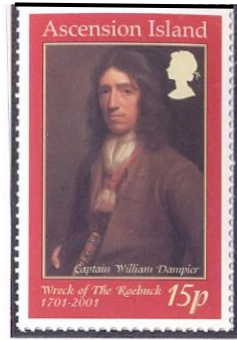


WILLIAM DAMPIER: BRITISH EXPLORER AND SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER

William Dampier was born in 1651 in Somerset near to West Coker. He attended King's School in Bruton, Somerset.



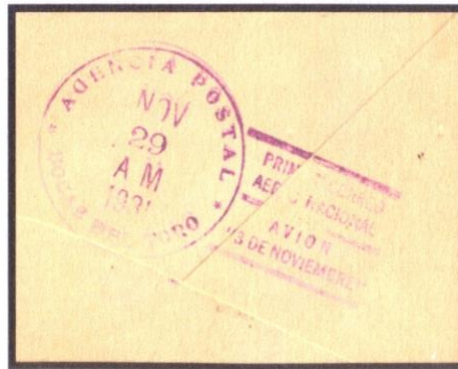
Rare 1908 West Coker postmark.



Cardiff 1903 squared circle and a Bruton squared circle for October 24th, 1903, when the card was redirected to the student's home address.



He travelled to the Caribbean and was legitimately involved in logging Softwoods near Campeche and Hardwoods in Belize.



Receive mark for Bocas del Toro including plane named as '3rd November'. Envelope addressed to Nathan L Levy in Bocas del Toro.



His activity as a pirate enabled him to maintain his keen interest in nature and he was one of the first British explorers to witness the cultivation of Vanilla at Bocos del Toro in Panama. He produced detailed illustrations and descriptions of the wildlife of the area now known as Belize like those he produced in the Galapagos Islands which helped Darwin formulate his theories.

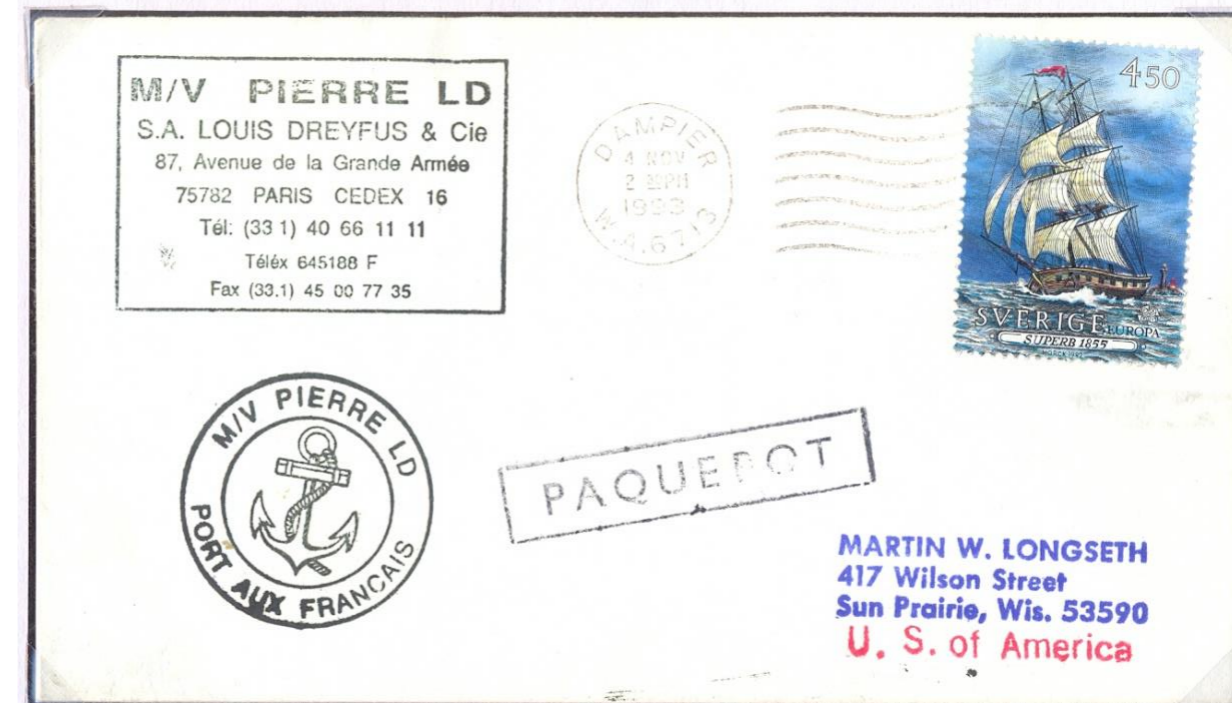
Dampier truly 'sailed the 7 seas' being the first person to circumnavigate the globe three times.



He was given a Royal Navy commission to explore the Pacific. His ship, H.M.S. Roebuck visited Norfolk Island, Australia and Ascension before the ship was wrecked. He is commemorated in Australia with a port and an archipelago named after him.



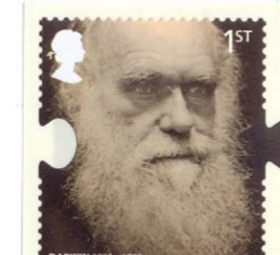
He ended his days in 1715 in London having left a legacy of maps, exploration and scientific discoveries that Charles Darwin would expand upon.



1992 Swedish Europa issue of the sailing ship Superb. Cancelled in Dampier, Western Australia for mailing to the U.S.A. Paquebot cancel and M.V. Pierre of L.D. Line cachet.



Part of an entire from Murmansk, Russia to Barnstaple, U.K. with 7 Murmansk 'ship on the sea' hand cancellations.



Section of Royal Mail presentation folder issued in 2009 for the 150th anniversary of the publication of the 'Origin of Species'. Iguana and finches previously described by Dampier.