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**Robert Berry
First Day Covers, etc.
Collection**

1998.131

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Collection Information

Abstract : The Robert Berry First Day Covers Collection includes the following first day covers; “Thomas Jefferson”, “100th anniversary purchase of Alaska, Honoring Herbert Hoover”, “opening of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge” (New York) and “Honoring the Whaling Industry of New Bedford”, Mass. The collection also includes two pencil drawings by Marjorie Hatch, an appraisal for those sketches, a silicon chip (integrated circuit), and a color copy of a letters patent for an abrasive saw.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Provenance : Gift of Robert Berry 122 Belmont St. Worcester, Mass., November 12, 1997.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

First Day Covers
Drawing
Pencil drawing
Letters Patent
Integrated Circuits

Historical/Biographical Notes

The manufacturer of the First Day Covers is unknown but was acquired by city resident Robert Berry. The pencil drawings were created by Marjorie Hatch, daughter to George Sargent Hatch. Mr. George Hatch owned a leather findings business on Front Street for 49 years. Mr. Hatch served on the City Council as Alderman for 2 years. Marjorie was a hairdresser owning Hatch's Hair Shop.

No information is known about the integrated circuit. The Letters Patent includes Robert Berry as one of the inventors for an abrasive saw.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises 5 first day covers and two letters regarding the significance of the stamps. There are pencil drawings done by Marjorie Hatch along with an appraisal letter for them for \$100.00. There is an integrated circuit (silicon chip) from Jim-pac electronic components, a California based company. A color copy of Letters Patent, serial number 3488892 awarded to Robert L. Benner, Thomas Traceski, and Robert Berry for an abrasive saw.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: First Day Covers (7 items)

Series 2: Pencil Drawings (3 items)

Series 3: Products (3 items)

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Series 1, First Day Covers

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1998.131.1.1	First Day Covers; Thomas Jefferson one cent. Sent to Mr. C.D. Stilman, Plastic Rubber Product Company, Los Angeles, CA. Postmarked: Jeffersonville, IN January 12, 1968. unknown manufacturer.
1	1	1998.131.1.2	Letter from H.J. Merchant, V.P. Sales and Planning for United Airlines to Mr. C.D. Stilman, Plastic and Rubber Product, 2100 Hyde Park Blvd., Los Angeles CA. January 12, 1968.
1	1	1998.131.1.3	First Day Cover, 100 th Anniversary Purchase of Alaska 1867-1967. Sent to Mr. C.D. Stilman, postmarked Sitka Alaska, March 30, 1967. Unknown manufacturer.
1	1	1998.131.1.4	Letter from H. J. Merchant to Mr. C.D. Stilman; postmarked March 30, 1967 explaining the significance of the stamp.
1	1	1998.131.1.5	First Day Cover, Honoring Herbert Hoover 1874-1964. Sent to Mr. Pearl Nyman at the Plastic and Rubber Products Co., CA. Postmarked: West Branch IA, August 10, 1965. Unknown manufacturer.
1	1	1998.131.1.6	First Day Cover, Commemorating the Opening of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. No mailing address on cover but postmarked; Staten Island, November 21, 1964. Unknown manufacturer.
1	1	1998.131.1.7	First Day Cover, Honoring the Whaling Industry of New Bedford. No mailing address and no postmarks. Unknown manufacturer.

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Series 2, Pencil Drawings

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1998.131.2.1	Pencil drawing: sketch of a collie dog by Marjorie Hatch.
1	2	1998.131.2.2	Pencil drawing: sketch of a water view by Marjorie Hatch.
1	2	1998.131.2.3	Letter, appraisal: from Wallis H. Darnley Antique Appraisals in Douglas, MA. Stating that the above two sketches are valued at \$100.00.

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Series 3, Products

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1998.131.3.1	Integrated circuit, 1702A 2048 Erasable Prom, electronic components (silicon chip). Jim-pac electronic components, a California based company.
1	3	1998.131.3.2	Color copy of a Letters Patent, January 13, 1970. Patent number: 3488892, awarded to Robert Benner, Thomas Traceski of Connecticut and Robert H. Berry of Worcester, MA 1967. Ser. No. 670,496 for an abrasive saw.
1	3	1998.131.3.3	Letterhead; Mass. Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Worcester County Chapter.