to hear from you in the very near future. If you wish I will be glad to tell you about my collection and myself. I am the president of the company which appears on this letterhead and we are in the infantswear business. We sell to the retail stores.

Sincerely yours;

COPY



Pitcairn Is S.P.O.  
Feb 2nd, 1966

Dear Mr Risvold,

Your letter was here when I returned Jan 12th from the States where I spent the last 12 months for my health I was very sick after the loss of my dear husband & had gone through such a strain & with Rheumatoid Arthritis it flared up badly so I went away to get away from things for a while.

Your letter is most interesting as that it all concerns my late husband's family ect.

Mr Fairclough by the way, Floyd got a permit for him to come in here & live & a few years later he got permission for his widowed sister to come from England also & they both ended their days here. in this home

Yes, Harriet was Floyd's mother, yes Floyd did go away to NZ that time to learn radio but he mostly remained at sea as an Able seaman for 20 years off & on coming back here at intervals to see his people & looked after them till the end. He served all through the last world war at sea & then he sat for his Mates ticket & got that using it for a year before coming back here bringing me for the first time when war was over. He used to take all the people here to Oeno Island a sand atoll 75 miles from Pitcairn for a nice rest as it has a lovely lagoon all around it a reef all around a mile or more also he used to bring the men back from Henderson Island where they used to go for wood 110 miles from here.

Maybe I should list you down for our little monthly paper & you will continue to get the news events of our little Island from time to time. I send out almost 30 I buy them from the school & then I post them myself folks usually pay a dollar a year from me to do this & at the same time helps me a wee bit. I do all kind of stamp work cards ect now as I have to try to do something for to bring in a little since Floyd has gone. The curios are lovely all kinds of wood work if you would like some. flying fish small or medium or large birds small & medium & turtles hand vases ect. baskets for the ladies.

Maybe some friends would like some.

With only two regular ships calling here now our mails are extremely slow. so far the one this year is the one I came home on in Jan 12th. They are going to try & get a cargo boat to come in once a month & pick up mails so this might help a bit for the mails going out.

All those covers you have with no stamp days here should be valuable. Did you get the three P D C or 4 now with Churchills that came out here last year? Have a huge pile of mails to clean up so try to do a little each day. I would love to travel more in America & lecture on Pitcairn & show my slides & movie

Trust all is well with you & family,

sincerely,

V. McCoy.

My friend Norma Hall who stayed with us in 1962 for two months came home with me again to look Floyd  
I had stayed here.  
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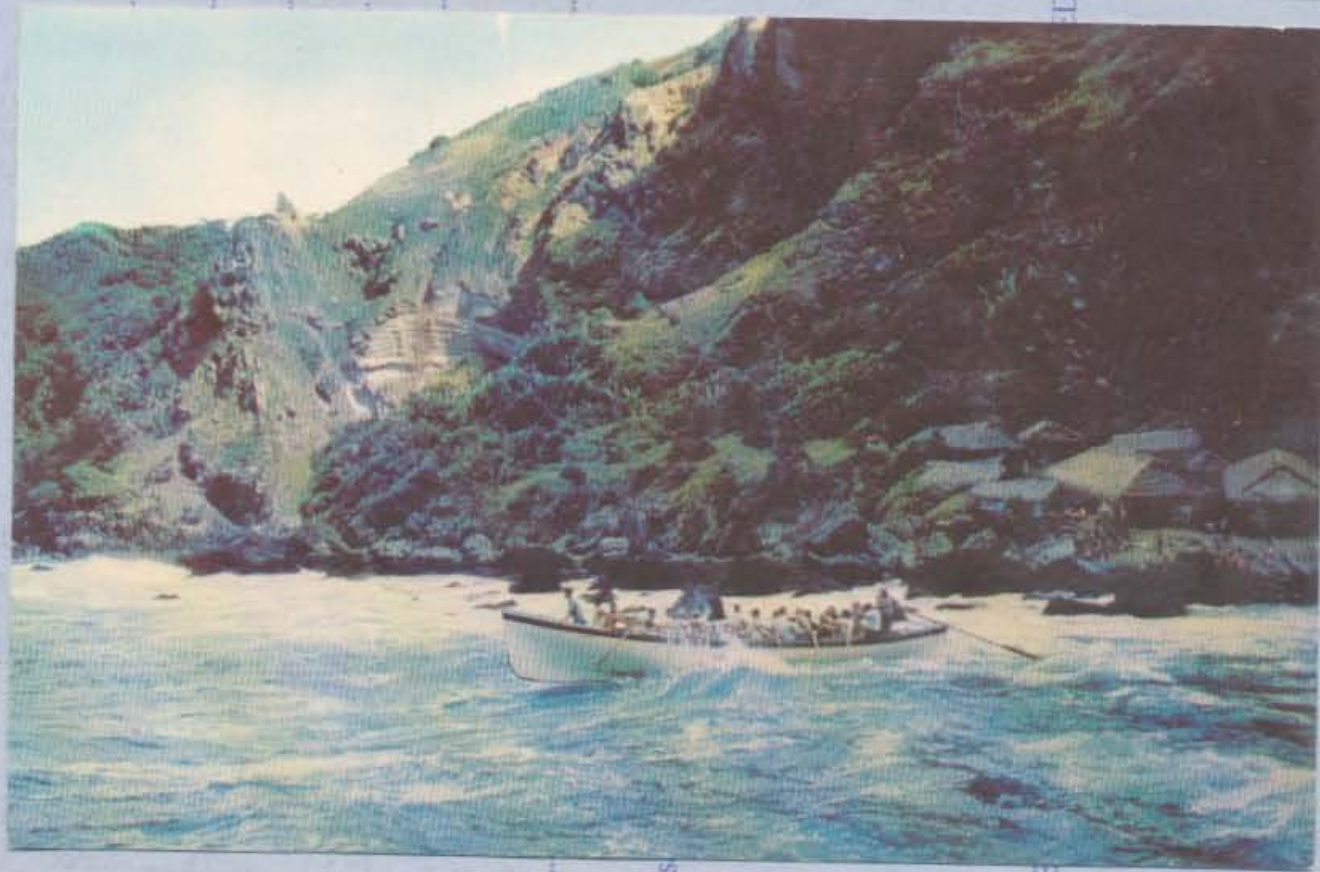


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est not only to Pitcairn Islanders, but also to readers of "Miscellany", which is now having a wide circulation in many parts of the world.

# PITCAIRN MISCELLANY



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Vol. 8 No. 12

Monthly

As these visitors have gone on their way, has our Christian influence and behaviour proved as such that they have "took knowledge" of us, and "that they had been with Jesus"?

**THANK YOU:** After blowing up a hundred balloons I felt like a whale myself, but that is part of the fun. I am sure I am voicing the thanks of all the children to Vi McCoy's friends, Mr J. K. May of Winnepeg, Canada, and Mr O. E. Risvold in Minneapolis Mium, U. S. A. for the beautiful ones and other gifts they so kindly sent for Christmas.

Glenda Young.

The beauty of the house is order;  
The blessing of the house is contentment;  
The glory of the house is hospitality;



Pitcairn Is S.P.O. Feb 10th 1971

Dear Friends,

An unexpected ship from Panama way brought our mails & we were so happy as we had known mail was waiting up there for here. Your wonderful parcel again arrived it was well after xmas but I devided the things out to theones I kneww could use them Thistime we had a young baby born a little girl belonging to Tom & Betty Christian its their first & they were very happy & thrilled to death when I took along your wonderful pram or cot cover & the little blankets she so badly needed to say nothing of the wee dresses ect ect, so this is her year we will say to get a nice share, last year & so on back the same thing in t is way the thingsfit the ones they rae meant to

Many thanks indeed Betty painted some skeleton leaves & gave them t me to add to my little box of things for you folks. so in this same mail by surface there is a parcel I had betterlet you know in case o' strikes ect still it has a nice basket mad by Norma & a shark made by Sammie Betty's leaves & a tiny baby fish by a little boy. a bird by John Chrisitan. do hope you like the m folks & they arrive safely.

The other news will bein the papers I now you will soon have them also as they are in the mail also.

Its sad about all the dead birds up Ducie. must bethe tests the french were doinglast year has left poison as all the coral is dead. only 300 m iles from us .no fish in the lagoon either dead & gone.

I cant write much but still try to punch away on t this & get by my arthrtis gets very bad its our weather. my feet have been so swollen & painful its hard to wear shoes anymore I livein slippers.as my feet are spreading. still I guess I could be worse off like some otherpeople.

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Mr Hugh Bennett, the  
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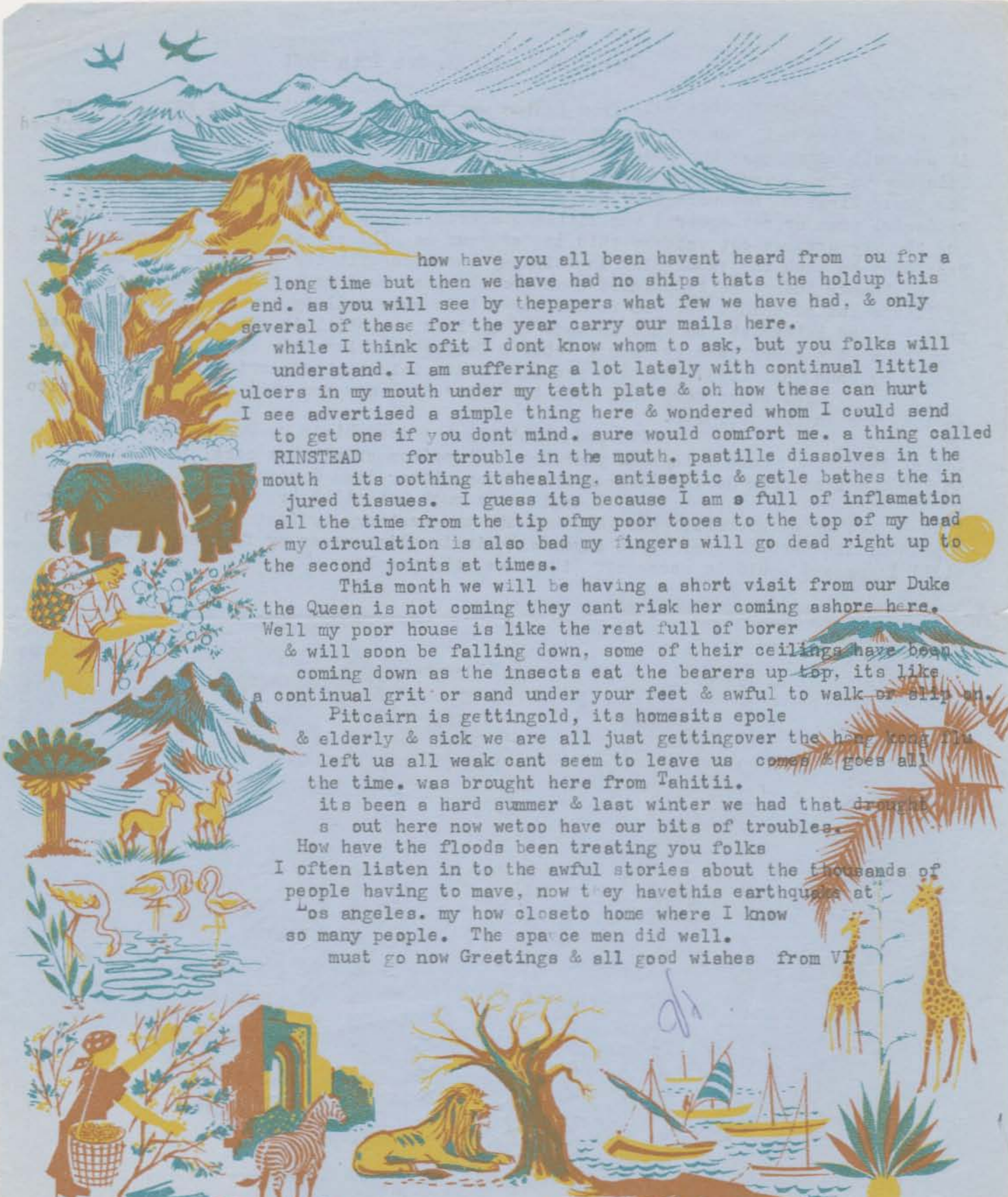
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how have you all been havent heard from ou for a long time but then we have had no ships thats the holdup this end. as you will see by thepapers what few we have had, & only several of these for the year carry our mails here. while I think ofit I dont know whom to ask, but you folks will understand. I am suffering a lot lately with continual little ulcers in my mouth under my teeth plate & oh how these can hurt I see advertised a simple thing here & wondered whom I could send to get one if you dont mind. sure would comfort me. a thing called RINSTEAD for trouble in the mouth. pastille dissolves in the mouth its othing itshealing. antiseptic & getle bathes the injured tissues. I guess its because I am s full of inflamation all the time from the tip ofmy poor toes to the top of my head my circulation is also bad my fingers will go dead right up to the second joints at times.

This month we will be having a short visit from our Duke the Queen is not coming they cant risk her coming ashore here. Well my poor house is like the rest full of borer & will soon be falling down, some of their ceilings have been coming down as the insects eat the bearers up top, its like a continual grit or sand under your feet & awful to walk or slip on.

Pitcairn is gettingold, its homesits epole & elderly & sick we are all just gettingover the hong kong flu left us all weak cant seem to leave us comes & goes all the time. was brought here from Tahitii.

its been a hard summer & last winter we had that drought s out here now wetoo have our bits of troubles.

How have the floods been treating you folks I often listen in to the awful stories about the thousands of people having to mave, now they havethis earthquakes at Los angeles. my how closeto home where I know so many people. The space men did well.

must go now Greetings & all good wishes from VI





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Greetings

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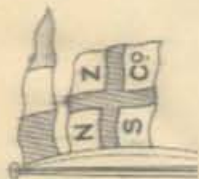
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"Poolau"  
The New Zealand Shipping Company's

Pitcairn Island

14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1941

Dear Niels, Please excuse  
me for addressing you so but  
it sounds more friendly & easier  
to write. Also excuse pencils  
ink is a scarce commodity  
these days.

Re the first Day cover  
R No 1708 you received without  
senders name. I must plead  
guilty & the only excuse I can  
make is that I had so many  
letters to attend to on that  
day & thus forgot to put my  
name to it. The reason that  
the envelope looked as if

FIRST DAY COVER.



Via New Zealand blipper



Niels A. Hjellerup  
1193 Pleasant Ave.  
St. Paul Minn. U.S.A





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Nurse E. Totenkopf  
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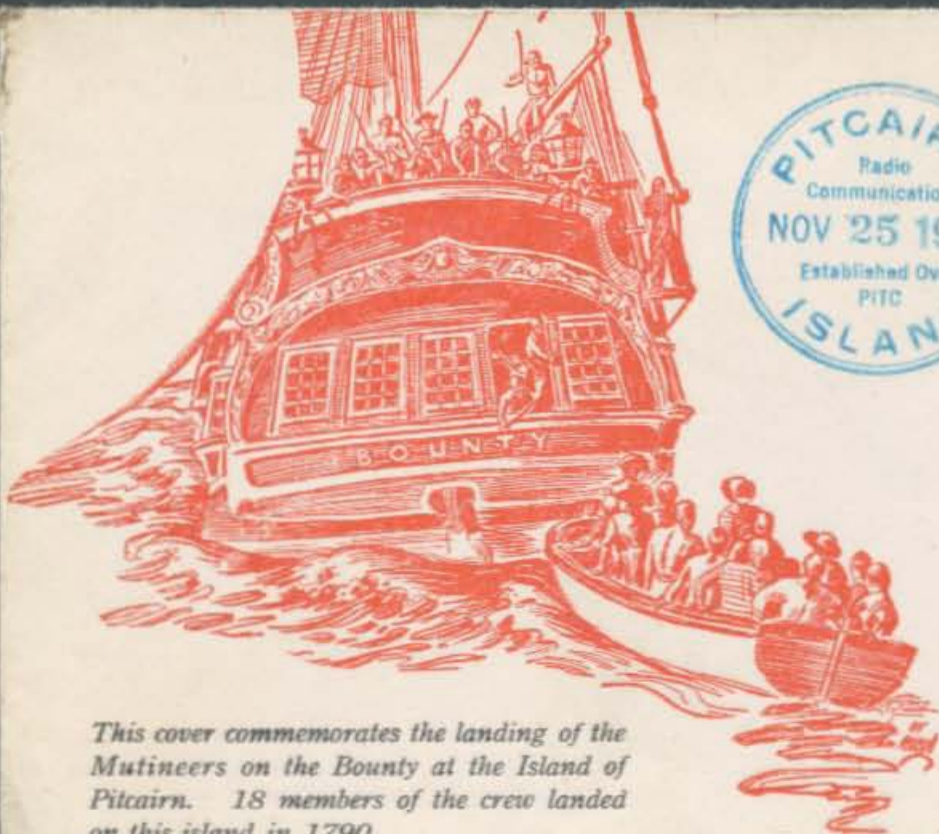


COMMEMORATING ESTABLISHMENT OF  
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PITCAIRN ISLAND  
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THE STAMP SHOP  
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*This cover commemorates the landing of the Mutineers on the Bounty at the Island of Pitcairn. 18 members of the crew landed on this island in 1790.*



R. S. Hanson  
 Box 283  
 Savanna, Ill  
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Pitcairn Is S.P.O Feb 26th, 1967

Dear Mr Rivold,

Thank you for your two letters which arrived safely a week ago, & now we are busy preparing for the new Discovery issue in two days time, I hope I can get the wood work for the boat this week end but if I cant it will follow on the next boat as I know the few men are very busy.

At the moment I have a guest in the home who is an engineer for harbour & bridge making & the Gov has him making a chart & examining Bounty Bay to see

what thing will revenue and the Bounty here have & no, no h

ready. there I hope by n sincethen w moder of mo vie s nice films films Must away f

July 10th

B. E. Rivold Esq,  
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 Freeway, Minneapolis,  
 Minn. 55420  
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**BOUNTY'S ANCHOR**

Found March, 1957, after 167 years in Bounty Bay, Pitcairn Island. (Discovered 1767, Settlement 1790, British Possession)



B. E. Rivold Esq,  
 9321 Bloomington  
 Freeway,  
 Minneapolis,  
 Minn. 55420.



Pitcairn Island Sth Pacific Ocean  
Sept 28th, 1966

Dear Friends,

Your letter ect arrived safely two weeks ago for which I thank you & seeing our two regular boats are due almost together I am getting as much as will be ready for it as there wont be a ship again for sometime unless we get a tanker or cargo to stop by a few minutes to pick up mail. So I hasten to get all mails answered.

I have two of the baskets ready & so will send these on with the books & Turtle ect. & do not think they will arrive in good order, in the event of them not I will always re... anything, our... get such bashing around its awful at times the way they come through here also just crushed sometimes, they get such weights put on the bags as they travel fr... place to place. Its a wonder we get anything good at all some times.

it tells you more... the little paper & in t is way to you. Ofcourse... wont mention anything about the bomb... or the like we heard this... go off... there is here yet to go & each time they are getting... Its... they were forced to stop them but De Gaul... 's too big?

crowd & is... as far as I know she would... old ofcourse I shall ask my husband... her next time... forgot this time when I wrote couple... letter in the mail but it would be fun to write her yours... Helen Mc Coy if you like to the Post Office C/O Now I am... I hope it you want it mint so will send it but of you want it cant... to go back. kindly say in future if you want mint... its most important in sending out so much & saves three... or return & back again.

I t ink about two... because... the like longtime since we had babies. the children are all ages.

When they go little errons for me I usually gie them bubble gum in this way they get a greatkick out of it so if you should send some thing as you say in a packet I would appreciate something like t is as they last a long time in a tin & dont melt. At xmas time we have a days outing in the public square where they put xmas trees up & everyone put things on the trees for each other from the youngest to the oldest, to get ready for this event I have all kinds of things through the year that folks send me like used clothing toys sweets & anything they have finished with & I sort these out according to size & person & also through the year we all h ve a birthday & each home puts on a dinner for this & again we give little presents of clothing so if you or your friends would like to save their used clothing or toys or things their folks have discarded we could use them but I know this will take postage & I will offer to pay postage or may be I could get a curioer basket what ever they say

I will have to take this new ribbon out its a mess keeps jumping up in front of the keys & making me make shocking mistakes more than I do normally with my fingers, While I tink of it incase the baskets should get a bit squashed, stuff them with crushed up news paper or old clothing & take a warm iron & iron them again & they will be like new. they make these on a round wooden block.

One of my friends in N Y at the moment has my 16 MM coloured movie film of Pitcairn I am wondering if you & your fiends would want to see it while it





is still in the "tates let me know at once by air sheet & I'll have her direct it across to you you might have to take up a hat collection to help pay for hiring a projector & postage back????

I'll leave it to you. It was made here a few years ago by the British Petroleum people three of their men came here we housed one while here & when Floyd died they sent me this as a gift am sorry I won't be able to point Floyd out to you, but there are several spots I can explain where to watch for him when I write you if you want the film in case letters cross I get one from her in this coming batch of mails & it being so long before likely get back to you I might instruct her to send it on to you, she was a school teacher & the kids just loved it I took it with me on my trip last year & I left it with friends & it's still doing the rounds with a few that missed seeing it. Must close now want to do more letters.

We just had a bad storm & today it's so wet & muddy to get about but of course good for planting, it's time to get all the melon seeds & tomatoes set in.

All the best & greetings from far off Pitcairn,  
sincerely your friend.

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*W. O. G.*

*Pitcairn Island*

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Dear Friends,  
 At last year. 27 bags of folks  
 Your wonderful parcel ag  
 A young couple was marri  
 just out of this world t  
 thrilled & Olive his wi  
 Steves father Ivan Chris  
 for your help towards th  
 Donald sung A son ed Fl  
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 the little red long pant  
 year old. they all than  
 also & they are from our  
 leaf for not knowing the  
 from the Panama brought the seed here her name was "attie from the states. it also gets a name Pinna leaf. but its a beautiful tree pink orchid.

The men are so busy & so much public & other work to be done & its eshot as fury this month Merch is end of summer really Feb but its been our hottest month again this year we all have to get up early to get anything at all done. Since the tests out here our weather seems to be so different I think the hydrogen Bombs are no good for gardens ect



H. M. S. BOUNTY 1790  
 PITCAIRN ISLAND



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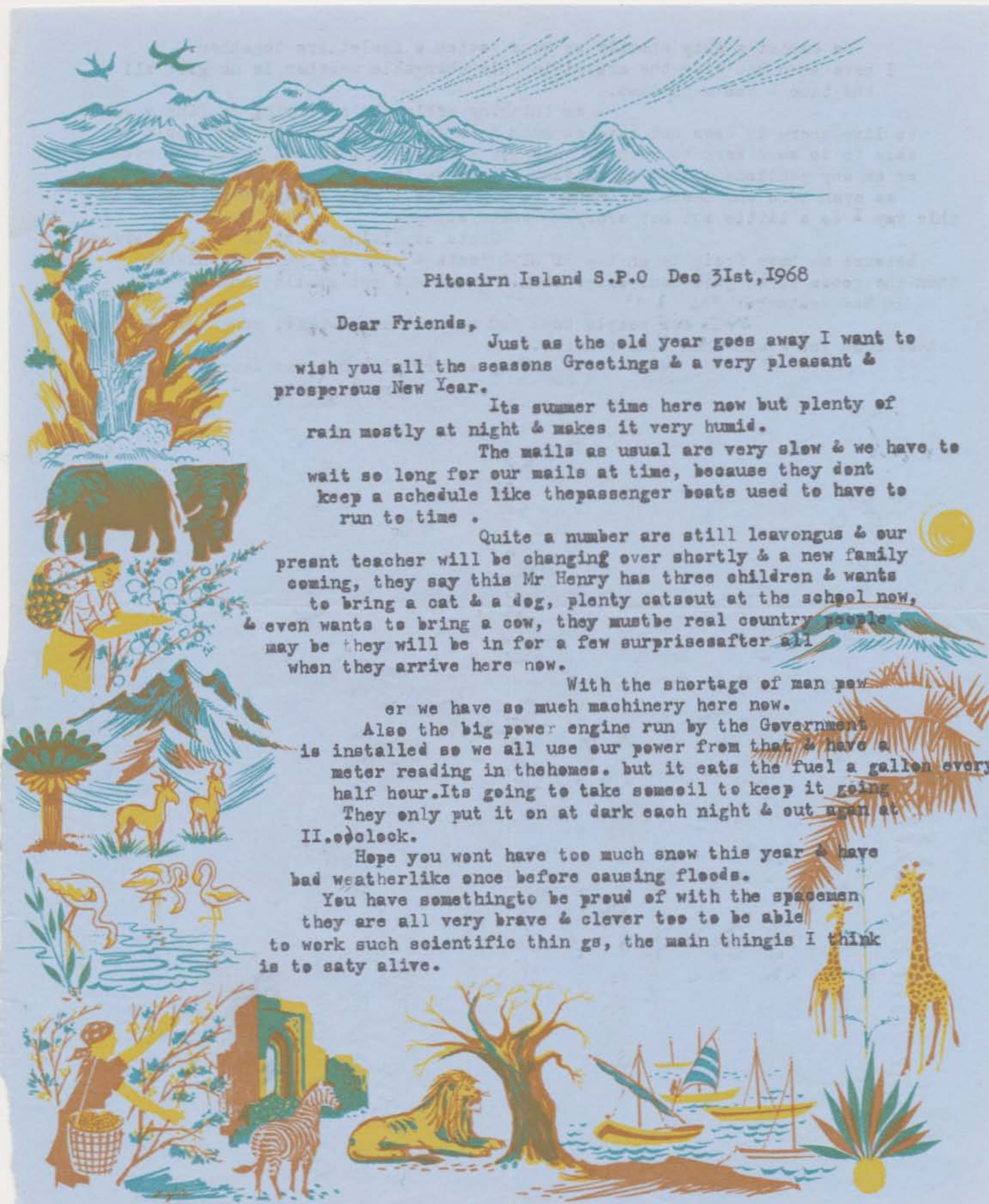
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 A John Dickinson Product





Piteairn Island S.P.O Dec 31st, 1968

Dear Friends,

Just as the old year goes away I want to wish you all the seasons Greetings & a very pleasant & prosperous New Year.

Its summer time here now but plenty of rain mostly at night & makes it very humid.

The mails as usual are very slow & we have to wait so long for our mails at time, because they dont keep a schedule like the passenger boats used to have to run to time .

Quite a number are still leavonus & our present teacher will be changing over shortly & a new family coming, they say this Mr Henry has three children & wants to bring a cat & a dog, plenty cats out at the school now, & even wants to bring a cow, they must be real country people may be they will be in for a few surprises after all when they arrive here now.

With the shortage of man power we have so much machinery here now.

Also the big power engine run by the Government is installed so we all use our power from that & have a meter reading in the homes. but it eats the fuel a gallon every half hour. Its going to take some oil to keep it going.

They only put it on at dark each night & out again at 11 o'clock.

Hope you wont have too much snow this year & have had weather like once before causing floods.

You have something to be proud of with the spacemen they are all very brave & clever too to be able to work such scientific things, the main thing is I think is to stay alive.



We expect a ship shortly so have gotten a few letters together. I have been bad with the arghritis this changable weather is no good all the time & too much damp.

I am thinking seriously of trying to find a place to live where it does not rain so much & is fairly dry. In that way I would be able to do some work to keep my expenses going. Here I am not doing any work or on any pensions & with no trading ships now its hard to keep going as even here one has to use money to buy feeds, I sell stamps over seas & in this way I do a little but not everyone wants stamps.

Costs of living affect us too, & here so because we have freights on top of high costs & some freights are higher than the goods so we just cant order them. & sometimes get spoilt landing them in bad weather.

Well dear people hope you are not overworked, would be nice to hear from you again when time permits.

Have a very pleasant New Year.  
very sincerely, VI

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Pitcairn Island.

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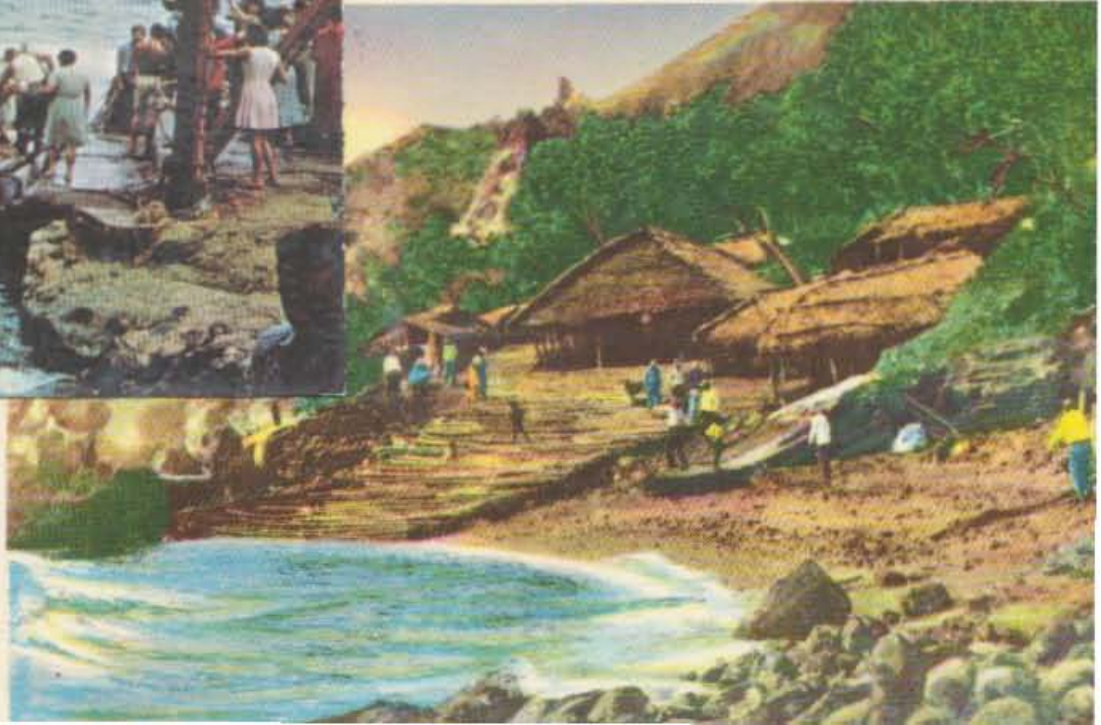






H. M. S. BOUNTY 1790  
PITCAIRN ISLAND

Boat's Shed, Landing Place, Pitcairn Island, S









Pitcairn Is S.P.O. March 21st, 1970

Dea Friends,

Here are our Flower set, t ought you might like sev eral covers while we can get them as they are alwaysonly out for three months short sets.

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Sponsored by the Pitcairn Island School, South Pacific Ocean

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Pitcairn Is Sept 6th, 1969

Dear Friends, here are the new definitive stamps. Hope you like them  
I am sending the two covers & will send the mints when the money is sent as I guess there  
is no chance of buying them at anytime being our new permanent definitive



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First Day Cover

Registered 1000

We will D.V be having your fastest ship in  
UNITED STATES  
also within five days the Sargefford



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PITCAIRN  
Sub-tropical Pacific Island lying almost  
mid-way between New Zealand and  
Panama — peopled by the descendants  
of the mutineers of the H.M.S.V. Bounty.  
Discovered 1767. Settlement 1780



PITCAIRN ISLAND

PARCEL  POST.

[For use for Parcels to the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Colonies, and to Foreign Countries generally.]

Place to which the Parcel is addressed

Minneapolis  
Minn  
USA 55420



Form of Customs Declaration.

Description of Parcel. <small>(State whether Box, Packet, Bag, etc.)</small>	* Net Weight <u>2</u> lb <u>2</u> oz	* To be filled in by Sender.	Value as Merchandise. \$ : c
	† Gross Weight <u>4</u> "	† " " Postmaster	
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1	2 covered with Baskets 1 well flying fish 1 Bird a few seashells.		Value Left

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INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE SENDER.

- ‡ If not deliverable as addressed, the parcel should be abandoned.
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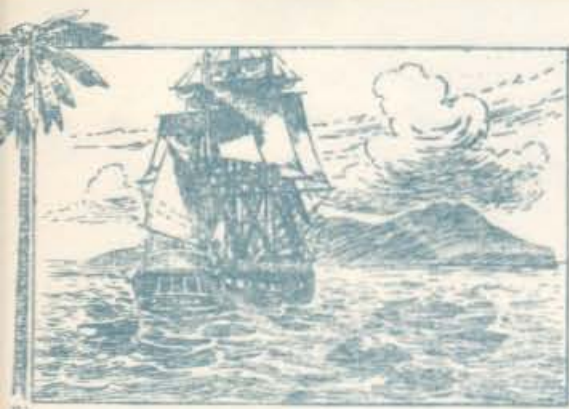
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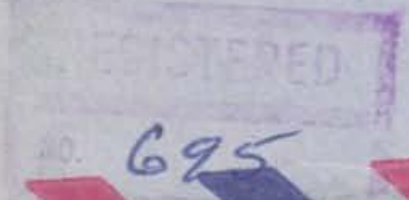
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**BOUNTY'S ANCHOR**  
March, 1957, after 167 years in  
Bay, Pitcairn Island. (Discovered  
settlement 1790, British Possession  
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## The Mutiny on the Bounty 1789-1989



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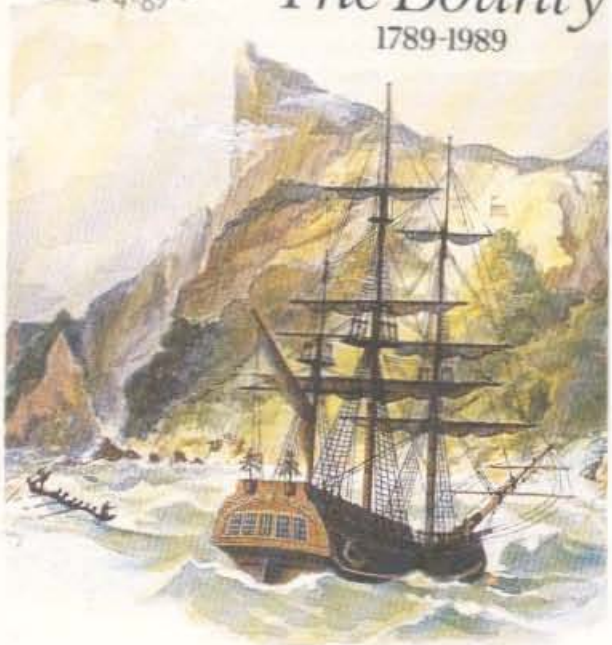


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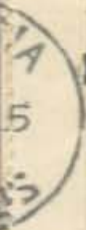


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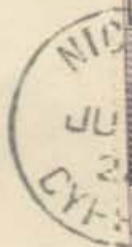
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Mr. A. S. Risold  
4155 Oakland Avenue  
Minneapolis  
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My correct & sufficient address is

OCEAN ISLAND  
CENTRAL PACIFIC

Via Australia. 13-4-36.

Dear Mr Risvold

Your letter of Jan  
was handed to me for reply as  
way. Morning Star was formerly  
retired he is no longer in a post  
As the jubilee stamps ceased issue  
been able to execute your order for  
of which I have a few in reserve.  
specimens of the G & E. I. are hard  
buy the present issue comprising  
10/- 7/- also that of Naumu 1/2, 1/-  
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Mr F. E. Risvold  
4155 Oakland Ave  
Minneapolis  
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District Magistrate's Court,  
Jesselton, Br: N. Borneo,  
25<sup>th</sup> March, 1936.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknow-  
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Mr. F. E. Risvold,  
4155 Oakland Ave;  
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are really keen and  
interested in collecting North Borneo stamps  
will you please send a small remittance  
of a few dollars for a trial, and I  
shall endeavour to give you satisfaction  
in this matter.

Please note the change of my  
address, I was transferred to the  
above-named office about 3 years ago





**CLOVIS W. McGILL**  
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 United States and Foreign  
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5/10/25.

*F. E. Risold Esq.,*  
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*Myto. Minn*

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*Dear Sir,*

*The*  
*card of July*  
*state that*  
*stamps to*  
*I can*  
*issues.*  
*on approval,*

*please send a deposit of \$10. per money order*

*Yours truly,*  
*Clovis McGill.*



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