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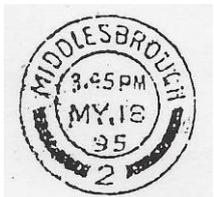
SPECIAL # 42 – MIDDLESBROUGH –V1 2026

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ORDINARY POSTMARKS



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Only Icelandic use 1896?

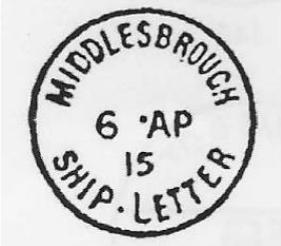
¹ Heinrich Schilling drawing.

² Heinrich Schilling drawing

SHIP-LETTER

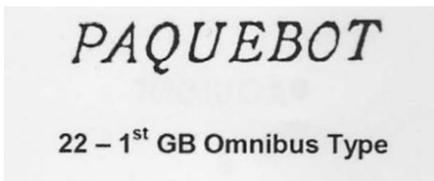


1898 With time



Dovey & Morris # 154: 1915 without time

PAQUEBOT

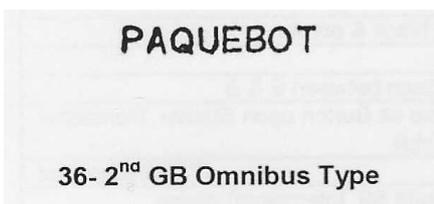


Indicated used by Robertson – but no example.

The 1st PAQUEBOT omnibus type was introduced in 1894. Mike Dovey explains in his article at the TPO & Seapost Society' homepage:

“From 1894 onwards the Post Office in Great Britain issued a new rubber "paquebot" cancellation 33mm in length (Hosking 22) to all post offices that needed such a mark. These included not only London but also Bristol, Dartmouth, Dublin (Dublin & Cork TPO), Edinburgh, Folkestone, Grangemouth, Greenock, Grimsby, Hull, Leith, Liverpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Plymouth, Queenstown, St. Helier, St. Peter Port, South Shields, and Southampton. The mark was also sent abroad to certain post offices including Port of Spain in Trinidad, Colombo in Ceylon, and Gibraltar.”

As it can be seen Middlesbrough is not mentioned and I doubt that the 1st omnibus paquebot has been used there.



Dovey & # 36 1953 – 1999

1895

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
?	2.5.1895	Seyðisfjörður	MY 18 1895	Middlesbrough	

I can't find information about a ship going from Seyðisfjörður, Iceland 2.5.1895 to Middlesbrough, UK – only from Middlesbrough to Iceland with salt. But there must have been one:



Iceland Seyðisfjörður
Ærede herra!
I dag Modtaget Deres ordre
med indlagt 111 Kr og 10 øre
hvorfor Takkes. De rekvirerede
Mærker og Brevkort sendes med
første Post da jeg først modtog
Deres Brev efter at "Thyra" var gået
herfra. Med megen Agtelse
Gunnlaugur Jónsson

Written at Seyðisfjörður an cancelled 2.5.1895 with Danish text:

“Ærede herra! I dag har jeg modtaget Deres ordre med indlagt 111 kr. og 10 øre hvorfor takkes, De rekvirerede mærker og Brevkort sendes med første Post, da jeg først modtog Deres Brev efter at ”Thyra” var gået herfra³. Med megen Agtelse. Gunnlaugur Jónsson”.

³ THYRA was in Seyðisfjörður 2 May 1895 – left the same day but shortly after turns around and went south.

Translated: ("Honorable sir! Today I received your order with 111 kr. and 10 øre, thanks, the required stamps and postcards will be sent with the first post, as I first received your letter after "Thyra" had left here. With great respect. Gunnlaugur Jónsson").

The stamp dealer N. S. Nedergaard who bought stamps and cards, an he received the card in Skive, Jutland Denmark on the 20.5.1895 after a transit cancellation in Middlesbrough MY

Transport:

18. Seyðisfjörður to Middlesbrough 16 days.

Middlesbrough to Skive 2 days.

Total transport time 18 days.

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I have found no information about Gunnlaugur Jónssons activities with stamps in 1895, but I have found an advertising in Bjarki - 29. April 1897:

“Enn þá kaupi Gunnlaugur Jónsson a Seyðisfirði, alskonir brúkuð islensk frimerki”

and 17. July 1897 in the same newspaper:



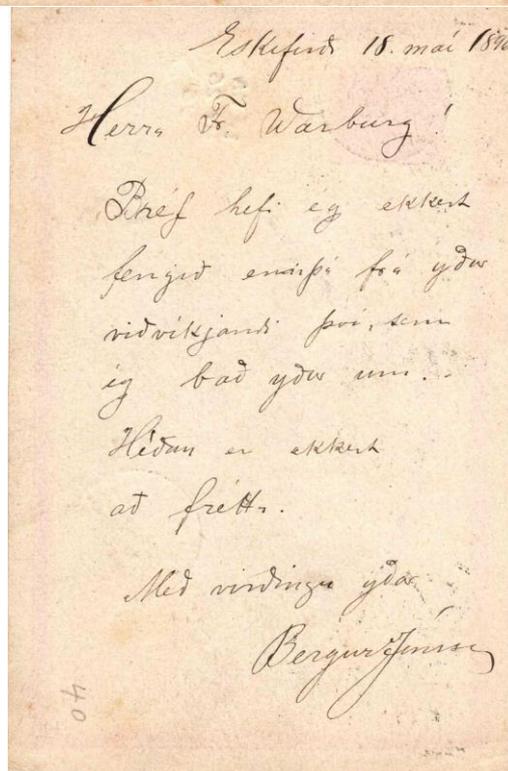
Gunnlaugur Jónsson

in Seyðisfjörður gives used Icelandic shilling stamps from 50 aur.—6 kr. a piece, and for 5 aur. blue 1.50, 20 ounces purple 1.20, 40 ounces green 2 ISK. the piece and all other types of used Icelandic stamps and he buys postcards for the highest price.

1896

1896 (and 1897) are difficult years determining the ship transfer of mail. DFDS continue but got competition from the governmental involvement (SS VESTA) and from “THORE” and “WATHNE”.

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
INGA ?	18.5.1896	Eskifjörður	MY 26 1896	Middlesbrough	



Text:

“I have not received any letter from you yet regarding what I asked you for. There is no news from here. With respect,
Bergur Jónsson”

The address for the recipient is the well-known address of **Thor E. Tulinius** who from 1886 sailed the island roundtrip (Strandferða) planned for the year with **SS BREMNÆS**, but May was the first trip in the year:

“Mr. Thor E. Tulinius let his ship **SS RJUKAN** go on its first coastal trip, and went from here north of land the 17th p.m. and was supposed to arrive at all the ports specified by the plan, all the way to Sauðárkrókur, and the RJUKAN is

expected here after from the north of the 30th p. m" and goes to all the stops in Hornafjörður. — From Hornafjörður, the "Rjukan" goes to Reykjavik on June 3rd to pick up passenger". (Austri - 23. maj 1896)

But “**RJUKAN**, ... arrived [in Seyðisfjörður] on 17th ... and sailed according to the pre-planned plan all the way north across the country to Sauðárkrókur. So, the card didn't go with Rjukan.

“**THYRA**” came on the 17th ... and left the same day. That exclude THYRA.

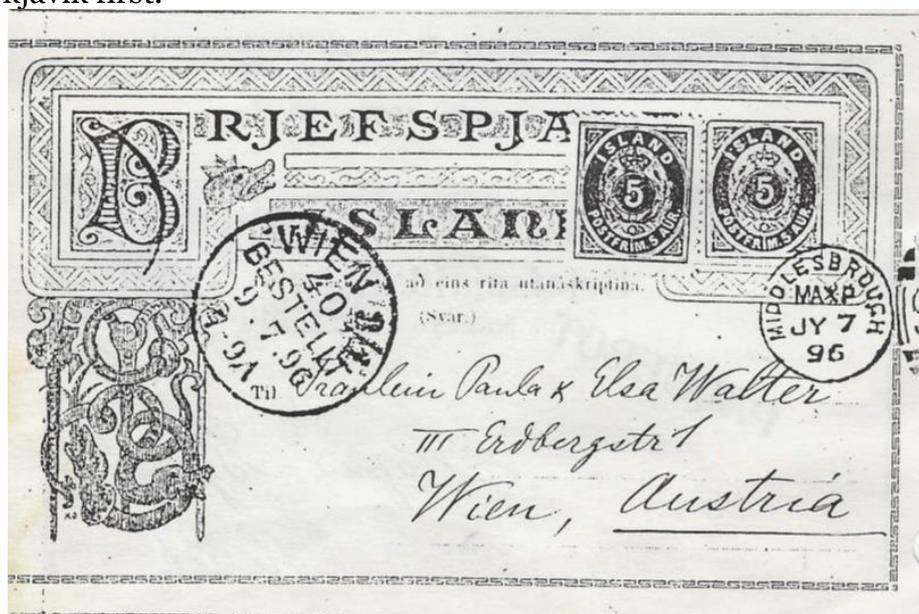
“**SS VAAGEN**”⁴, came directly from England with salt on the 18th and went south of the land after new herring, and brought it here to the ice houses on the 20th. She is a possibility, but I don't know where she brought the salted herring.

«**SS INGA** arrived [in Seyðisfjörður] on 12th and sailed on 13th to Eskifjörður – with the ship " cand. theol. R. M. Jónsson. "INGA" returned from the fjord on the 20th and left for England yesterday [22 May].

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
?	1896	?	JY 7 1896	Middlesbrough	

In Scandinavian Contacts⁵ Mike Tuttle wrote: “A 5 aur PS card with additional 5 aur numeral stamp , to Austria is shown with a part strike of the Middelbrough Duples incorporation No. 946. The date part, S/cds, is whole: MxP/ JY 7 (18)96 and the card has a Wien receiving stamp of 9.7.96”.⁶

The ship might be VESTA but Middlesbrough is not mentioned in the schedule until 1897. VAAGEN is still delivering salt to Seyðisfjörður [24th June] and herring to England and MOUNT PARK⁷ (arriving and leaving Seyðisfjörður 29th) delivers horses to England but had to go to Reykjavik first.



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⁴ VAAGEN belong to Otto Wathne – he actually died on bord in 1898.

⁵ volume 19 Number 2 Whole number 198 from September 2002 page 103.

⁶ Copy from Heinrich Schilling, Fremde Anlandestempel auf Islandpost.

⁷ MOUNT PARK belonged to Louis Zöllner – he was living in Newcastle – not far from Middlesbrough

⁸ I don't have the text.

1897

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
VESTA	30.6.1897	Reykjavik	JY 4 1897	Middlesbrough	



Her um
 send mig nu mid
 lausa
 10 kr. Henni Undra
 10 Póttelbrast
 10 Mahjmundt
 Henni Fr. Christiansen
 mid Pusere etc
 Dvo Hugvinn


In the schedule for VESTA in 1897 MIDDLESBROUGH is included in the 3th trip with arrival 4. July 1897. ⁹

⁹ Ísafold - 30. juni 1897 "»Vesta« kom 27. norðan um land. og vestan, með henni um 80 farþega. Hvergi vör við hafis. Fór í nótt til Englands. " ("Vesta" arrived on the 27th from the north of the country. and the west, with her about 80 passengers. No sea ice anywhere. Went to England last night.)

Eimskipaútgærð hinnar íslensku landsstjórnar.

Ferðaáætlun fyrir árið 1897.

Vesta	I	II	III	IV*	V	VI	VII	VIII
Frá Kjöfn	1. marz	18. apríl	30. maí	20. júní	.....	.....	18. ág.	9. okt.
— Leith	5. marz	22. apríl	3. júní	.....	.....	24. júlí	22. ág.	13. okt.
— Vestm.eyj. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	26. júní	9. júlí	.....	.....	.....
— Vestm.eyj. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6. júní	.....	.....	25. ág.	16. okt.
Í REYKJAVÍK . . . . .	.....	26. apríl	7. júní	3. júlí	13. júlí	28. júlí	26. ág.	17. okt.
Í Reykjavík . . . . .	.....	maí	maí	.....	.....	.....	18. sept.	10. nóv.
Frá RVÍK . . . . .	.....	1.	12 ⁸	10. júní	.....	.....	.....	.....
— Vestm.eyj. . . . .	.....	1.	12 ⁸	10. júní	21. júlí	.....	15. sept.	7. nóv.
— Berufirði . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	11. júní	20. júlí	.....	14. sept.	.....
— Fáskrúðsf.	8. marz	3.	14 ²	12. júní	19. júlí	.....	13. sept.	5. nóv.
— Eskifirði	8. marz	3.	14 ²	12. júní	19. júlí	.....	13. sept.	5. nóv.
— Norðfirði	9. marz	3.	14 ²	13. júní	18. júlí	.....	12. sept.	4. nóv.
— Seyðisfirði	11. marz	4. ¹	15 ²	14. júní	18. júlí	.....	12. sept.	4. nóv.
— Vopnafirði	12. marz	5.	16 ⁸	15. júní	16. júlí	.....	11. sept.	2. nóv.
— Húsavík	13. marz	.....	.....	16. júní	15. júlí	.....	10. sept.	1. nóv.
— Akureyri	16. marz	.....	.....	17. júní	15. júlí	.....	9. sept.	31. okt.
— Siglufirði	16. marz	.....	.....	18. júní	13. júlí	.....	6. sept.	.....
— Sauðárkrök	17. marz	.....	.....	18. júní	13. júlí	.....	6. sept.	29. okt.
— Skagastr.	18. marz	.....	.....	19. júní	12. júlí	.....	5. sept.	27. okt.
— Blönduós	19. marz	.....	.....	19. júní	12. júlí	.....	5. sept.	26. okt.
— Borðeyri . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	20. júní	11. júlí	.....	4. sept.	.....
— Reykjartir . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	20. júní	10. júlí	.....	3. sept.	.....
— Ísafirði	22. marz	.....	.....	22. júní	10. júlí	.....	3. sept.	24. okt.
— Ónundarf. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	22. júní	8. júlí	.....	1. sept.	.....
— Dýrafirði	23. marz	.....	.....	22. júní	8. júlí	.....	1. sept.	23. okt.
— Arnarfirði	23. marz	.....	.....	23. júní	7. júlí	.....	31. ág.	.....
— Patreksf. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23. júní	7. júlí	.....	31. ág.	.....
— Flatey . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	24. júní	6. júlí	.....	30. ág.	.....
— Stykkish.	24. marz	.....	.....	24. júní	6. júlí	.....	30. ág.	28. okt.
Í Reykjavík	28. marz	.....	.....	27. júní	.....	.....	30. ág.	21. okt.
Frá RVÍK . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	6. júlí	.....	30. ág.	21. okt.
Frá RVÍK	31. marz	.....	30. júní	25. júlí	18. júlí	3. ág.	22. sept.	14. nóv.
— Vestm.eyj.	31. marz	.....	.....	25. júlí	.....	.....	.....	.....
— Seyðisfirði . . . . .	.....	17. maí ¹	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
— Middlesbro . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4. júlí	.....	.....	.....	.....
— Leith	4. apr.	.....	.....	29. júlí	22. júlí	7. ág.	26. sept.	18. nóv.
Frá Leith	4. apr.	.....	.....	30. júlí	.....	7. ág.	27. sept.	19. nóv.
Í Kjöfn	8. apr.	22. maí	.....	3. ág.	.....	11. ág.	1. okt.	23. nóv.

* Aukaskip. — NB. Þá dálka, sem prentaðir eru með skálettri, á að lesa upp á við.
¹ Eimskipið *Brinnes* fer, samkvæmt áætlun, frá Seyðisfirði 5. maí, eptir komu *Vestu* þangað, til Sauðárkróks 11. maí og kemur við á millumliggjandi höfnum. Skipið fer aptur frá Sauðárkröki 11. maí og kemur til Seyðisfjarðar 16. maí, og er því búizt við, að *Brinnes* geti flutt póst, farþega og vörur úr *Vestu* til Norðurlandsins og þaðan aptur til *Vestu*, áður en hún leggur af stað frá Seyðisfirði til Kaupmannahafnar.
² Hafi skipið orðið fyrir miklum tófum í fyrstu ferðinni vegna íss eða annara orsaka, fer það að eins eina ferð milli Reykjavíkur og Austfjarða í maí.

1898

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
CAROLINE 10	17.5.98	REYKJAVÍK	MY 21 1898	Middlesbrough	



Same as the one on the next letter.

¹⁰ "Isafold 15. juni 1898" - arrival: "Frá Englandi (Middlesbrough) 10. þ. m. »Caroline« (116, Christensen) með salt til Sturlu Jónssonar.



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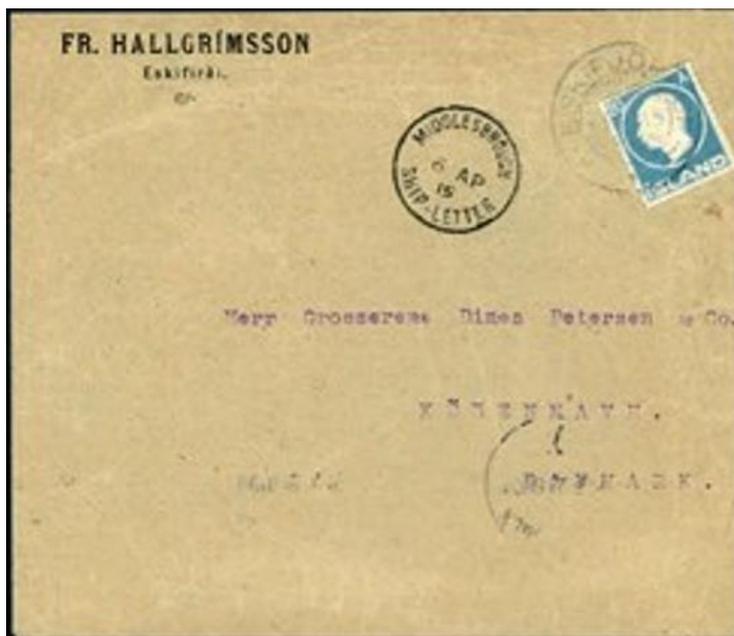
Cover sent to England franked with pair of 10 aur red. "REYKJAVÍK 17.5.98", endorsed "per Caroline". Very rare "MIDDLESBROUGH SHIP-LETTER MY 21 98" transit canc. on back as well as "TEIGNMOUTH MY 23 98" arrival canc.

1915

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIVAL	AT	REMARKS
?	29 MAR 15	ESKIFJÖRÐUR	6 AP 1915	Middlesbrough	



¹¹ Former Indriði Pálsson's famous collection.



Stamp cancelled “ESKIFJÖRÐUR 29 MAR 15” transit. MIDDLESBOUGH 6 AP 15¹²
And a single stamp from the same day AP 6 15.

¹² Was in R. Hoskings collection since 1971. Sold in December 2014 for 2.400 GBP.