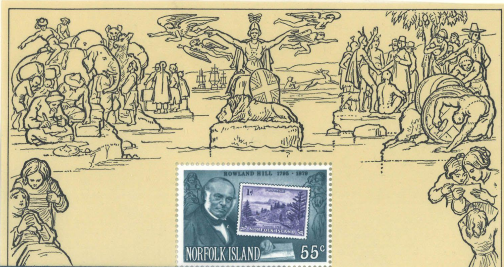


WHOLE LETTERS

GREAT BRITAIN - 1840

Mulready stationery - One penny letter sheets

• 'Offspring' Norfolk Island - 1979



1795 · 1879
JUVENIR SHEET
JOHN THOMPSON



Mulready envelopes, the world's first pre-printed stationery, were introduced as part of the British postal reforms of 1840. Never very popular and subject to much lampooning. Decision to withdraw them made only two months after their introduction, although the actual withdrawal took years.

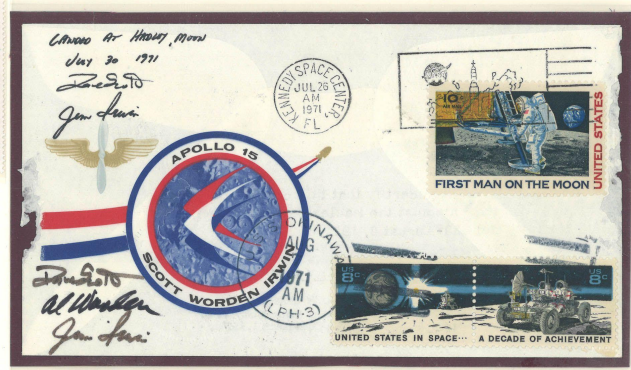
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UNITED STATES - 1971

The 'Moon Cover.' Apollo 15 was the fourth manned mission to land on the Moon. The three-man crew secretly carried a number of prepared covers with them, including 100 covers made up by Herman Sieger, a major European stamp dealer. These became the world's first extra-terrestrial mail. The cover shown is one of these Sieger covers. N.B. The fascinating story of the troubles the astronauts encountered as a result of taking unauthorized mail along on the mission is detailed on the Wikipedia website among others. **Certificate**



• 'Offspring' Paraguay - 1979



CAYES OF BELIZE - 1895

The Cuthbert Bros. operated a coastal mail service for several cayes of British Honduras in the 1890s, mostly for British troops in the area. This cover is one of between 12 and 20 in existence. (Ref.: British West Indies Study Circle)

• 'Offspring' Belize - 1984

