

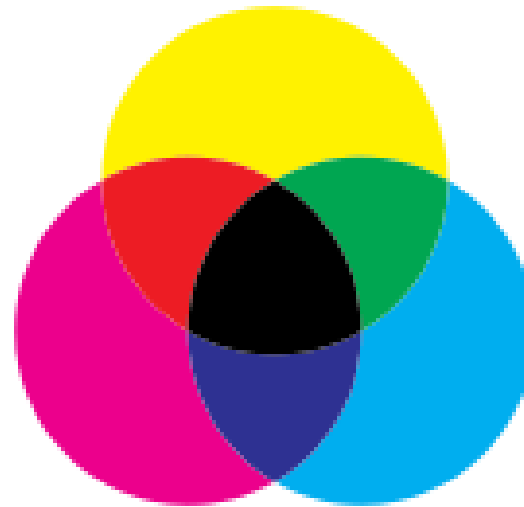


Iceland Color Proofs - stamps from the 70's

TRIAL COLOR PRINTS AND
STAMP USAGE

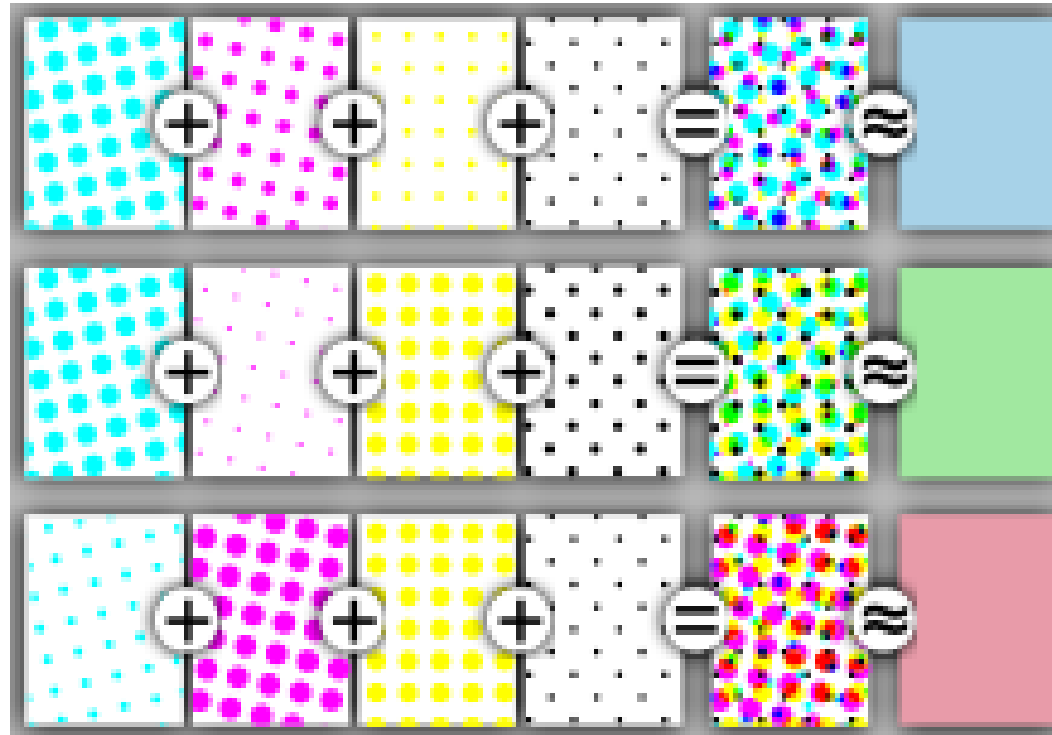
CMYK color model

Color printing typically uses ink of four colors: cyan, magenta, yellow, and black.



When colors are combined at full strength than pairwise combinations are created
When all three colors are combined – black is created

Halftoning with CMYK separations



Iceland stamps by Courvoisier

1st - 1960 Europa issue



The printing process used was “Halftone recess”

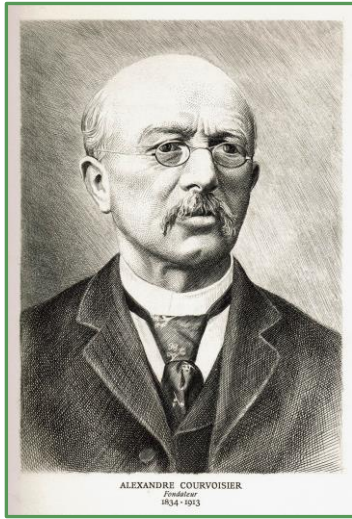
Halftone printing process breaks up an image into a series of dots so as to reproduce the full tone range of a photograph or art work using screens inserted over the plate with a varying number of lines per inch depending on the application and desired quality.

Magazines 20 to 85 lines

Magazines 100 to 120

High Quality reproductions 120 to 150

Helio Courvoisier S.A., in La Chaux-de-Fonds Switzerland



Founded: December 1880 L'Impartial Courvoisier

Founder: Alexandre Courvoisier

(print newspaper and watch promotional materials)

The Courvoisier Family had long been in the watch making and hatter business.



1928 Courvoisier printing house obtained a photogravure printing press and entered into an agreement with the Swiss Postal authorities to carry out tests of printing postage stamps

“Pro Juventute”

1931 issued first stamps printed using photogravure process

(first Swiss Pro Juventute stamps were issued in 1912 – issued in three languages – German, French and Italian) (Swiss Trial Prints by Derrick M. Slate Helvetia Philatelic Society <https://swiss-philately.co.uk>)

(printed stamps now for over 80 different countries)

(private hands until 1987)

(1991 first to print stamps with cylinders engraved by Ohio Electronic Engraver)

1999 production more than 600 million stamps for more than 30 countries

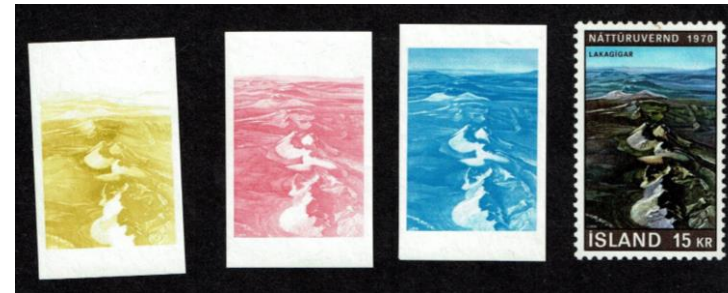
2001 bought out by Walsall Security Printers (Courvoisier Security Printers)

Iceland 1970 "Year of Conservation" stamps



FM

Purple Brachen Saxifrage
Lakagigar Craters 25km



FM 102 Frimerkjsmodstodin
(Stamp Center)



1970 “25th Anniversary of the U.N.” stamp

Cachet by FM (Frimerkjamidstoin – Stamp Center)

Cachet by N (Frits Neve – Danish stamp dealer)



FM



N

1971 “The Post Giro Service”

Cachet by FV 19 (Frimerkjshusid – Stamp House)

Siglufjordur small fishing town north coast



1971 "Fishing Industry" stamps

FM 113 & FV 21

Vestmannaeyjar - islands off the south coast



1972 “Hothouse Plants” stamps

Cachet by FF 63 (Iceland Stamp Company)



FF

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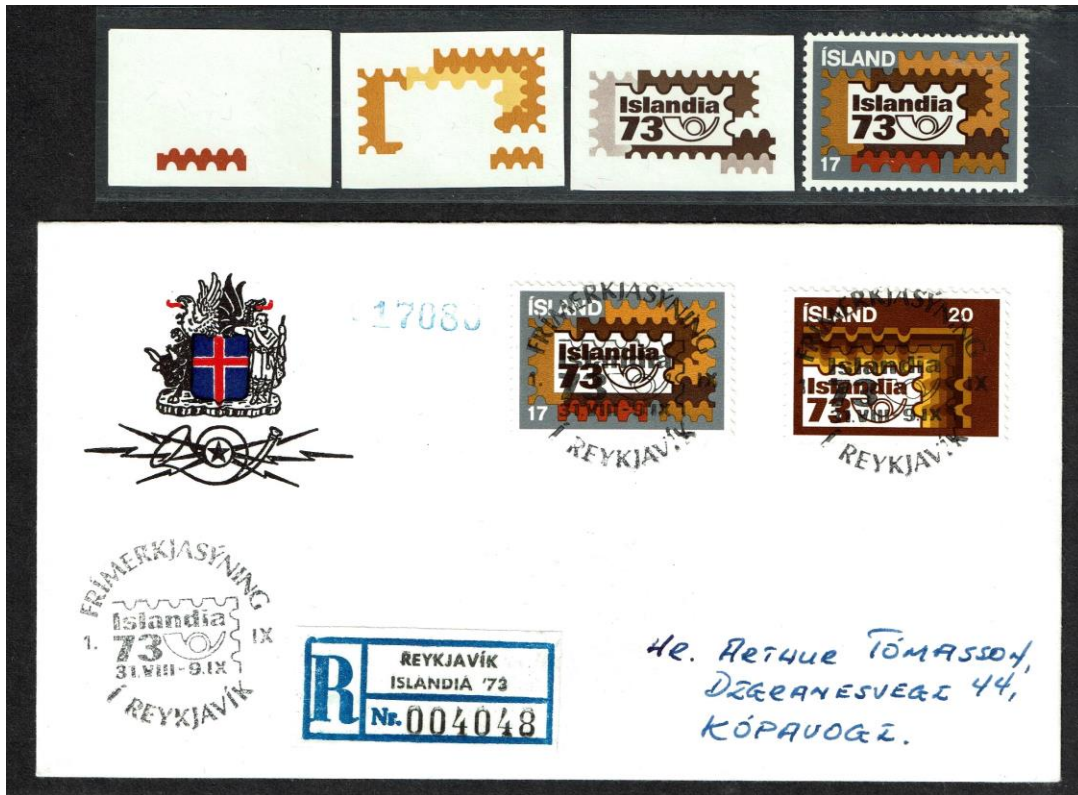
FM 124

Keflavik postmark on airmail letter



1973 “ISLANDIA Stamp Exhibition” Stamps

10 day stamp exhibition on the occasion of 100th Anniversary of Iceland’s first stamps



Stamp design by artist Edda Sigurdardottir



1973 “Centenary of World Meteorological Organizations”

Depicts a sculpture by Asmundur Sveinsson
Titled *The Weather Prophet*



1974 “1100th Anniversary of Settlement”

11 different stamps in the set – one for each 100 years

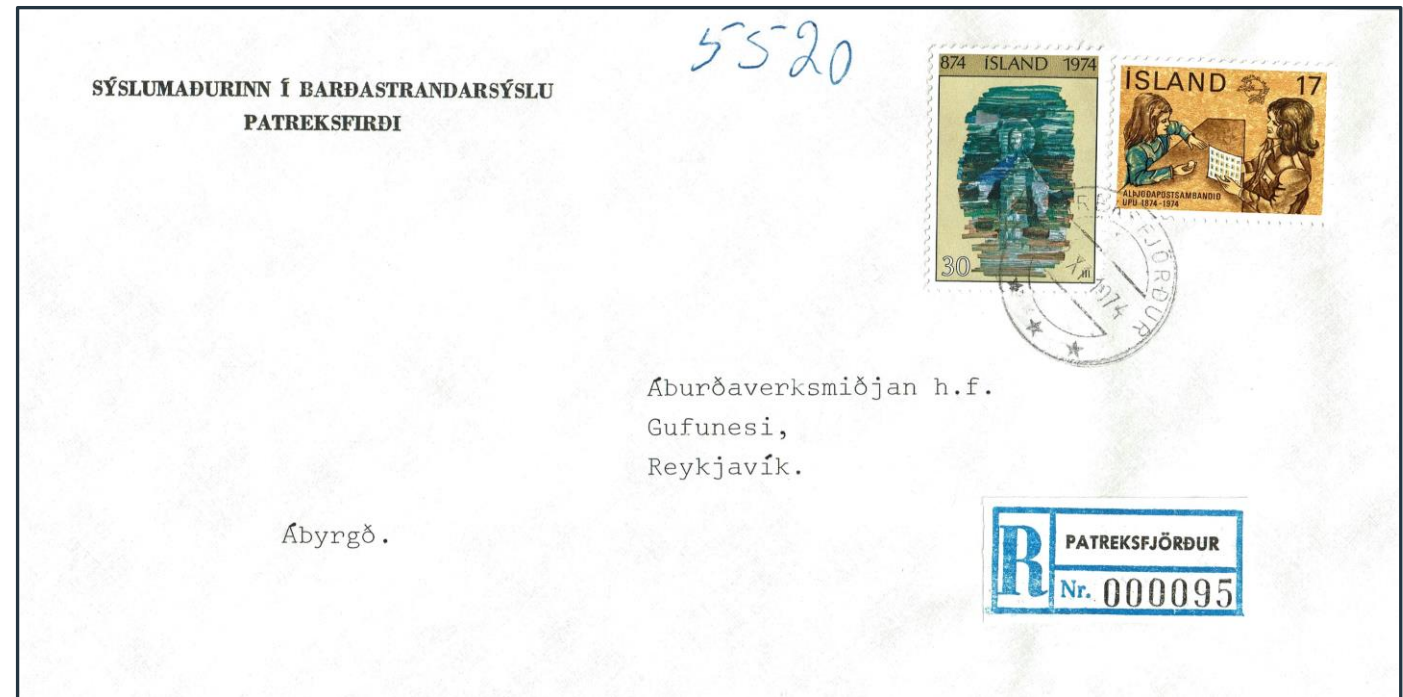


Hand made leather envelope by Þorsteinn Sigvoldason (65-91)

1974 “1100th Anniversary of Settlement”

special event Horse Competition cancel

Sent from Patreksfjörður – small fishing village on east coast



1974 “1100th Anniversary of Settlement”

Olafsvik – small town on N.W. coast
on the Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Special event postmark – Horse competition



1974 "Europa XV Sculptures" stamps

Bronze sculpture "Through the Sound Barrier"
by Asmunddur Sveinsson

Wood sculpture from 18th century



1975 Europa XVI "The Painter's Art" stamps

Ship letter to Faroe Islands

stamp design – painting by Porvaldur Skulason titled *Haustfugul* (Autumn Bird)

Cachet by FM that combines the two sculptures





1975 “International Women’s Year” stamp

Stamp design abstract painting by artist Nina Tryggvadóttir

Vopnafjörður – small fishing village N.E. Iceland

cachets by Arni Jonasson & FM 173

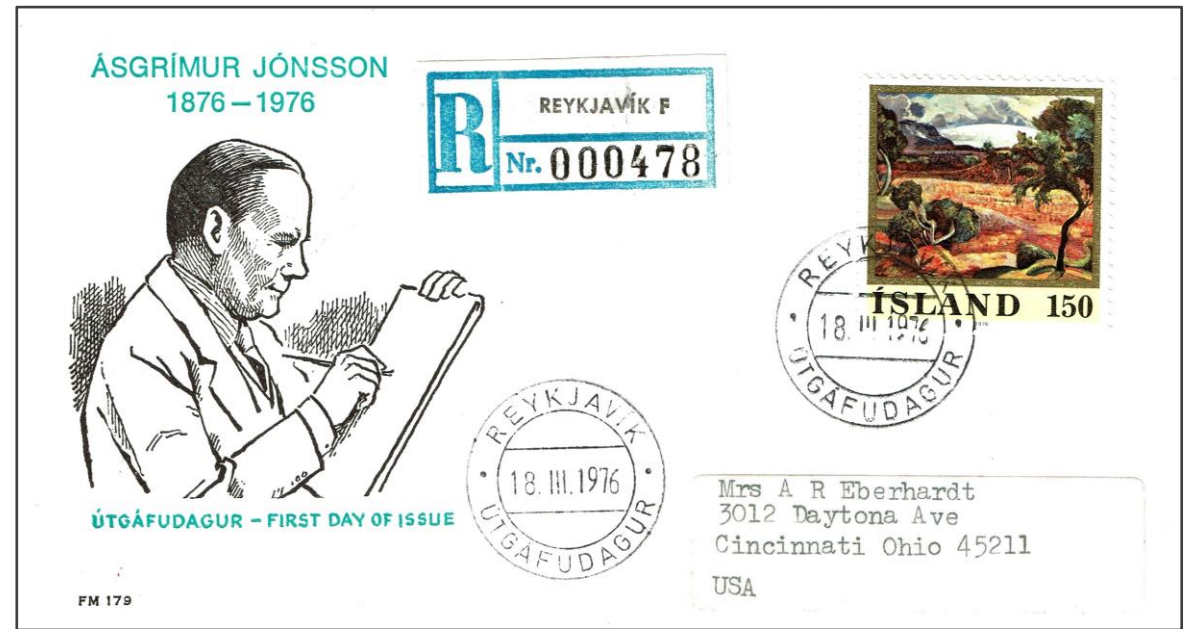


1975 “50th Anniversary of Iceland’s Red Cross

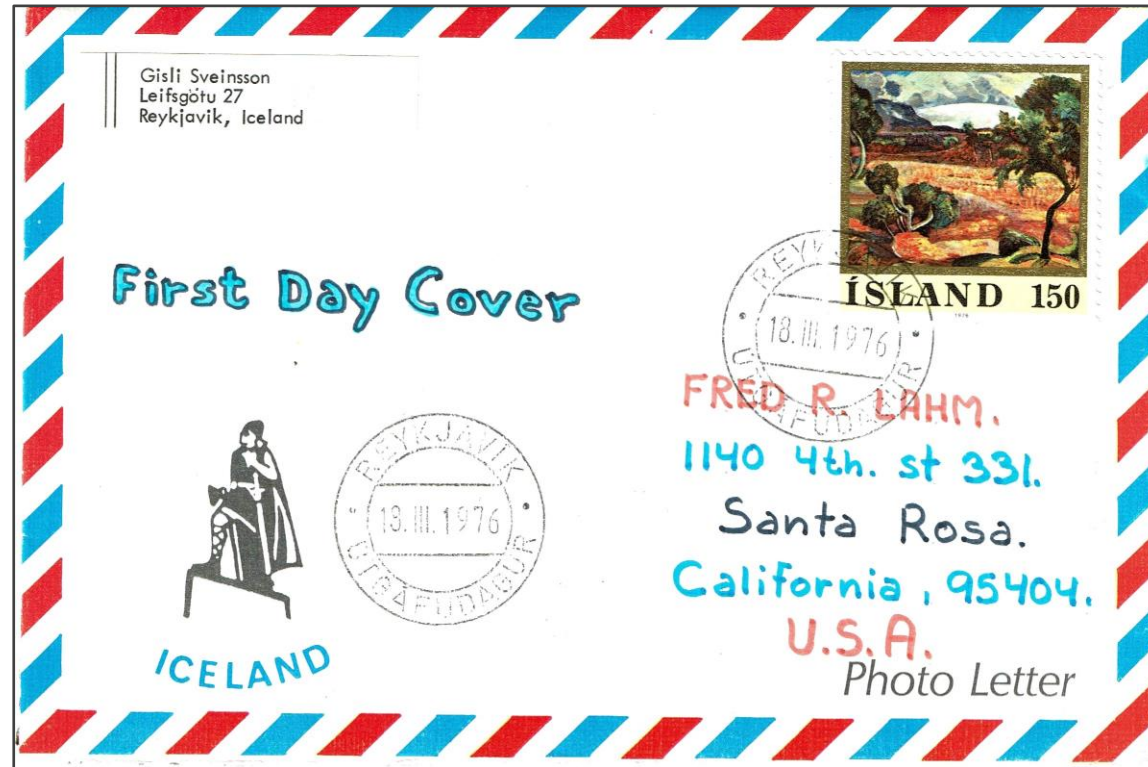
The Icelandic Red Cross was founded on December 10th, 1924. It’s main emphasis is on providing emergency response assistance where it is needed. The first chairman of the Icelandic Red Cross was Sveinn Bjornsson, who later became Iceland’s first President.



1976 “Maining Painting” (Husafell woods) stamp



1976 “Maining Painting” (Husafell woods) stamp cont.





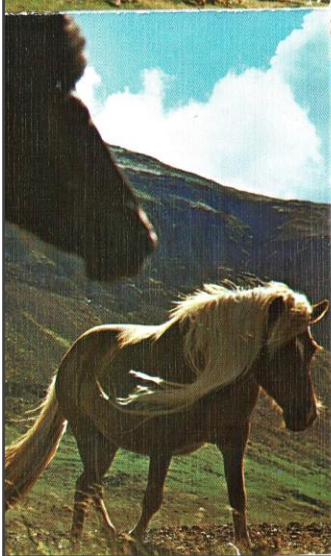
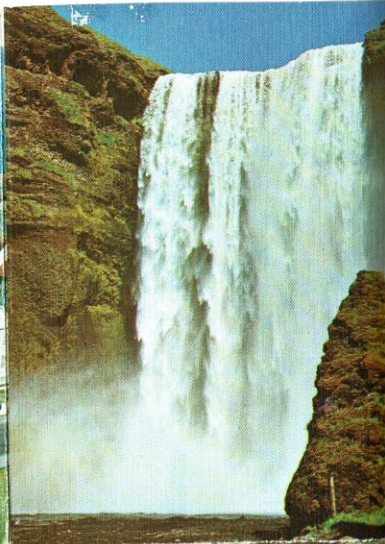
NO. 15 South Iceland

1. Reykjavik

2. Strokkur
3. Horses in Hvalfjörður
4. Skógafoss

5. Heimaey volcanic eruption
Published by Mats Wibe Lund Jr.
P.O. Box 5211 Reykjavik Iceland.

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Reykjavik, Iceland

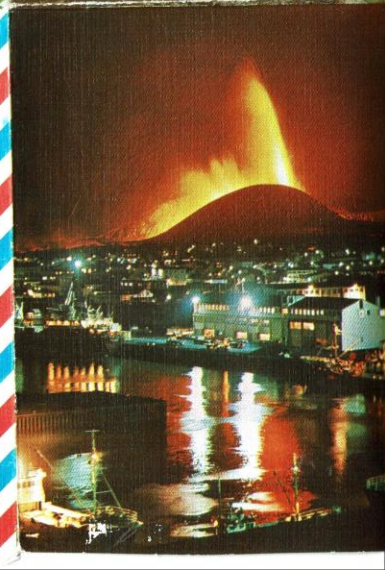
First Day Cover

ISLAND 150

18. III. 1976

FRED R. LAHM,
1140 4th. st 331.
Santa Rosa.
California, 95404.
U.S.A.
Photo Letter

ICELAND



Dear Fred ! 15/3

Thank you very much for the letter and all, but most I thank you for the beautiful stamps. I will now send you Icelandic and Japanese stamps. I hope you like them. I have now received your address labels, thank you very, very much, I don't know if I can pay you back, except I mail you now a packet with a present on your birthday. I hope he will receive you not long time after your birthday.

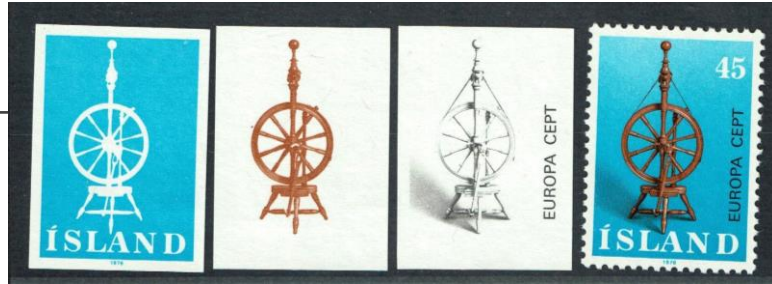
No, I don't use watercolour or oil pictures. The oil colour is very expensive. Do you paint? 60 kilos is same as 120 pounds, but now I am only 110 pounds. I don't know what cm is in feet. Here in Iceland are quite enough winter sports, here is enough snow for such things. I, myself, am not in this sport, I swim, play much football and handball. I don't know what "Bicentennial" is? If you mean some U.S.A. show, then I see in T.V.: Colombo, McCloud, The fight against slavery, The world at war II.

The United States must stop the Britons of their greediness and illegal fishing inside. Here in Iceland there are continually noisier voices from the Reds! Iceland out of NATO the army away! Why doesn't the army help us, because he is here to defend! The Britons use NATO ships to defend their illegal fishing. But I know that is just an propaganda and collusion. I won't listen to this, but the Britons must go. Are you able to tell me something of politics in U.S.A.? Are you able to give me some addresses of factory that makes beer and beverages for my friend? Are you able to give me the address of your other penfriend in Iceland? What is Bicentennial?

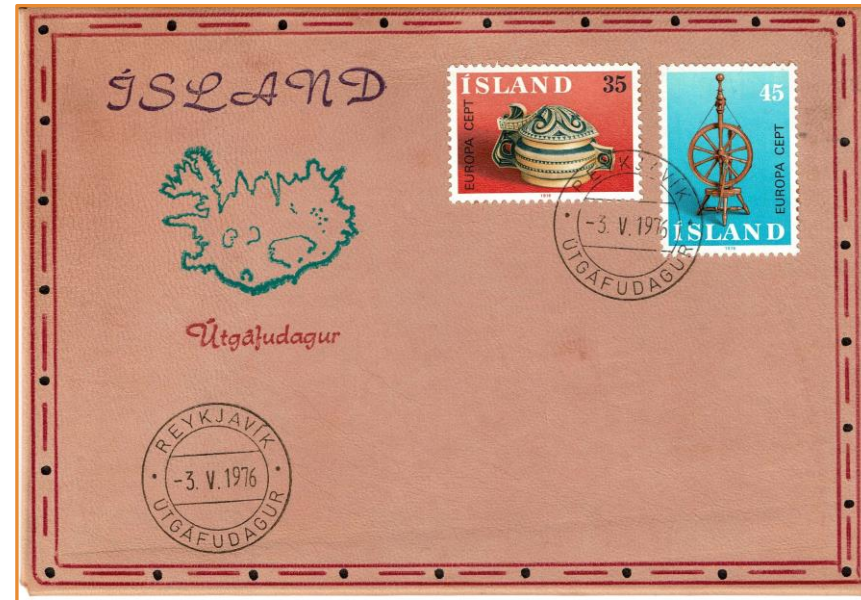
Happy birthday Fred!
thanks again for everything
Good Bye
Gisli.



1976 "Europa XVII Handicraft" stamps



Halldorstadur – farm in N. central Iceland



Porsteinn
Sigvaldason

Leather
envelope

1977 “Europa XVIII Landscapes” stamps

Ofaerufoss (waterfall) & Kirkjufell (mountain)

Inaugural Flight cover Reykjavik to Paris

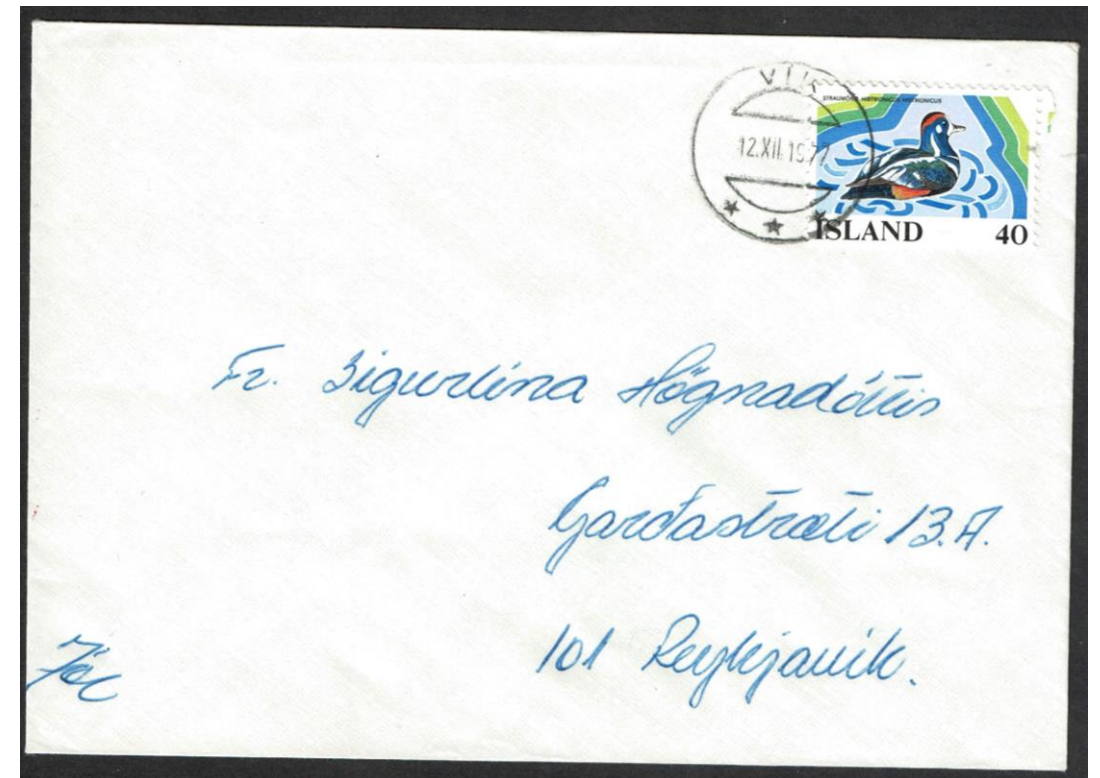


1977 “European Wetlands Campaign” stamp

Stamp design –drawing by Astmar Olafsson of a drake Harlequin duck

Siglufjordur – village N. central

Vik – town S. central



1978 “Europa XIX Monumental Buildings”

Stamp design depicts - House on the island of Videy built in 1752
by Skulli Magnusson the County Sheriff of Iceland

Airmail cachet by FF



1978 “Hekla Lava Field Painting” stamp

Painting by J. Stefansson (1881 – 1962)

Hekla has erupted more than 20 times 1104 - 2000



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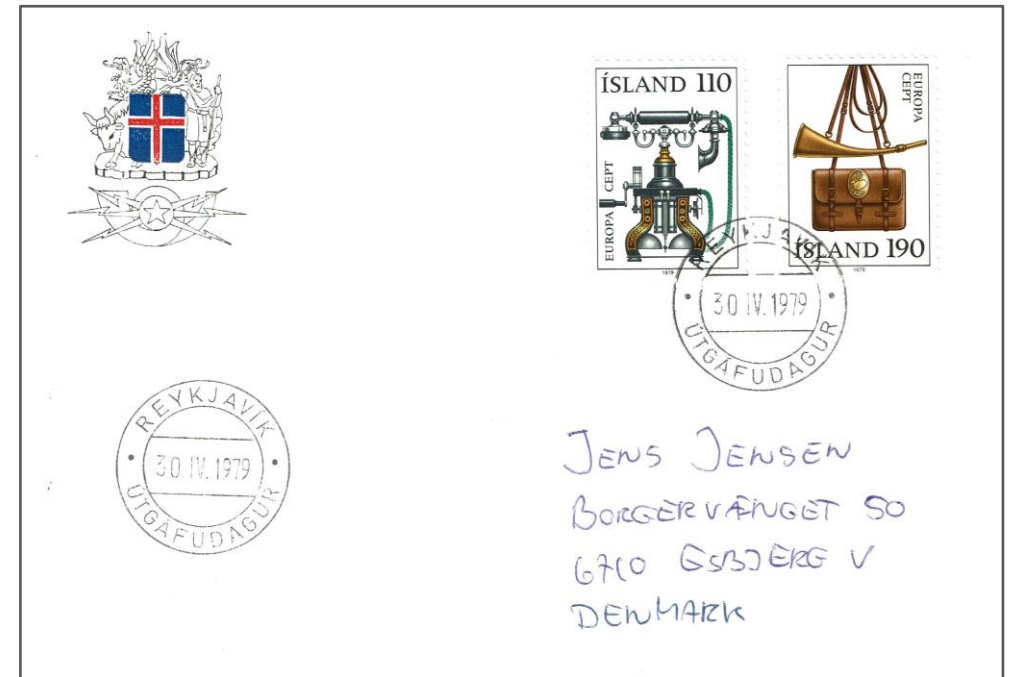
Hand made Leather envelope FDC by Þorsteinn Sigvoldason (65-91)



1979 Europa “History of Posts and Telecommunications”

Stamp design depicts – Posthorn & mailbag

2 stamp set



Cachet design by Post Office - Iceland Guardian Spirits