

## Gander boarding pass Pan American World Airways

This little card does not appear to be an extra-ordinary item, just a simple Pan American boarding pass. Perhaps hundred of thousands boarding passes are given out every day, all over the world. So what is special about this one?

Firstly, who keeps old boarding passes! Unless it is an important reminder of a special occasion, boarding passes are among the first left-overs of a plane trip to go into the waste basket. And even it is special, boarding passes still get lost over the years. So just having a 60-year old boarding pass, still in good condition, is worthy of note.

In the case of Gander, it was really only a stopover and not an international destination like Paris or London, so unless it was an emergency, Gander was probably not seen as a place that would merit keepng such memorabilia.

As well, Pan American boarding passes were apparently issued only by the office where the flight originated and not reissued along the way. For example, a flight leaving from Laguardia in New York would have been marked Laguardia. However, this one is marked "Gander" which should mean that the holder would have bought his ticket in Gander. This was very rare because the Gander terminal was almost exclusively transient.



This is therefore an extremely rare boarding pass from about 1953-54, in excellent condition. A treasure for future generations!