



# ISLANDS *Kontakt*

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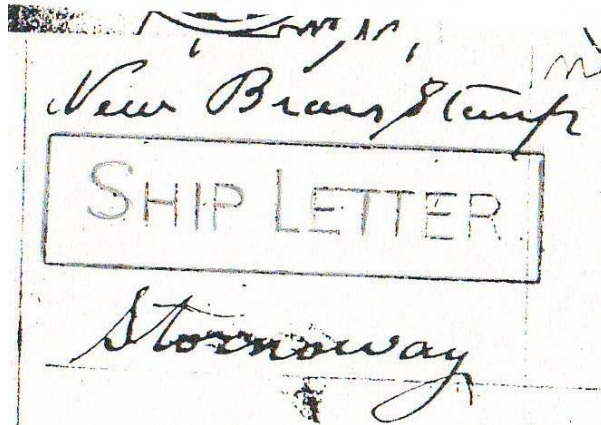
Stornoway is a [town](#) on the [Isle of Lewis](#), in the [Outer Hebrides](#) of [Scotland](#). The town's population is around 8,000, making it the largest town in the Hebrides, with a third of the population of the civil parish of Stornoway, which includes various nearby villages and has a population of approximately 12,000. Stornoway is an important port and the major town and administrative center of the Outer Hebrides. It is home to [Comhairle nan Eilean Siar](#) (the Western Isles Council).



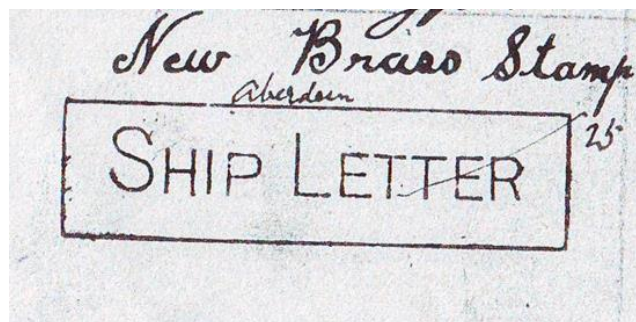
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## SHIP LETTER

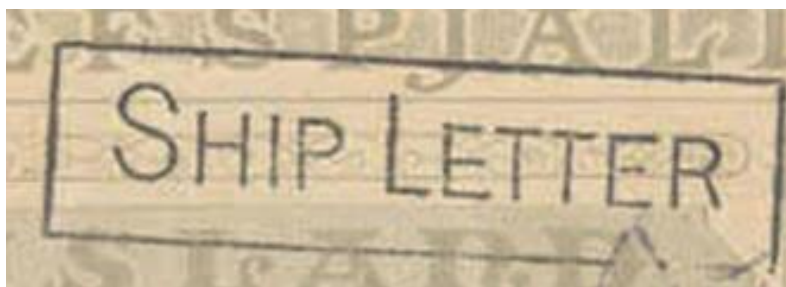
Here is first the proof from Kirkwood 1899 book of the Stornoway Ship Letter.  
The "S" is not like the one used, see the used underneath



The "P" is a bit different from the **Aberdeen** "SHIP LETTER" – but in the real world?



Used in Stornoway 1899 Here the S is different form the proof and the “P” stil a bit different from Aberdeen.



Þór Þorsteins has compiled the list of sailings paid for caring mail from Iceland, and that is the basis for the registration – but other dates can appear, but then there is no amount registered for caring the mail.

Ship	Departure	From	Arrival	To	Comments
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1899

?	12.08.1899 And 15.08.1899	REYKJAVIK	18.08.1899	STORNOWAY	
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At the internet page Paquebot.Info:

“All the items from mid-August will have been in the batch of mail that landed in Stornoway on August 18, 1899. Most of my Stornoway items were from this (possibly) first landing of mail receiving the Stornoway “Ship Letter” mark. The boat carrying this mail must have been a private vessel, perhaps a trawler, as the travel time was so short. Contract vessels had so many stops that the voyage from Reykjavik to Copenhagen could take three weeks or more – for example the “SS CERES” left Reykjavik on July 1, 1899 and arrived in Copenhagen on July 25. The “Ship Letter” handstamp left the manufacturers (Kirkwood) at the end of June, 1899.”

W.Jonsson.









Reikjavik auf Island  
den 12. August 1899

Lieber Karlo!

Viele Grüße und Dank für  
deine Karte sendet selbst  
Grüßen an deine werthen  
Eltern

Dein

Karl Meier

Fachschensky  
Briefweg Kopenhagen

20-13



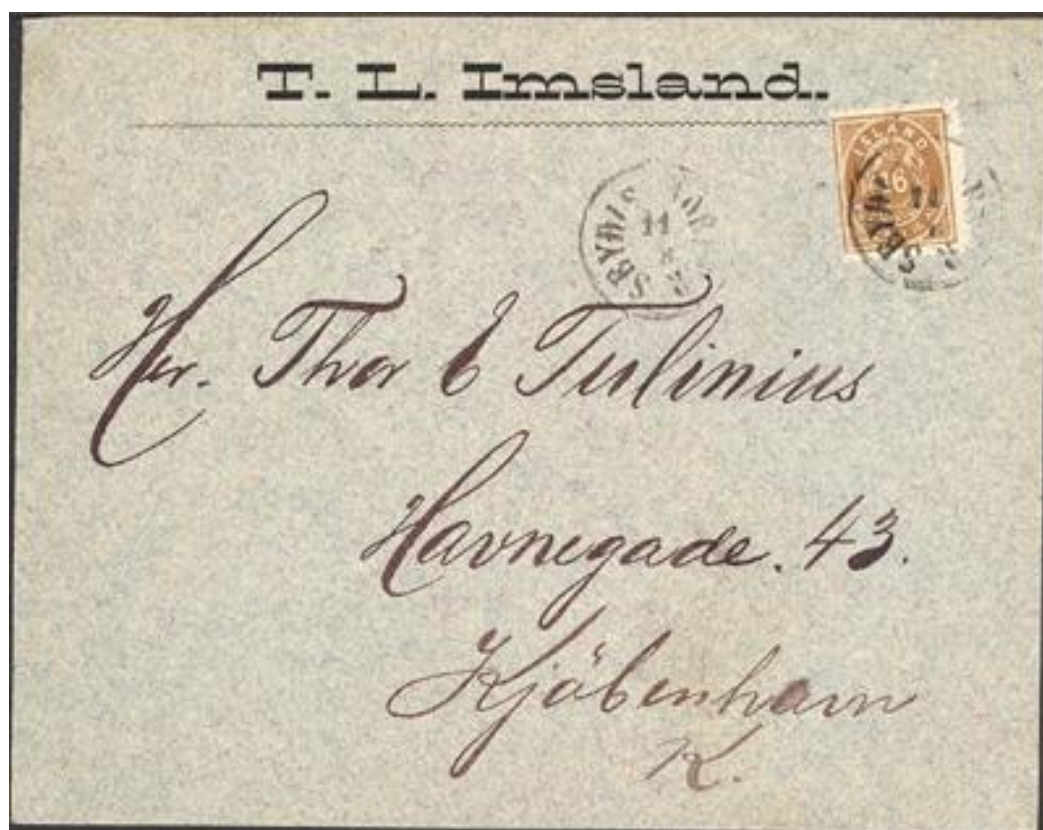


And then the exceptions 1) a letter to Copenhagen – but note the recipient:





On August 11 the following letter was sent from Seydisfjordur and it arrived the same day I Copenhagen, but I don't have the back – so I don't know about a possible Stornoway cancellation.



There was a corporation between Tulinius and Wattne – so it might be SS Egill being the ship – but I don't know – Egill was scheduled to leave Seydisfjordur on 9 August but not for Reykjavik and Stornoway – It is a puzzle.

Exception 2 – to England and canceled in Reykjavik 14.8.89





ALLSHERJAR-POSTFJELAGID.

(UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.)

ISLAND  
SHIP LETTER  
(DENMARK)



Brjefspjald með fyrir fram greiddu svari.

(Carte postale avec réponse payée.)

(Hjernamegin má að eins rita utanáskriptina.) (Côté réservé à l'adresse.)

Til

J. Withers Esq  
3<sup>rd</sup> Officer R.M.S. "Ophio"  
Tilbury Dock. Essex  
England.

COMPLETE REPLY CARD - SCANDINAVIAN S.C. - 1899



1900

		REYKJAVIK	DE 15 1900	STORNOWAY	
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1901

STABIL	23.03.1901	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	
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"STABIL" left Reykjavik 29 Martz 1901.



	11.05.1901	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWA Y	
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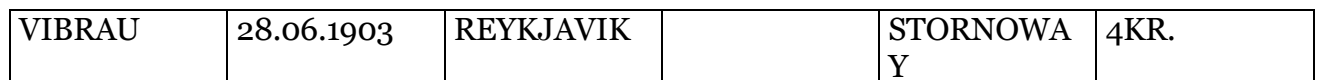


1902

None



SCANDIA	28.02.1903	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	2KR.
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1904

	07.05.1904	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	
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STOKESLEY	03.06.1904	REYKJAVIK	08.06.1904	STORNOWAY	3KR.
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1905



Par of 10 aur carmine on a letter send from Rkv 12.9.1905 to CANADA, unclear SHIP LETTER (Hosking 196 = Stornoway). On the back: transit Stornoway SP 23 05 arrival Winnipeg OC 7 05.

## 1906

URDA	05.03.1906	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	2KR.
EDEVARD GRIEG	24.06.1906	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	1KR.

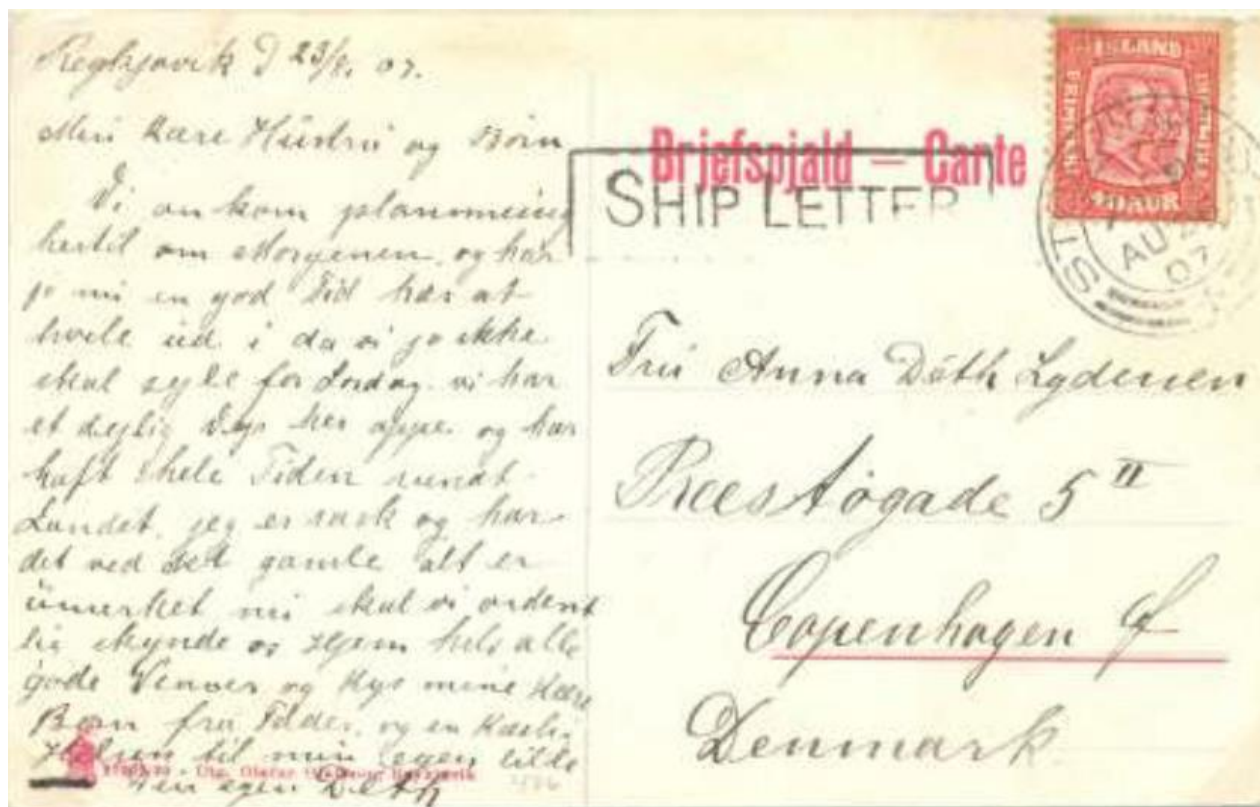
## 1907

ALEKTO	10.04.1907	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	1KR.
ITALIEN	24.04.1907	REYKJAVIK	28.04.1907	STORNOWAY	10KR.



	23.08.1907	REYKJAVIK	28.08.1907	STORNOWAY	
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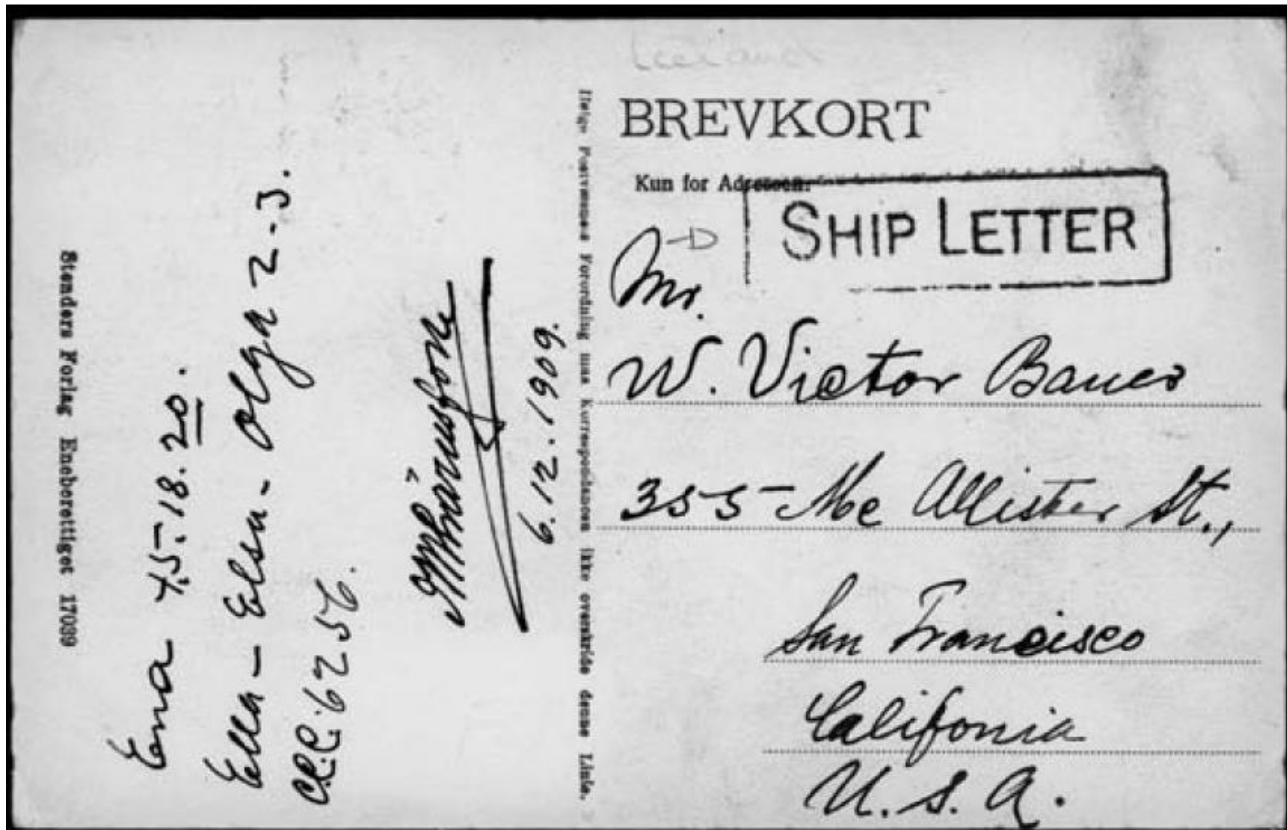
1908

VALHAL	27.05.1908	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	2KR.
AGNES	03.06.1908	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	3KR.

1909

	06.12.1909			STORNOWAY	
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Hosking sales catalog December 2014:



STORNOWAY (OUTER HEBRIDES) - RARE BOXED "SHIP LETTER" ON ICELAND CARD TO U.S.A.; Fine 6 Dec. 1912 PPC to San Francisco with Iceland 5a Green (on the picture side) tied by a very fine Reykjavik c.d.s. but also having a very fine boxed "SHIP LETTER" of Stornoway (smaller loop to "P" than the Aberdeen mark, H344; D - "Rare", specially so pre-1914) nicely placed above the address. Exhibition Quality. **PHOTO** - see above.

1910

1911

NORDKAP	28.02.1911	REYKJAVIK		STORNOWAY	2KR.
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1912

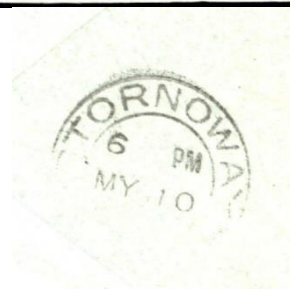
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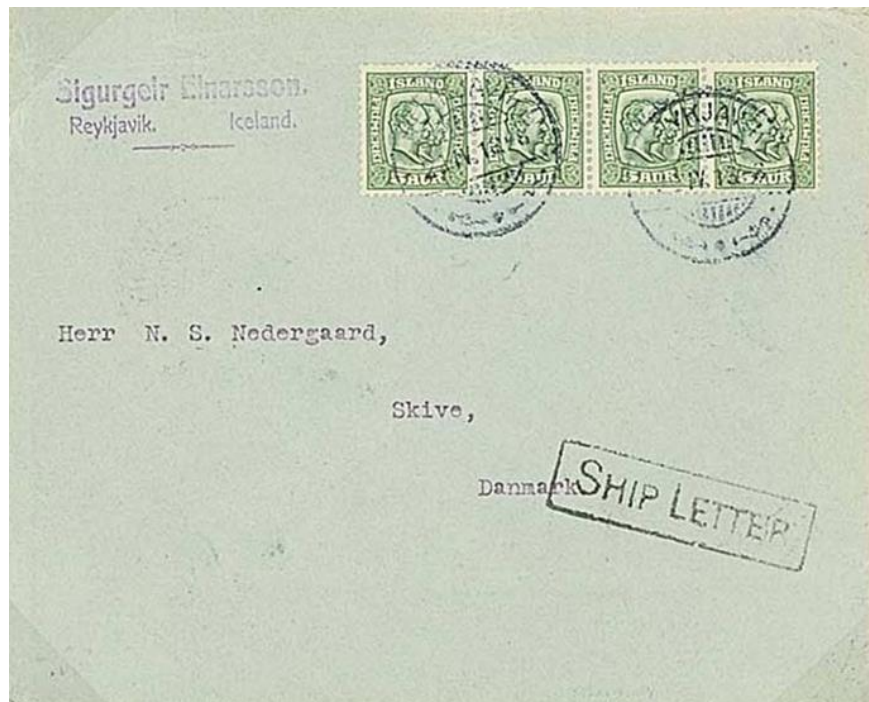


1913

	29.04.2013	REYKJAVIK	10.05.1913	STORNOWAY	
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2 Cover sent to Germany at 5 aur printed matter rate (Two Kings) cancelled REYKJAVIK 29.IV.13. Boxed "SHIP LETTER" handstamp along with "STORNOWAY MY 10".





20 aur on cover to England canc. "REYKJAVIK 29.IV.13" with scarce boxed "SHIP LETTER" of Stornoway as transit canc. as well as "STORNOWAY MY 10 13" cds on back. (Postiljonen 216/217)





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