

# The Robert A. Helm Collection

## Iceland Numeral Cancellations



With enthusiasm and delight, we would like to inform you that the exceptional collection of the late Mr. Robert Arthur Helm of New York City has been entrusted to us. After a long and very active life he passed away peacefully in his sleep in September 2019, only a month short of reaching the age of 92.

He was mainly active as exhibitor in the 1960s and the 1970s, when he showed various exhibits all over the United States, starting in New York in 1960 with Iceland. He became active in The Scandinavian Collectors Club in the United States, where he was Life Member # 20. His first exhibition abroad came in Reykjavik in 1966 and he was awarded a Gold Medal for his exhibit of Icelandic Numeral Cancellations. He also took part in HAFNIA 76 in Copenhagen, exhibiting among other things Danish Postal Rates, 1624-1965.

He was the Editor for The Posthorn, the SCC magazine during the years 1971-1976, assisted by his wife Helen helping with layout and other matters as Assistant Editor. He was studying and researching Icelandic philately from many angles, with a special fondness for numeral cancellations, leading to the publication of numerous articles on an array of philatelic subjects.

When studying this section, you will find out that there are numerous rare cancellations and covers, some surely unique, that have been hidden away from other collectors for more or less half a century. We believe the sale will be a fantastic and happy occasion for the many specialists collecting this fascinating area. From the estate of another astute Iceland collector, we have received some other very interesting covers with numeral cancellations. All items and lots from Mr. Helm's collection are marked Ex. Helm in their descriptions.

We thank the Helm family for their confidence and for giving us this opportunity to serve our clients. With special thanks to Robert's son Larry, who has handled the contact with us in a most pleasant way.