

FUJEIRA – The True Story

Chapter 5: Fujeira Part of the United Arab Emirates

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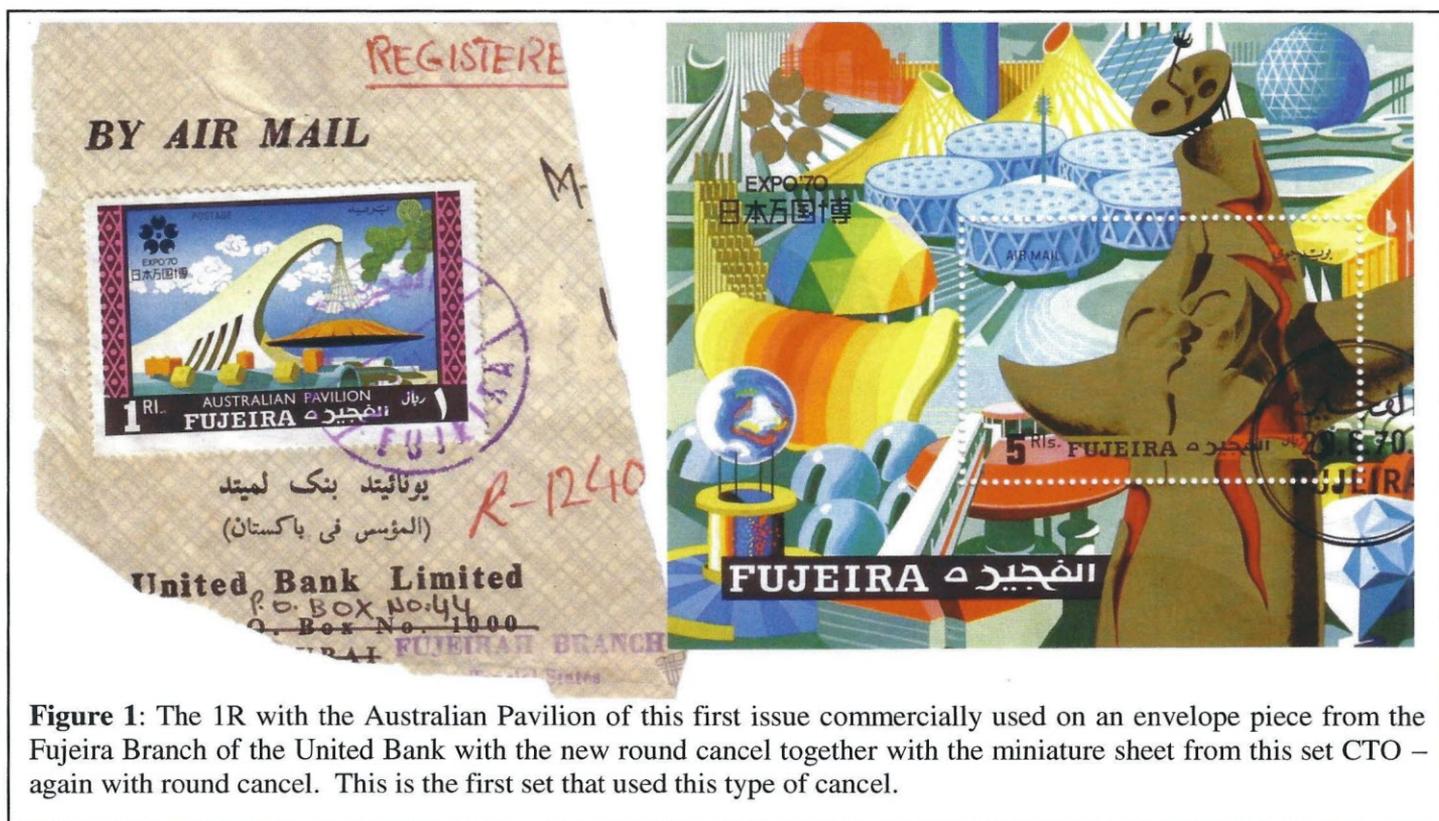


Figure 1: The 1R with the Australian Pavilion of this first issue commercially used on an envelope piece from the Fujeira Branch of the United Bank with the new round cancel together with the miniature sheet from this set CTO – again with round cancel. This is the first set that used this type of cancel.

(Continued from September 2010)

Introduction:

In Chapter 4, it was explained how a new contract was signed by the ruler with Mr Hage with the old agency of Finbar Kenny trying to fight back. In this last chapter we try to document the final year of Fujeira and the impact of joining the UAE. Under the new administration of Mr Hage, the following initial stamps were authorised.

EXPO 70

25th June 1970 - The set was: 10Dh; 20Dh; 70Dh; 1R; 1R; 2R and 5R (in a miniature sheet as an airmail). All were available in perforated and imperforate formats. (see Figure 1)

1970 World Cup, Mexico

20th July 1970 - The set was: 10Dh; 20Dh; 70Dh; 1R; 1R; 2R and 5R (in miniature sheet as an airmail). All were available in perforated and imperforate formats.

A separate 10R stamp depicting Pele was also produced. It was available in both Gold and Silver foil (see Figure 2). Each is also available in perforated, imperforate and in miniature sheet formats.

Nasser

1st Nov 1970 - The set was: 10Dh; 20Dh; 30Dh; 40Dh; 50Dh; 5R and another 5R in miniature sheet as airmail. All were available in perforate and imperforate format. The five lower value stamps were produced in 1 sheet and therefore available in seven-tenant strip of 5. (Figure 3)

A stamp in only Gold Foil was also produced – Value 10R available perforated, imperforate and as a miniature sheet.

PETS

20th Nov 1970. All available in perforate and imperforate format including miniature sheets.

Horses: (Postage) 10Dh & 20Dh; (Airmail) 70Dh; 1R; 2R and 5R in a miniature sheet.

Many towns in Oklahoma are named after the first postmaster, or occasionally, the postmaster's wife or daughter. Typical of these are Coody's Bluff (Figure 2), named after Richard Coody, postmaster when the post office opened on 5 May 1860, and Zena, (Figure 3) named after Asenith Wood, who was nicknamed Zeen, the wife of William H Wood, postmaster when the post office opened on 11 April 1896.

mistake in the reference, or maybe the postmaster just didn't manage to provide the actual last day. On the other hand, Folsom's post office, named after David Folsom, a prominent Chickasaw Indian, opened on 13 July 1894 and, according to the literature, closed on 14 March 1955, but the last day postmark shows 15 March.

It was a great effort by Mr Wilcox to obtain so many last day postmarks across so many states and he has made a nice contribution to postal history. I certainly enjoyed finding out more about the post offices and place names of Oklahoma.

Reference: *Oklahoma Place Names* by George H Shirk, University of Oklahoma Press, Second Edition 1974

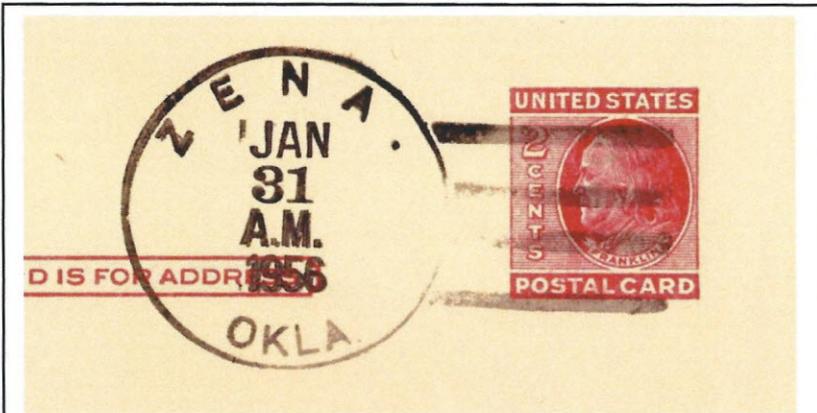


Figure 3. Zena Last Day postmark

There are plenty of interesting post office/place names in Oklahoma. Micawber (Figure 4), a post office opened on 10 May 1910, is not the only one named after a Dickens character. Nuyaka (Figure 5) was originally called Hance, after a local merchant, but it was also the site of the Indian Nuyaka mission and on 14 October 1912, the post office name was changed. Nuyaka is a Creek Indian corruption of 'New Yorker Town', a Creek town in Alabama. Lenora's post office, established on 24 March 1896, was named after early settlers Lee Moore and Nora Stovall. Another joint naming was Snomac, with a post office established on 11 October 1928, after local well drillers Snowden and McSweeney.

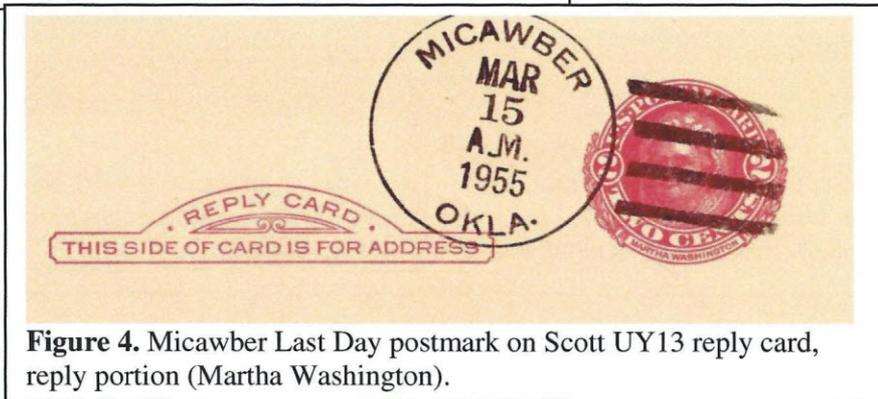


Figure 4. Micawber Last Day postmark on Scott UY13 reply card, reply portion (Martha Washington).

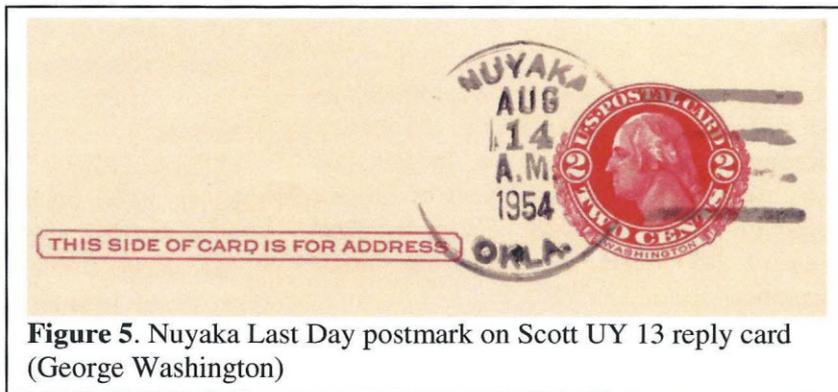


Figure 5. Nuyaka Last Day postmark on Scott UY 13 reply card (George Washington)

Some of the postmarks raise questions. The post office in Shay, opened on 23 April 1901, was named after the nearby Shay Prairie; but why is the postmark 'SHAYI' (Figure 6)? A few of the postmarks Mr Wilcox obtained show dates earlier than the closure date given in the reference literature. This may be a

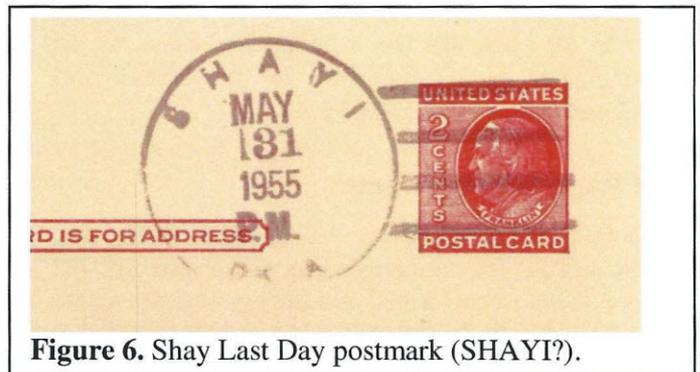


Figure 6. Shay Last Day postmark (SHAYI?).

Cats: (Postage) 30Dh & 70Dh; (Airmail) 1R; 2R; 3R and 5R in a miniature sheet.

Dogs: (Postage) 30Dh & 70Dh; (Airmail) 1R; 2R; 3R and 5R in a miniature sheet.

CHRISTMAS 1970

15th Dec 1970. All available in perforate and imperforate format including miniature sheets

Christmas Paintings: (Postage) 30Dh; 70Dh & 1R; (Airmail) 1R; 2R and 5R in a miniature sheet.

Madonna Paintings: 30Dh; 70Dh; 1R; 2R; 3R and 5R in a miniature sheet

Stations of the Cross: (Postage) 5x1R; (Airmail) 10x1R and three different 5R, each in a miniature sheet.

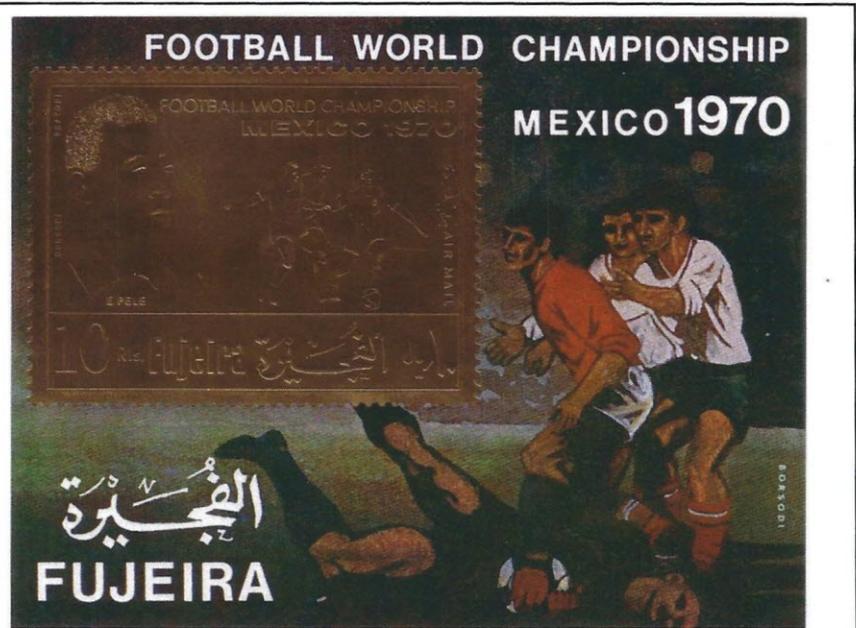


Figure 2: The 10R in Gold Foil miniature sheet. The stamp was also produced in Silver Foil and the stamp produced in perforated and imperforate formats. Miniature sheets were only available with perforations printed on the stamp.

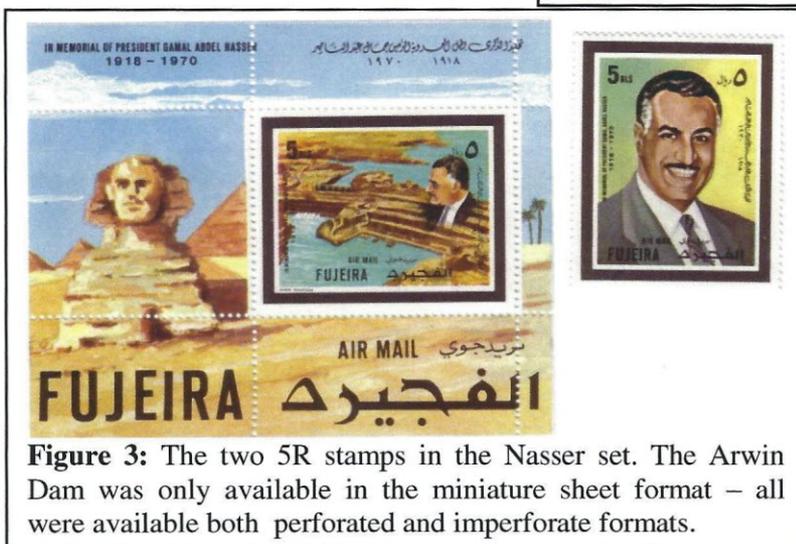


Figure 3: The two 5R stamps in the Nasser set. The Arwin Dam was only available in the miniature sheet format – all were available both perforated and imperforate formats.

Catalogue’. There are some large Gold Stamps issues and overprints on these stamps that are not mentioned (examples given here – Figures 5 & 5A).

The issues during this period include many sets with up to 30 different designs – all in perforate and imperforate format!

Three sets were produced from Disney movies without any appropriate authorisation from the Walt Disney Corporation! One set depicted famous cartoon characters; another with scenes from the animation movie ‘101

Dalmatians and another set depicting scenes from another Disney animation movie ‘The Aristocats’. Each set was made up of 20 stamps and each was available in both perforate and imperforate formats! (Figure 6)

But one set in particular worth mentioning was one of the multitude of issues for the summer Olympics in Munich. Please refer to Figure 7. The set consisted of twenty five 5R stamps depicting different Olympics events. Besides being produced in both perforated and imperforate formats, each stamp was also issued as an imperforate miniature sheet. The set was issued on the 25th August 1972! As if this was not bad enough, on 11th December, each value was overprinted with the Gold Medal winner of that

At the start of the new 1971 year, the formation of the United Arab Emirates was announced and it was to commence in December 1971, the end of the year. Now the Government of Fujeira had a second agency complaining that that they have a contract with no exit clauses to produce stamps. So it was announced that any stamp issues for Fujeira, produced by Mr Hage will remain valid for use until the end of March 1973.

But any issues produced by Finbar Kenny issued after the change over date of 9th May 1970 were still invalid and unauthorised.

As a result of this announcement, Mr Hage started producing a huge number of sets and are mostly catalogued in Michel ‘Gulf States Volume 30, No. 2



Figure 4: Cover with stamps from 4 different sets issued by Finbar Kenny in May-June 1970 after the termination of his contract dated July 1970 still with the earlier 6-sided cancel. These were illegally produced and not valid – even though they were used on this cover and letter delivered to Portugal!!!

event at the Olympics. To get all these, it is a total of 150 stamps and fills a whole album!



Figure 5: Huge Gold/Silver foil stamps not listed in Michel. On the top (reduced to fit) is the original Kennedy stamp issued perforate and imperforate in Gold and Silver. This one is gummed onto a souvenir pamphlet issued officially by the Post Office of Fujeira and individually numbered. It is called a ‘Special De Luxe Issue’ and claims that only 500 perforate and 250 imperforate were produced. The second stamp is the silver version overprinted in black: Space/Conquest/X.15/NASA/US/Air Force’. And below is a second huge stamp, this time depicting the ‘Shah of Iran’ also printed in Gold and Silver and produced both perforate and imperforate. On the FDC here, the stamp is overprinted ‘amitie France-Iranienne/picture of de Gaulle and picture of Pompidou’.



Figure 5A (reduced)



Figure 6: Disney characters' set in imperforate format (reduced)



Figure 7: The first cover (reduced by 25% to fit) shown here has 4 perf stamps before the overprint sent in December 1972 and the second is a cover with one of the overprinted winner imperf miniature sheet mailed on **24th April 1973**. This is backstamped Dubai 7/5/73 and White Plains Registration services on 12/5/1973. The cover says Fujeira - UAE so it seems authentic enough.

The date of this second cover is very interesting indeed! All Fujeira stamps were supposed to be valid only till 1st April 1973. How did Dubai accept it - they were part of the UAE and so knew that the individual states stamps were no longer valid? Was the 1st April target date not rigidly kept? I suspect that Fujeira had to extend the validity date to match the end of the contract with Mr Hage which was for 3 years signed on 3rd May 1970 to stop any potential litigation!

On 1st January 1973, the United Arab Emirates first Definitive set was produced including the 1¼Dh being the famous ancient Fort from Fujeira. The UAE has always shown great

constraint in its stamp issuing policy. The previous individual States issuing policies were so detrimental for this new country to be accepted by the philatelic community, that it was ordered that all stamp records from the individual states Post Offices should be destroyed. As a result there are no official records of which issues were approved by the authorities – and especially of quantities produced for each issue.

What has been produced in these articles has all been researched from other sources (e.g. cancels on CTO and FDCs; publicity material mailed to clients in that period; and official publications produced at that time).

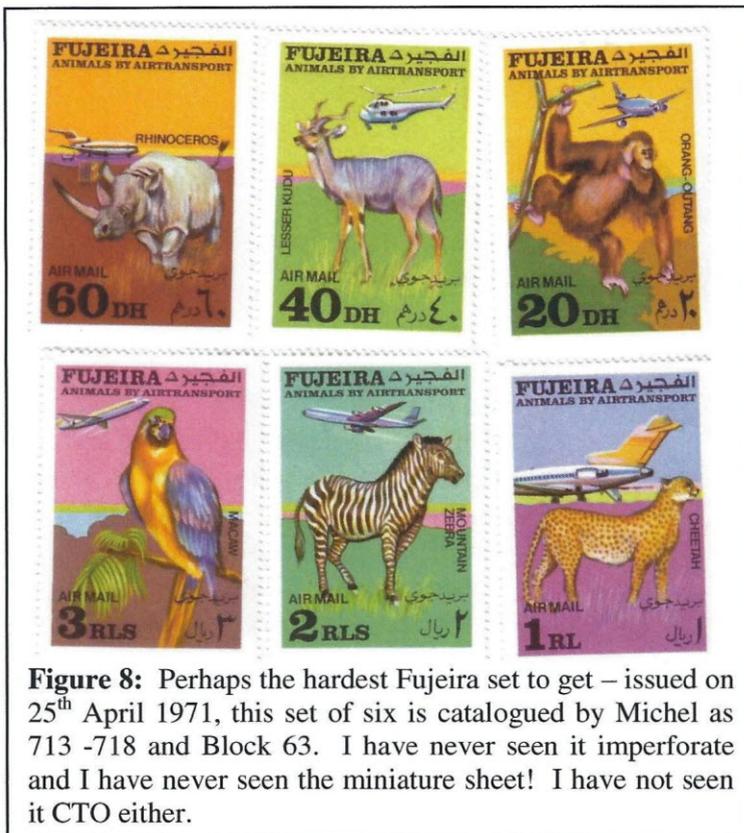


Figure 8: Perhaps the hardest Fujeira set to get – issued on 25th April 1971, this set of six is catalogued by Michel as 713 -718 and Block 63. I have never seen it imperforate and I have never seen the miniature sheet! I have not seen it CTO either.

I would like to thank Mr Khalid A. Al Omaira again for his great assistance in gathering this information.

Unfortunately, with all this confusion of what stamps were officially produced and no catalogue available of all the accepted stamps, some labels came onto the market purportedly as Fujeira Stamps in the late 1990's. These are obviously all bogus and obviously of no relationship to the issues covered in this series of articles. I include this set here to illustrate the fraudulent activity and surely do not wish to publicise these labels!

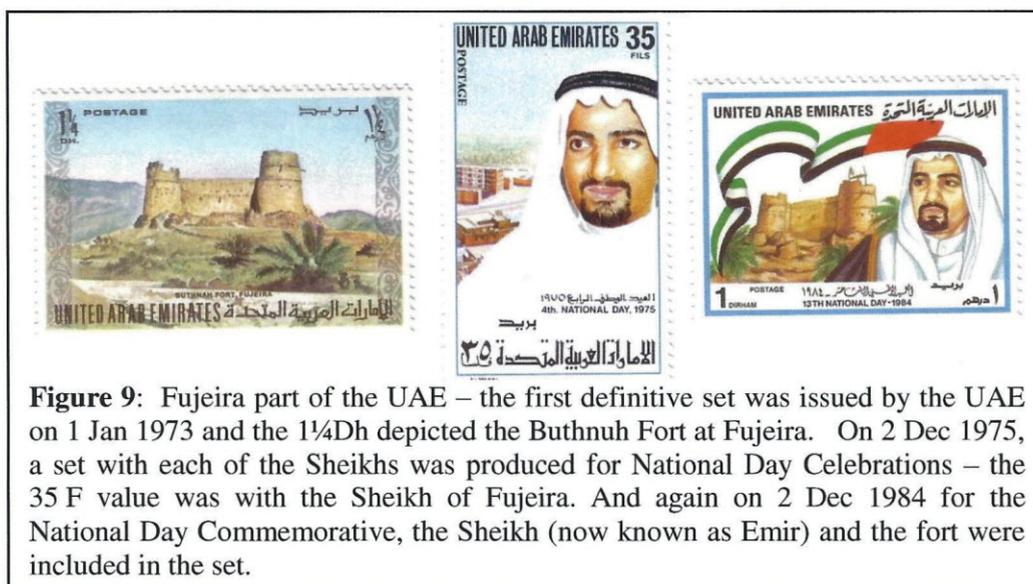


Figure 9: Fujeira part of the UAE – the first definitive set was issued by the UAE on 1 Jan 1973 and the 1/4Dh depicted the Buthnuh Fort at Fujeira. On 2 Dec 1975, a set with each of the Sheikhs was produced for National Day Celebrations – the 35 F value was with the Sheikh of Fujeira. And again on 2 Dec 1984 for the National Day Commemorative, the Sheikh (now known as Emir) and the fort were included in the set.

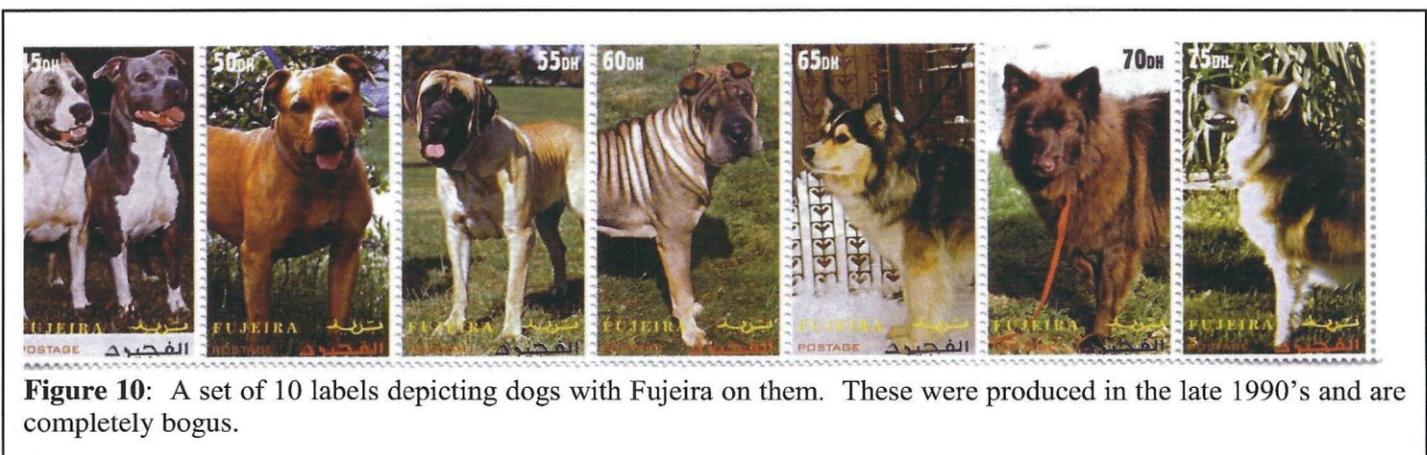


Figure 10: A set of 10 labels depicting dogs with Fujeira on them. These were produced in the late 1990's and are completely bogus.

It Pays to Look Inside the Cover

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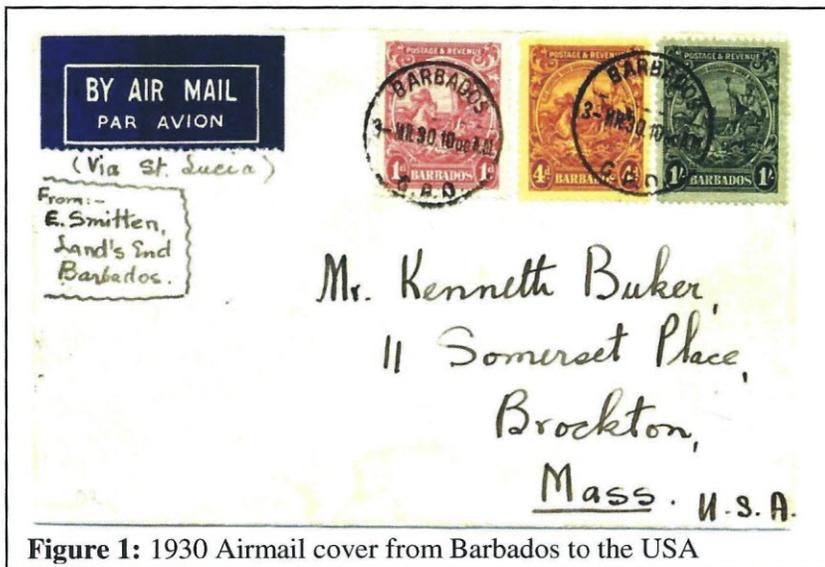


Figure 1: 1930 Airmail cover from Barbados to the USA

1930 Airmail Cover Barbados to the USA

Illustrated in Figure 1 is what appears to be a fairly basic airmail cover from Barbados to the USA. It does not quite fit my new collection but I originally purchased it because it was a quite early date – 3 MR 30. The Caribbean airmail routes were being opened up by Charles Lindberg in September 1929, so this early. As noted on the cover it was sent via St Lucia, as there was no direct airmail flight from Barbados at that time. The cover is backstamped

St Lucia on 4 MR 30 but there is no indication of when it arrived in the USA.

What makes this cover most interesting is that it included the letter sent with it (Figures 2a & 2b). On the first page the writer states "...I am now sitting in our gallery and on my left at sea is the tourist boat "Veendam" coming in, while on my right is the "Western" which is the boat that is to carry this to St. Lucia where it will connect up

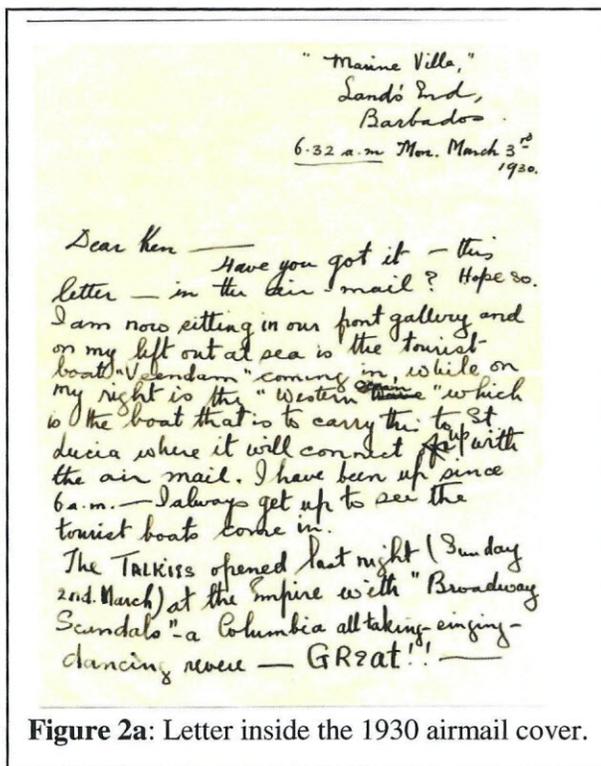


Figure 2a: Letter inside the 1930 airmail cover.

It pays to look inside the envelope as the following two Barbados airmail covers will illustrate. Over the last six to eight years I have been putting together a new collection based on Caribbean airmail postal history in the period from about 1925 to 1950. The two Barbados covers were picked up along the way.

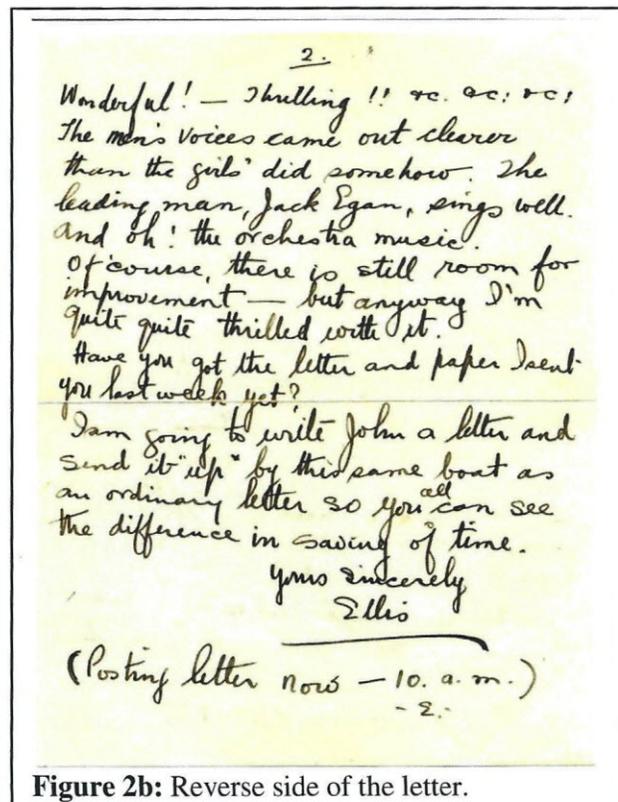


Figure 2b: Reverse side of the letter.