

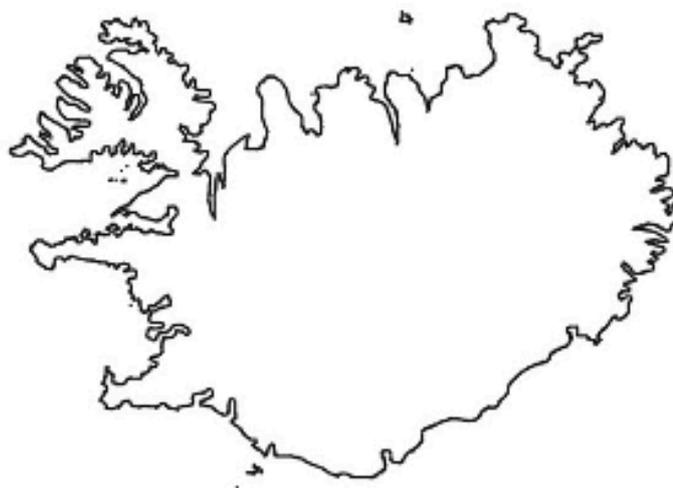
# ICELAND PHILATELIC MAGAZINE

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## Cardiff Ship Letter

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Cardiff is located in Wales: far from the normal mail route from Iceland - but!



Different ship letter postmarks are described in Robertson E.30/D and E.31- (named S.1, S.2, S.2a – S.3 and P.1-P.2 (Paquebot). Dovey/Morris shows # 241-244. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Many older cancellation examples can be found on Cardiff Philatelic Society

<http://thingspostal.org.uk/cardiffphilatelicsociety/postmarks.html>

See also Robertson Revisited Second " 2016 by Colin Tabearnt and "BARRED NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES" by JOHN PARMENTER DAVID LUCKLY KEN SMITH WITH PROF. CEDRIC PRYS-ROBERTS (WALES) page 98 ff.

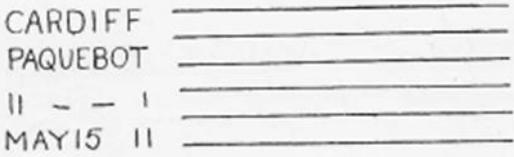
	Robertson S.1 - - 1816	
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	Robertson S.2 - ?? - 1860	
	Robertson S.2 a - ?? - 1879	Seen 1885
	Robertson S.3 - 1901 -	Dovey/Morris 241 1901 - 1913

<sup>2</sup> The only one known?

	Robertson "S.3 a" <sup>3</sup> - 1910 -	Dovey/Morris 242 - 1910 -
	Robertson P.1 - with letter B  1910 - 1914	Dovey/Morris 243 - With letter A  1910 - 2001
	Robertson P.2	Dovey/Morris 244  1911 - 1914 Mention used with waves.
	Robertson P.2 a - 1915 -	Seen from 1918 with Slogan Postmark

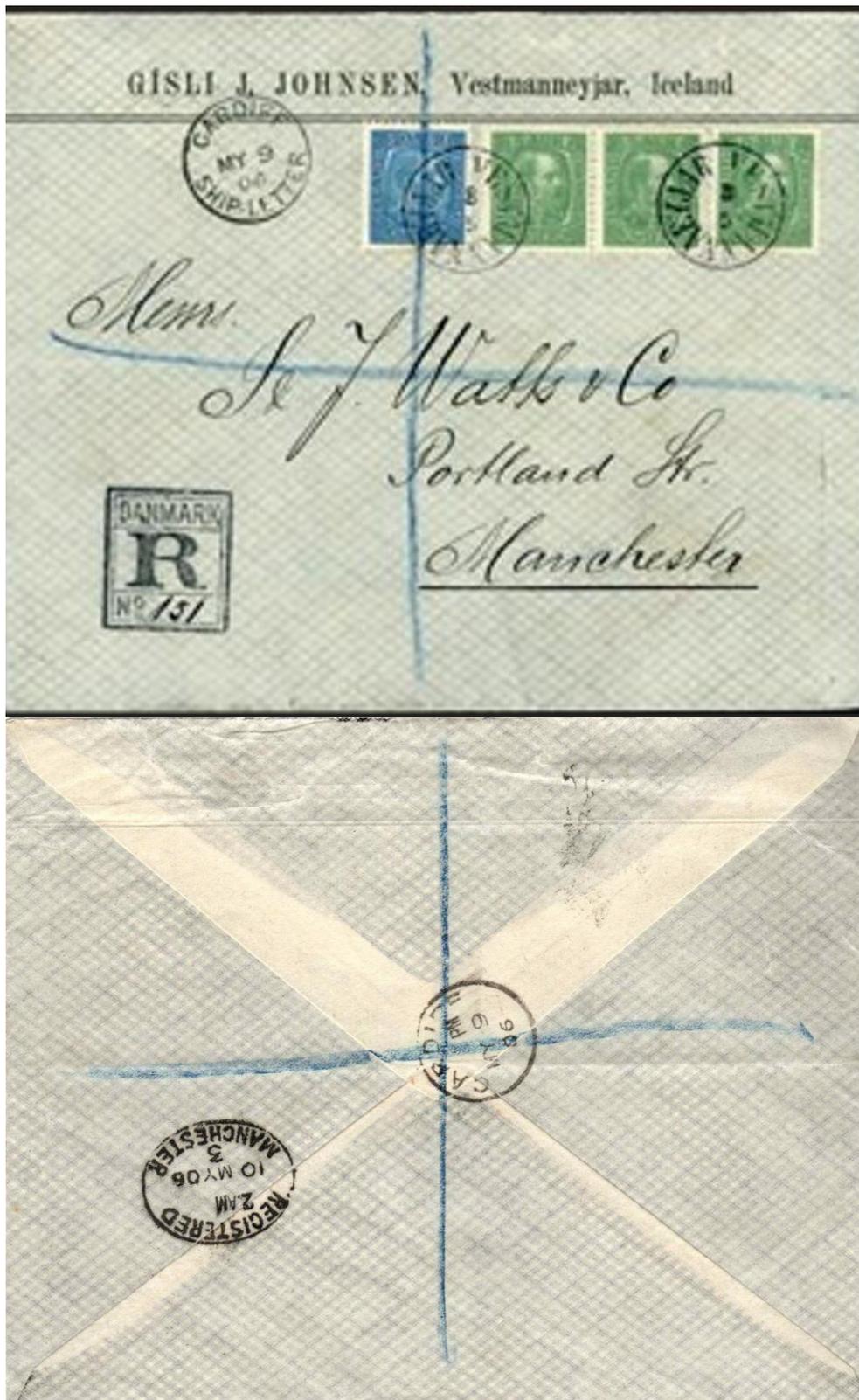
And a local round postmark

			
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Only S 3/241 and the local round postmark is known on mail from Iceland.

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
?	3 May 1906	VESTMANNA EYJAR	MY 9 1906	CARDIFF	

<sup>3</sup> By mistake called S.2.a



Text from Hosking Auction:

"CARDIFF - RARE "SHIP LETTER" C.D.S. ON REGISTERED MAIL FROM ICELAND TO G.B.; Fine 3/9 May 1906 commercial env. registered to Manchester with Iceland 20a+5a(3) tied by mainly very fine "VESTMANNAEYJAR" c.d.s.'s with matching very fine boxed

"DANMARK/R/No.[151]" on the front but also having a very fine rare small "CARDIFF/SHIP LETTER".n

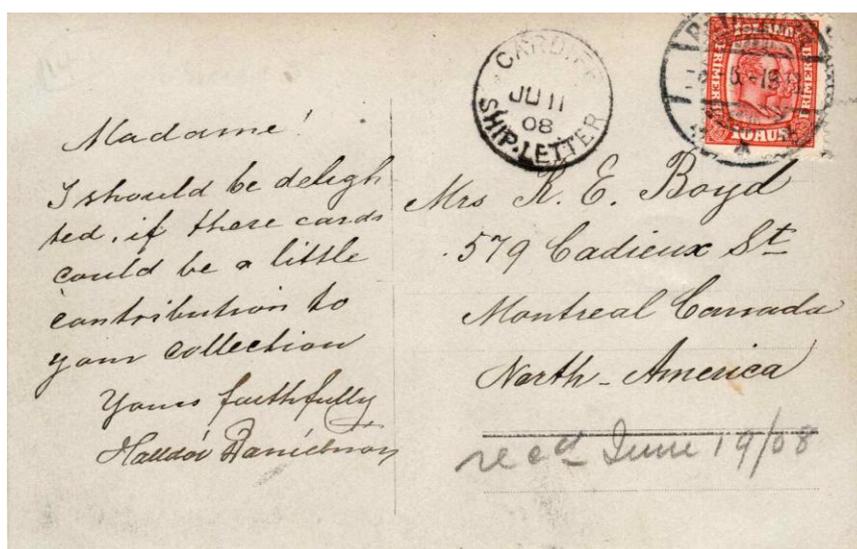
A ordinary local cancellation MY 9 96 on the back.



ISAFOLD	22.05.1906	REYKJAVIK		CARDIFF	2 KR.
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ISAFOLD	11.05.1907	REYKJAVIK		CARDIFF	1KR.
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EVA	06.06.1908	REYKJAVIK	11.06.1908	CARDIFF	2 KR.
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Letter from Reykjavik 5. June 1908 to Canada. CARDIFF SHIP-LETTER - JU 11 08

ISAFOLD	07.07.1908	REYKJAVIK	14.07.1908	CARDIFF	10 KR.
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From the cruise liner "Grosser Kurfürst"<sup>4</sup>

The cancellation is an ordinary cancellation for Cardiff. As can be seen used in 1908 but it has been used for a longer period.

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<sup>4</sup> see ICELAND PHILATELIC MAGAZINE # 71 page 13 ff "Polarmail" – via ??", Jakob S. Arrevald - page 16f about Cardiff.

Then a time jump to 1934:

MS PLUK? <sup>5</sup>	26.03.1934	REYKJAVIK	1.4.1934	CARDIFF	Via Swansea
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Reykjavík 26.3.1934 and also an ordinary Cardiff postmark on front (can't see the date except "1")



but on back a Swansea a Glam cancellation 1.4.



The letter went probably first to Swansea then forwarded to Cardiff, and then to New York arriving 10.4.1938



<sup>5</sup> MS PLUCK is my best guess. It is mentioned in Nýja dagblaðið from 27. March 1934 : “British Pluck, oil tanker, with cargo for the Oliuverzluninn arrived here on Sunday.” The only other option is a French tugboat and that is not likely.

