



## PITCAIRN-ISLANDS STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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# Pitcairn Islands: Postal History and Stamps

## Posted at Pitcairn Islands Handstamps



Another example of the C2 handstamps is shown in figure 2. This was posted in 1921 and is from the postmaster Gerald D. Bliss.

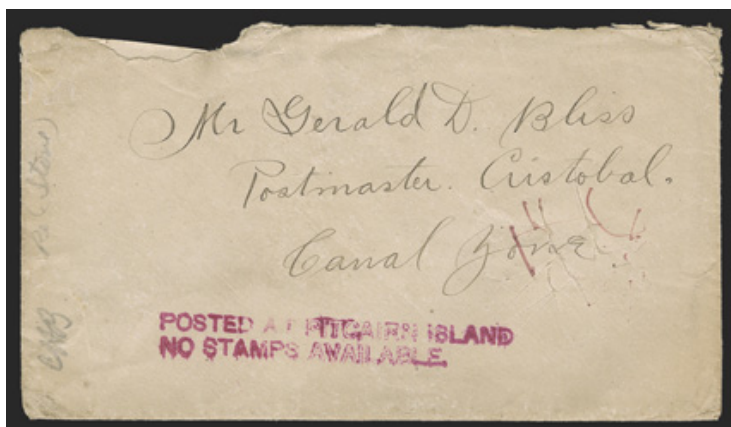


Figure 1: 1889 SG C2 S.G. #C2, POSTED AT PITCAIRN ISLAND/NO STAMPS AVAILABLE magenta two-line type II handstamp on Bliss correspondence cover to the Canal Zone with U S & A Lines Inc. corner card, "Auckland/17 Au 22" transit backstamp and "Postage due 2 cents." handstamp applied an arrival at the Canal Zone, cover a bit soiled at left, otherwise very fine and rare, with original enclosure from Fred Christian datelined "Pitcairn Island/Sep 6, 1922"; Gerald D. Bliss was postmaster at Cristobal from 1909-34 and he initiated the makings of a postal service with the Pitcairners through the accommodation of personal contacts with ship captains as they were passing through the Canal Zone. catalogued £2,750 SOLD for \$900.00, Spink Shreeves, Collectors Series, March 2012

Figure 2: 1890 SG C2 S.G. #C2, POSTED AT PITCAIRN ISLAND/NO STAMPS AVAILABLE magenta two-line type II handstamp on Bliss correspondence cover to the Canal Zone, cover roughly opened with a piece missing at top left, a bit soiled and scratched, otherwise a fine and rare usage, with original enclosure from Richard E. Christian datelined "Pitcairn Island/May 18, 1921"; Gerald D. Bliss was postmaster at Cristobal from 1909-34 and he initiated the makings of a postal service with the Pitcairners through the accommodation of personal contacts with ship captains as they were passing through the Canal Zone. £2,750 SOLD for \$725.00

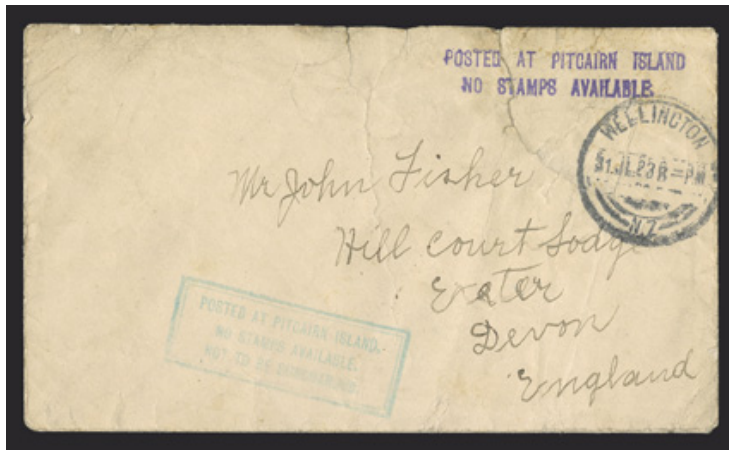


Figure 3: 1891 SG C3 S.G. #C3, POSTED AT PITCAIRN ISLAND/NO STAMPS AVAILABLE purple two-line handstamp on cover to England, with additional green boxed "Posted at Pitcairn Island./No Stamps Available/Not to be Surcharged" type VI cachet (S.G. #C6; £3,000), and "Wellington, N.Z./31 Jul 23" transit postmark, cover with mended opening tear affecting the type III cachet and some minor staining, otherwise a fine and rare usage; only two covers are recorded from this mailing, the other being addressed to Tonga. £2,000 SOLD for \$850.00

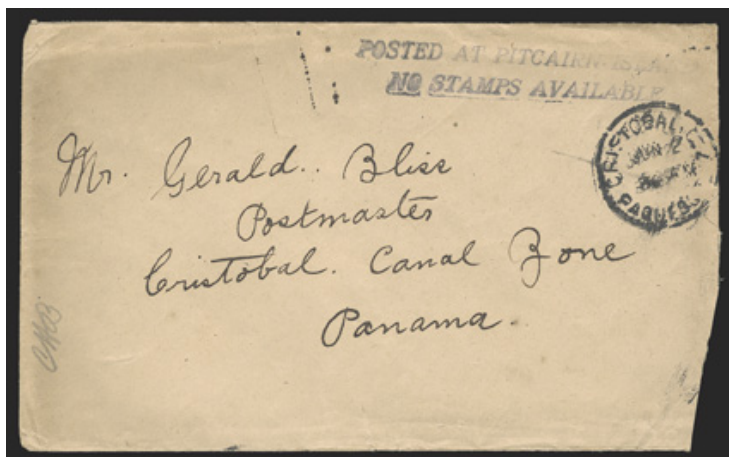


Figure 4: SG C8 S.G. #C8, POSTED AT PITCAIRN ISLAND/NO STAMPS AVAILABLE black two-line type VII handstamp on Bliss correspondence cover to the Canal Zone, "Cristobal C.Z./Paquebot/Jun 2" arrival postmark, cover reduced at left and a bit soiled, otherwise a fine and rare usage, with original enclosure from Theo. A. Young datelined "Pitcairn Isl./May 20, 1924", Gerald D. Bliss was postmaster at Cristobal from 1909-34 and he initiated the makings of a postal service with the Pitcairners through the accommodation of personal contacts with ship captains as they were passing through the Canal Zone. £1,900 SOLD for \$525.00, *Spink Shreeves, March Collector series 2012, Lot 1892*.