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Having retired, I felt I should be reimbursed for my labor in compiling this mass of information and am offering to send you a copy of the "Confessions of a Retired Project Mercury FDC Collector" for only $2.00. I can assure you you will find it well worth the investment and the clues contained therein will save you much more than two dollars in postage alone. If you would like a copy, please send your two dollars soon as the supply is limited.

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Add: New Concord, O
(very rare)

AUCTION OF PROJECT MERCURY FIRST DAY COVERS

by

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Bids will be opened October 6, 1962.
Please write "Bid Opening 10-6-62" on the cover of your bid so I won't open them before 10-6.
Cash, check, or money order must accompany all bids.
Please enclose return postage with your bid, I'm broke, that's why I am having an auction.
Money will be promptly returned to unsuccessful bidders immediately after bid opening.
All sales final.

****** AUTOGRAPH ******

Item 1 -- Autograph of Lt.Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. on Project Mercury 2-20-62 First Day Cover.
2 - Autograph of Sir Harry Howard, Lord Mayor of Perth, Australia on 2-20-62 Cover. (he turned the lights on for Col. Glenn)

The following are First Day Cities. I believe all of you know these come in various sizes and shapes - most of them are the standard First Day cover size. All are postmarked 2-20-62 and I shall not attempt to describe each cover. My idea of good, bad or indifferent may be entirely different from yours. Some are cacheted, some are not. Some are machine cancels, some are hand cancels. A minimum bid is specified on some few cities (MB$2). And (BC) for Bad Cancel on a couple of them (these are authentic and legible, but still bad cancels).

Item 3 - Akron, O.
4 - Albuquerque, NM
5 - Allentown, Pa.
6 - Allentown, Pa.
7 - Allentown, Pa.
8 - Allentown, Pa.
9 - Amarillo, Tex.
10 - Amarillo, Tex.
11 - Amarillo, Tex.
12 - Amarillo, Tex.
13 - Anacortes, Wash
14 - Anchorage (MB$2)
15 - Arlington, Va.
16 - Assonet, Mass.
17 - Assonet, Mass.
18 - Assonet, Mass.
19 - Assonet, Mass.
20 - Assonet, Mass.
21 - Assonet, Mass.
22 - Assonet, Mass.
23 - Assonet, Mass.
24 - Assonet, Mass.
25 - Assonet, Mass.
26 - Augusta, Geo.
27 - Bakersfield, Cal.
28 - Baltimore, Md.
29 - Baltimore, Md.
30 - Battle Creek, Mich.
31 - Bayonne, N.J.
32 - Bayonne, N.J.
33 - Bayonne, N.J.
34 - Bayonne, N.J.
35 - Beaumont, Tex.
36 - Beaumont, Tex.
37 - Beech, Mich.
38 - Berkely, Cal.
39 - Berkley, Mich.
40 - Billings, Mont. (BC)
41 - Birmingham, Ala.
42 - Boise, Idaho
43 - Boston, Mass.
44 - Bridgeport, Conn.
45 - Brooklyn, NY
46 - Buena Park, Calif.
47 - Buffalo, NY
48 - Buffalo, NY
49 - Buffalo, NY
50 - Burlingame, cal.
51 - Burlington, Vt.
52 - Canton, O.
53 - Cape Canaveral
54 - Cedar Rapids, Iowa
55 - Charleston, SC
56 - Charleston, WV
57 - Charleston, WV
58 - Charleston, WV
59 - Charlotte, NC
60 - Charlotte, NC
61 - Chattanooga, Ten
62 - Chattanooga, Tenn
63 - Chehalis, Wash.
64 - Chehalis, Wash.
65 - Chehalis, Wash.
66 - Chester, Pa.
67 - Chicago, Ill.
68 - Chicago, Ill.
69 - Cincinnati, Ohio
70 - Cleveland, O
71 - Cleveland, O
72 - Clifton, NJ
73 - Colorado Spgs, Colo.
74 - Columbus, O
75 - Compton, Cal.
76 - Compton, Cal.
77 - Concord, NH
78 - Corpus Christi, Tex.
79 - Dallas, Tex.
80 - Dayton, O.
81 - Dayton, O.
82 - Dearborn, Mich.

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83 - Dearborn, Mich.
84 - Denver, Colo.
85 - Des Moines, Iowa
[illegible] - Detroit, Mich
87 - Detroit, Mich
88 - Duluth, Minn
89 - Elgin, Ill
90 - Elgin, Ill
[illegible] - Elizabeth, NJ
[illegible] - Elmira, NY
93 - ElPaso, Tex(MB$2)
94 - Evanston, Ill.
95 - Evanston, Ill.
96 - Far Rockaway, NY
97 - Flint, Mich
98 - Flushing, NY
99 - Fort Wayne, Inc.
100 - Fort Worth, Texas
101 - Glenn, Ga(MB$2)
102 - Glenn, Ga (MB$2)
103 - Great Neck, NY
104 - Green Bay, Wisc
105 - Green Bay, Wisc
106 - Greensboro, NC
107 - Hagerstown, Md.
[illegible] - Hamburg, NY
[illegible] - Harrisburg, Pa
110 - Harrisburg, Pa
110 - Hartford, Conn(BC)
112 - Hicksville, NY(MB$2)
113 - Honolulu, Haw (MB$2)
114 - Honolulu, Haw (MB$2)
115 - Houston, Texas Plate
116
thru - Houston, Texas
138
139 - Huntsville, Ala.
140 - Indianapolis, Ind.
141 - Jacksonville, Fla.
142 - Kansas City, Kans(MB$2)
143 - Kansas City, Mo.
144 - Kansas City, Mo.
145 - Kansas City, Mo.
146 - Kansas City, Mo.
147 - Knoxville, Tenn
148 - Kokomo, Ind
149 - Lancaster, Pa.
150 - Lancaster, Pa.
[illegible] - LaGrange, Ill
152 - Lexington, Ky

Item No.

153 - Lima, O
154 - Lima, O
155 - Lima, O
156 - Lincoln, Neb.
157 - Lorain, O
158 - Los Angeles, Cal
159 - Los Angeles, Cal
159 - Los Angeles, Cal
160 - Louisville, Ky
161 - Lynchburg, Va
162 - Lynchburg, Va
163 - Lynchburg, VA
164 - Macon, Ga
165 - Madison, Wisc
166 - Maywood, Ill
167 - Memphis, Tenn
168 - Miami, Fla
169 - Midvale, Utah
2-19-62 error (MB$2)
170 - Milwaukee, Wisc
171 - Milwaukee, Wisc
172 - Minneapolis, Minn
173 - Minneapolis, Minn
174 - Moline, Ill (MB$2)
175 - Montgomery, Ala
176 - Moorhead, MinnBC
177 - Moorhead, Minn BC
178 - Mount Morris, Ill
179 - Murray, Utah
180 - Murray, Utah
181 - Muskegon, Mich
182 - Nashville, Tenn
183 - Nashville, Tenn
184 - New Britain, Conn.
185 - Newark, Dela
186 - Newark, NJ
187 - New York, NY
Marine Terminal
188 - Niagara Falls, NY
189 - Norfolk, VA
190 - Norristown, Pa.
191 - North Chicago, Ill
192 - North Hollywood, Cal
193 - North Hollywood, Cal
194 - North Hollywood, Cal
195 - North St. Paul, Minn
196 - Oklahoma City, Okla
197 - Oklahoma City, Okla
198 - Omaha, Nebr
199 - Opportunity, Wash(BC)

Item No.

200 - Orlando, Fla(MB$2)
201 - Oshkosh, Wisc
202 - Oshkosh, Wisc
203 - Palo Alto, Cal
204 - Pasadena, Cal
205 - Patterson, NY
206 - Pearl River, NY
207 - Peoria, Ill
208 - Philadelphia, Pa
209 - Phoenix, Aria
210 - Pittsburgh, Pa
211 - Plainfield, NY
212 - Port Canaveral, Fla
213 - Portland, Maine
214 - Portland, Ore
215 - Portland, Ore
216 - Port Washington, NY
217 - Princeton, N[illegible] Jer
218 - Providence, RI
219 - Racine, Wisc
220 - Raleigh, NC
221 - Reading, Pa.
222 - Reading, Pa.
223 - Richmond VA
224 - Riverside, Cal
225 - Riverside, Cal(BC)
226 - Roanoke, Va
227 - Rochester, NY
228 - Royal Oak, Mich
229 - Royal Oak, Mich
230 - Saginaw, Mich
231 - St. Joseph, Mo
232 - St. Louis, Mo
233 - St. Louis, Mo.
234 - St. Petersburg, Fla
235 - Salisbury, NC
236 - Salt Lake City, Ut
237 - SaltLake-Sugarhouse
238 - San Antonio, Tex
239 - San Bernardino, Cal
240 - San Diego, Cal
241 - San Francisco, Cal
242 - Santa Ana, Cal.
243 - Santa Barbara, Cal
244 - Savannah, Ga
245 - Scranton, Pa
246 - Seattle, Wash
247 - Shreveport, La.
248 - Sioux Falls, SD

Item No.

250 - Stamford, Conn(MB$2
251 - Tacoma, Wash
252 - Tampa, Fla
253 - TerreHaute, Ind
254 - Toledo, O
255 - Toledo, O
256 - Trenton, NJ
257 - Tucson, Ariz
258 - Tucson, Ariz'
259 - Tulsa, Okla
260 - Tulsa, Okla
261 - USAir ForceAc, Co
262 - Union, NJ
263 - Utica, NY
264 - VanNuys, Cal
265 - Vassar, Mich
266 - Washington, DC
267 - Waterbury, Conn
268 - Waterloo, Iowa
269 - Wells Bridge, NY
270 - Wells Bridge, NY
271 - WestPalmBeach, Fla (MB$2)
272 - WhitePlains, NY
273 - Wichita, Kans
274 - Wichita, Kans
275 - WichitaFalls, Tex
276 - Williamsport, Pa
277 - Wilmington, Dela
278 - Worcester, Mass
279 - York, Pa
280 - Albany & Bing HPO
281 - CHI A&AR & OM rpo
282 - OM&Ogden rpo
283 - TransClkUnSta- rpo
284 - OM&ColoSpgs, rpo
285 - CHI WLIB OM, rpo
286 - Syro Cart &Bing,spo
287 - TOL & COL, hpo
288 - Utica & Bing, hpo

Caboose are not 2-20-62 CABOOSE

facimile autograph (289) Enos under Merc. Cover

290 - facimile autograph Ham under Merc. Cover

291 Autograph D. Brainerd Holmes, Director of Manned Space Flight (2nd top man)

292 Autog Commanding Officer - Noa

293 - Auto Com. Off - Randolph

294 Auto Com. Off - Stribling

295 - Cancel of Forrestal

Kinda Crowded! Sorry!

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