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## First Day Cover: Celebration of Hiram (Harry) Bingham IV

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APPAREIL DE LOUVE  
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Division of Passes  
Department of State  
Office of American  
Consulate of U.S. Mission  
at MARSEILLE

Subject: Mr. Hiram Bingham Jr., Vice Consul of the United States  
attached to Consulate, France, City of Marseilles, and formerly  
attached to same consulate for some time before previous  
date. American citizen.

That the said Mr. Bingham is in France in possession  
of a passport of the United States, issued at Marseilles, France, on the 20th of  
May 1941, and that he is in possession of the same.

That he is in possession of the following: 1. Passport, 2. American  
citizenship certificate.

That he has not lost his passport, nor is he in possession of the same  
in France, nor has he any other passport or travel document in France  
at present time.

And further observe that...

*Hiram Bingham Jr.*  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May 1941.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

CONSUL  
4006

Immigration V.U.  
May  
Date MAY 3 1941  
Issued to **HENRY OPPENHEIM**  
*Hiram Bingham Jr.*  
American Vice-Consul  
for  
Marseilles, France

CONSULAT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

A MARSEILLE - 6, PLACE FELIX DARET



*Hiram Bingham Jr.*

Le porteur de la présente

est M. Hiram Bingham Jr., Vice-Consul  
attaché au Consulat des Etats-Unis d'Amérique à  
Marseille.



## HIRAM (HARRY) BINGHAM IV

Vice Consul at the U.S. Consulate in Marseilles from 1939 to 1941, Hiram (Harry) Bingham IV worked with Varian Fray, an American volunteer, and others to provide visas and travel documents to more than 2,500 Jews and political opponents of the Nazis who were attempting to escape from pro-Nazi Vichy France. In doing so, Bingham contradicted express orders from the U.S. State Department. Bingham was transferred to Portugal in 1941, possibly due to his work with Fry.

