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BAPA at Westpex

On Sunday, April 30th, BAPA will meet at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel near the San Francisco Airport. The meeting will be in "Bayside 1" (Lobby Level) from 10 am to noon. There will be three short (10 minute) presentations by David McNamee, Jerry Moore, and Alan Sandy. The meeting will then shift

to swapping, selling, bartering, trading, and talking. A silent auction will spread itself out on the tables during the meeting.

All are welcome. Go to <http://www.Westpex.com> to get maps and other info. (Westpex 2006 also works.)

Perfin Post-it Notes

Ed Linn (LM57), Club President

We have a **Website!** The new Perfins Website is WWW.perfins.org. It was just started a few days ago and items are still being added. Thanks to our new Webmaster Mike Hynes for the website. I have appointed him to the position of Webmaster for the Perfins Club and know that he will do a superb job. Thanks Mike!

Save the dates for the 2006 **Precancel-Perfin Convention**, July 31st through August 6, 2006 at the Campbell House Inn, 1375 South Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky. Single rooms are \$84; Double rooms are \$94; reservations can be made by calling 1-800-432-9254. Tours this year include the Mary Todd Lincoln Home, Hunt Morgan Home, and the Civil War Museum. Hope to see you all there!

The **American Philatelic Society** has offered

the Perfins Club a booth for their August 24-27, 2006 APS Stamp Show. The 2006 show will be held in Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois, at the Donald G. Stephens Convention Center. This booth requires a \$100.00 deposit, which is refundable if the booth is staffed at least 80% of the show hours. If any Perfin members want to work this project, please contact me at linn@winfirst.com by April 1, 2006.

On January 22, 2006, we had a **Golden Gate Precancel Society/Bay Area Perfin Association** Meeting. There were 13 attendees, of whom were also Perfins Club Members. This was held at the home of Bruce and Amatha Chisholm, that has a beautiful view of San Francisco and the Bay. We enjoyed the hospitality, food, stamps, and sunset.

Club Auction Needs Material for Sale

Bruce Brunell (#2831), Club Auction Chairman

I am getting very low on material other than US for the auction. If you don't mind a wait to be reimbursed for your material, please forward it to me for consignment. Or if you wish, the Perfins Club is always grateful for any and all donation lots. Normally consignors are paid shortly after bidders have reimbursed the Club for their lots – generally

about 45 days after the close of an auction. Paypal is available for those who wish to pay electronically; a very useful tool for our overseas bidders. Thanks to all of you for your gracious support and for making the auction a tool for the financial success of the Perfins Club.

Ed. Note: The following is an opportunity to 'advertise' the Club by showing perfins online. I have no knowledge of this website or the persons maintaining it -- in the Czech Republic.



Virtual International Philatelic Exhibition

Internet quickly became the integral part of our life and brings also the new facilities to our philatelic activities. Many collectors use it to find useful information, to get new interesting material for their collections and also to contact the other collectors in the world. In this contribution I would like to inform you about the Czech philatelic web portal "Japhila.cz", which brings another new and interesting facility. Two years ago (or so) there started the new project – virtual philatelic exhibition, so called EXPONET. As usually, it started slowly and quietly, but now it grows very fast.

The basic idea of EXPONET is to present interesting philatelic exhibits in an electronic form, and make them available to many more people than standard philatelic shows or exhibitions can ever do. The great advantage is that you can browse these exhibits with no hurry sitting comfortably at home with your favourite cup of coffee or tea and study what you want. On standard philatelic exhibitions you have hardly enough time to see everything and only seldom you have a chance to see exhibits of collectors from the far-away countries.

Currently the number of displayed exhibits grows to 100 joining another 1-2 weekly. Few Czech collectors with their exhibits were on the start, but now you can see there interesting performance of collectors from many European countries, United States, Australia and others. You can see interesting philatelic material from any quarters covering not only the Czech territory, but also quite good portion of the world, not excepting unusual territories and postal historical events. For example you can see there items from Bolivia, Levante, Bangladesh, Tibet as well as covers from air mail crashes, scout post, pneumatic post, special exhibits informing about certain forgeries etc. Many exhibits were highly appraised on competitive presentations.

EXPONET is not a regular competitive exhibition. There are no real limits for the presentation, any number of pages could be placed. Of-course reasonable and interesting material transparently ordered is expected. This allows to show successfully presented well known exhibits as well as quite new ones, and even more purposely made up studies could be displayed. I believe that this really open wide variety of quite new and maybe surprising possibilities in presentations of philatelic material. The great advantage is that all the presentations could be virtually concentrated in one place, which allows simple search for all visitors.

I am not involved in this project, but I feel that it is very clever idea and so I want to support it. Even more, I see a great opportunity for perfin collectors step by step to built up a special perfin section on the EXPONET and this way transparently present our common subject of interest. I believe that there exist many nice and valuable perfin exhibits, which many other collectors could otherwise hardly see.

Currently there are only 4 small perfin exhibits on the EXPONET mentioning rather the existence of perfins than showing all the possibilities of this interesting area :

- The oldest Perfins on Austrian Stamps
- The Perfins of Bulgaria and Greece
- Firmenlochungungen der Deutschen Banken (Perfins of German Banks)
- Perfins sur Hradcany Emissions (Perfins on the first Czechoslovak stamp issue)

They are all available in the section for postal history.

I believe, that with your support this small group of perfin presentations could quickly grow up and become a valuable part of the EXPONET, there is space enough! You can visit EXPONET on the address <http://www.japhila.cz/hof> . If you want me to assist anyhow, I am available on the mail address jav.munz@volny.cz .

Vladimir Munzberger, Czech Republic

Spring Training is Here! Baseball Again Helps Banish the Winter Blahs!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

I have a very small collection of the 1939 US Baseball Commemorative and when I saw the Sports News talking about the beginning of Spring training, I thought to myself there must be a perfin article for the *Bulletin* there somewhere!

Although I have never considered myself a "topical" collector; after looking at some good sized collections of Parcel Post, 11¢ Polk, the 2¢ Black Hardings, and others, maybe I am!

Please bear with me as I list the various (US only) baseball-associated stamps that could be included in a baseball topical collection. If I've missed any please let me know. Likewise if you have any issues to add to this perfinned baseball topical collection list, I would love to know and will forward any additional information to the editor for a future update.

Sc#	Yr. Iss.	Denom.	Subject	# in Collection
855	1939	3¢	Baseball Centennial	[14]
1381	1969	6¢	Professional Baseball Centenary	[1]
2016	1982	20¢	Jackie Robinson	[1]
2046	1983	20¢	Babe Ruth	
2097	1984	20¢	Roberto Clemente	[1]
2417	1989	25¢	Lou Gehrig	
2619	1992	29¢	Olympic Baseball	
3068o	1996	32¢	1996 Summer Olympics - Women's Softball	
3083	1996	32¢	Folk Hero - Mighty Casey	
			"Celebrate the Century"	
3184a	1998	32¢	Babe Ruth	
3186c	1999	33¢	Jackie Robinson	
3187c	1999	33¢	Shot Heard Around the World	
3187j	1999	33¢	World Series Rivals	
3188h	1999	33¢	Roger Maris	
3191a	2000	33¢	New Baseball Records	
			"Legends of Baseball"	
3408a-t	2000	33¢	"20 different Legendary Baseball Players"	
3408r		33¢	Josh Gibson	[1]
			"Legendary Playing Fields"	
3510	2001	34¢	Ebbets Field	
3511	2001	34¢	Tiger Stadium	[1]C
3512	2001	34¢	Crosley Field	
3513	2001	34¢	Yankee Stadium	[1]C
3514	2001	34¢	Polo Grounds	[1]C
3515	2001	34¢	Forbes Field	
3516	2001	34¢	Fenway Park	
3517	2001	34¢	Comiskey Park	
3518	2001	34¢	Shibe Park	[1]
3519	2001	34¢	Wrigley Field	[1]

My collection consists of (14) issues on SC#855 --- C57, C176, C345, C413, G139, I61, J51, L78, N140, S4,

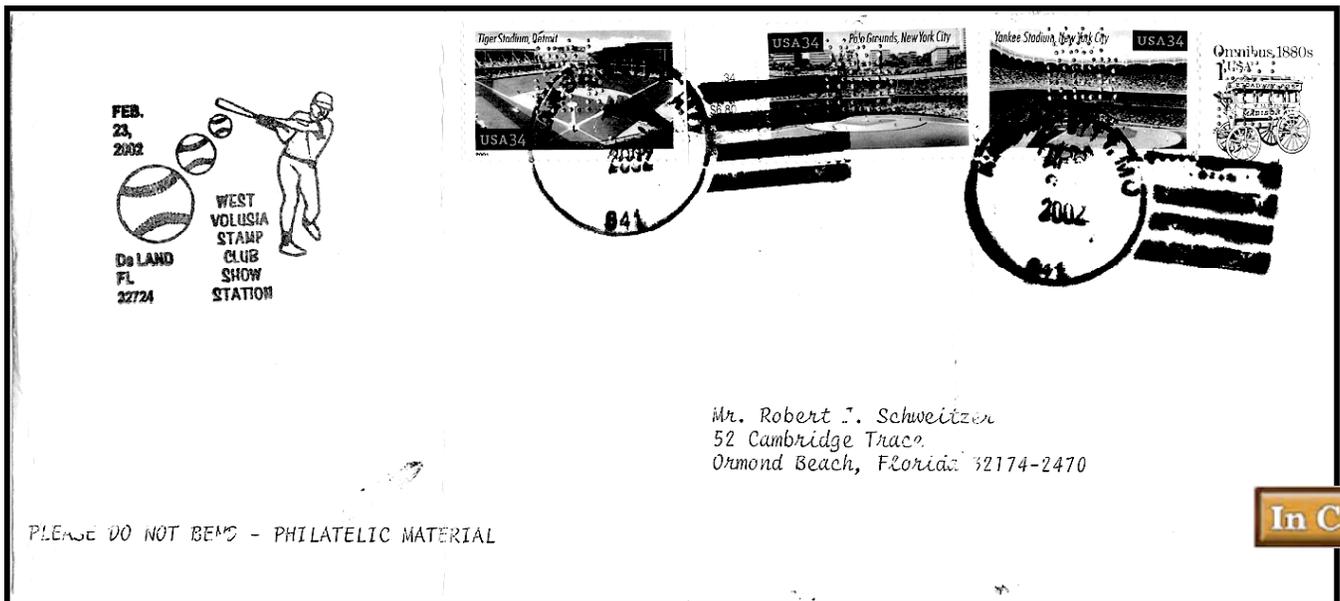
S120, S195-28, U54 & W7.1; SC#1381 has perfin I20.5; and SC#2016 has S191. Thus, through 1982 all of my collection copies are commercial use.

A dramatic change takes place starting in 1984. From this date on all are personal perfins: J3.5 of John Gooding is on SC#2097, and the same pattern while owned by Rev. John Griswold is found on SC#3518 & SC#3519. The W20.5 pattern of Floyd Walker is on SC#s 3408r, 3511, 3513 & 3514. This is understandable as the commercial use of perfins has faded and only several personal perforators remain to provide present and future issues for synoptic collectors.

Interestingly, the three W20.5 [WAL/KER] perfins [indicated with C in the above list] are all on one

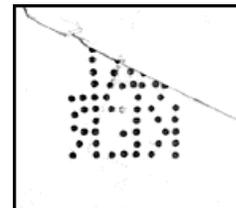
cover with Baseball related perfins. And there is a story behind this cover. As you can see from the scan, the cover was mailed by Myra Walker to Robert Schweitzer (both Perfin Club members) in 2002.

In the past, Bob had Floyd Walker's help producing philatelic covers promoting the West Volusia Stamp Club Show, with which Bob was active. Bob had written to Myra seeing if she would use Floyd's perforator to perfin some stamps for the next show. Myra called me to see if that was allowable and I suggested that it would be fine as long as the stamps perfined were in current use. Myra extended this courtesy to Bob. That was the end of the story - that is - until Bob sent me this cover, along with a few others, to purchase.



Imagine my surprise to see the cover above. After a cursory look, I flipped over the cover and was surprised to see a perfin coming through the back of the cover! Upon opening the envelope, I found that Myra had perfined the three ball park stamps right through the front of the envelope. I can see it now, Myra (I know that you are reading this) applied the four stamps to the cover that Bob provided and then thought that it would be nice to apply the perfin to these stamps as well. As the envelope was unsealed she was able to perforate the three ball park stamps but not the 1¢ Omnibus issue as it was right in the corner and the perforator wouldn't fit in the envelope. No problem, she took out the contents and

perforated the stamp right through the complete cover! Case closed - "Perry Mason" Szymanski!



This leads to one last question. Does anyone have a similarly perfined cover that has the perfin pattern through the front of, or through the whole of the envelope? Please let me know!

The Perfins Club Catalog Sales Department

Dave Lightle (#3480) - Proprietor

The following publications are available for purchase through the Perfins Club Catalog Sales Department.

- All prices are in US dollars and include postage and handling for US addresses -- (non-members must pay additional postage fee of \$2).
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Catalog Name	Author Date	Printing	Member's Price	Nonmember's Price
World Perfin Catalog, "Americas Section"	Robert Schwerdt	1992	SOLD	OUT
World Perfin Catalog, " Africa Section"	Robert Schwerdt	1995	\$8.00	\$9.20
World Perfin Catalog, " Asia Section"	Robert Schwerdt	1996	\$8.00	\$9.20
World Perfin Catalog, " Europe Section"	Robert Schwerdt	1994	\$8.00	\$9.20
Handbook of Australian Private Perfins	John Matthews	[2003]	\$66.00	\$76.00
Catalog of Bavarian Perfins	John Needham	1990	\$8.50	\$9.78
Supplement, A&C to the Catalog of Bavarian Perfins	Floyd A. Walker	1997	\$2.00	\$2.30
Catalog of Belgium Perfins	Hammink & van Hoorn	1997	\$22.00	\$25.50
Perfins of British Malaya	P. Giffen	1989	\$2.50	\$2.88
Denmark Perfins Catalog DPS	[Koster-Kofod,Hansen, Mathiesen]	2001	\$60.00	\$69.00
Guide To Perfin Exhibiting	Sylvia Gersch & R. Schwerdt	1995	\$2.00	\$2.30
Timbres Perfores, France et Colonies 2nd ed	Ancoper [Dedecker &..]	1990	\$55.00	\$63.25
France Supplement 1 to Timbres Perfores, France et Colonies	Ancoper	1993	\$8.00	\$9.20
Germany - complete catalogue - Letters A through Z and Additional Users		ARGE	\$273.00	\$313.95
Germany (per letter – specify)		Each letter	\$13.00	\$14.95
Germany Supplement #1			\$6.00	\$6.90
Germany Supplement #2			\$5.00	\$5.75
Germany Supplement #3			\$5.00	\$5.75
Germany Supplement #4			\$6.00	\$6.90
Germany Supplement #5			\$6.00	\$6.90
Catalog of Perfins of India	Magnus Werner	1990	\$10.00	\$11.50
Suppl. to the Catalog of Perfins of India	Magnus Werner	1994	\$3.00	\$3.45
2nd Suppl. to the Catalog of Perfins of India	Magnus Werner	1998	\$3.00	\$3.45
Catalog of Perfins of Ireland	Richard L.Mewhinney	1994	\$7.00	\$8.05
Perfins of Italy	Hammink & vander Hoorn	1995	\$15.00	\$17.25
Perfins of Italy	E. Bertazzoli and B. Ermentini	2000	\$35.00	\$40.25
Perfins Club New Member Handbook			\$2.00	\$2.30
How to Speak Perfins			\$1.00	\$1.15

Catalog of Perfins of Romania	Laslo Eros	1989	\$5.50	\$6.33
Catalog of Perfins of Romania , 1st suppl.		1991	\$1.25	\$1.45
Catalog of Perfins of Romania , 2nd suppl.	R. Schwerdt	1993	\$3.00	\$3.45
Catalog of Perfins of Romania , 3rd suppl.			\$3.00	\$3.45
Catalog of Perfins of Switzerland	Baer	1998	\$22.00	\$25.30
Catalog of United States Perfins (looseleaf)	John Randall	1998	\$60.00	\$70.00
A&C Pages #1 for U.S. Catalog			\$5.00	\$5.50
Blank album pages to mount perfins, 30 spaces per page		per page,	\$0.10	\$0.12
		minimum order of 25 pages		
Catalog of U.S. Perfins by State/City	Adelle Ottenheimer	1999	\$12.00	\$13.80
Checklist of U.S. Perfins	Paul Mistretta	1999	\$3.00	\$3.45
Perfins Club membership list			\$3.00	\$3.45
United States Catalog of Perfined Precancels	Randall & Cummings	1998	\$20.00	\$23.00
Railroad Perfins of the United States and Canada	Robert Gray	1987	\$5.00	\$5.75
Cumulative Index to The <i>Perfins Bulletin</i> , 1945-1992	Rudy Roy	1993	\$10.00	\$11.50

Auction Watch

Rudy Roy (#1124) spotted another Schermack in the e-Bay auction

Item 5659853950 -- 344 SCHERMACK EXPERIMENTAL CONTROL PERFIN, 4x4 [ed. Des. 91-1]. Summary: As clean on the back as it is out front. Nicely centered. 11 Bids - Winning bid: US \$131.50.

Chris Rueger (#1834) has been watching the Nutmeg Auctions and spotted the following two lots of Australian stamps in their Baby 34.

Lot 4328 -- 39var, Perfins VF, "WA" perfins, Fresh, Kangaroo (SG #25var) -- est. \$50.

Lot 4340 -- OA2-3, Official Perfins, Pairs VF, #O2 vert pair &: #O3 pair w/ Blue Reg CDSs, Kangaroo (SG #O2-3, £30=\$54) -- est \$32.

And from Nutmeg's Auction #112

Lot 2224 -- 195-7,206,214-6,225 VF, NH, eight Frame proofs in issued colors w/ two diff language legends, w/o vignettes, security punches, by Waterlow & Sons Ltd London (Off #236-8,46.56-8,67) -- est \$250. [from Belgian Congo]

Lot 2319 -- C6b, "E.I.P.A.30" Perfins VF (YT #6c, €575=\$690) Cat \$325 -- est \$350. [from France]

And, finally, from Geier Auction 35 Chris reports the following very specialized item:

F5908 1945 2x 6 Pfg. Hitler waagrechtes Paar mit Firmenlochungen "JER" für J. E. Reinecke/Chemnitz, auf den Marken 1x normal und auf der 2. Marke Spiegelverkehrt, geschwarzt auf Brief aus "Chemnitz" nach Senftenberg, obwohl der Umschlag rechts oben kleinen Ausriss hat, sind Perfins aus der SBZ sehr selten! AP 785(2) Perfin Bf. 500,000

(1945 2x 6 pfg. Hitler as a horizontal pair with firm-punch "JER" for the J. E. Reinecke co. of Chemnitz. One stamp correctly punched the other a mirror punch, blackened, on letter from "Chemnitz" to Senftenberg, although the envelope has a small tear at the top right, these are very rare perfins from the Soviet Zone! [Ed. Note: for those unfamiliar with this era of German stamps the "blackened" in the description is a circular black obliterating overprint?cancel which was supposed to deface the vignette (Hitler in profile.) As with most of these stamps the obliteration is incomplete and Hitler is still quite visible on both stamps.]

Bill Shields (#2951) noted the following e-Bay items.

Item 5653131398 -- 1881 14-DOT PENNY LILACS, 10 PERFIN ...All 14-dot penny lilacs. The top three are very fine. In the middle row there are a few short perfs, and the bottom row has 3 fillers. Ten different dies. 3 bids - Winning bid: GBP 18.01 (Approximately US \$31.86).

In Color Item 5659535224 -- 56 Great Britain Queen Victoria PERFIN stamps 1/2 pence. 5 bids
Winning bid: US \$16.50.

In Color Item 5659590978 -- Lot of 64 Great Britain - Queen Victoria perfin 2 1/2 p. 6 bids - Winning bid: US \$16.50.

In Color Item 5659592596 -- Lot of 64 US PRECANCEL PERFIN - ALL DIFFERENT! 9 bids -- Winning bid: US \$16.05.

In Color Item 5659642138 -- Nfld AYRE PERFIN 2c + 5c 1943 Airmail to Canada. Description: An airmail envelope franked with Newfoundland 2c green KGVI (perforated 12.8 x 12.8) and 5c violet Caribou (perforated 12.5 x 12.8). The stamps have inverted diagonal AYRE perfins and are tied by a ST. JOHN'S / 2 - PM / 14 NOV / 1943 / NEWFOUNDLAND / SAVE FOR SECURITY. / BUY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES. / VITAL FOR VICTORY. slogan cancel. Colorful, F - VF, and an attractive combination of perfin, perforations, rate, and slogan cancel. 9 bids Winning bid: US \$64.86.

In Color Item 8376653171 -- GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY 5% STOCK CERTIFICATE PERFIN. Description: GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY - Consolidated 5% Preference Stock Stock. Certificate for £2195 ordinary stock dated 1937. CANCELLED perfin, various manuscript marks and handstamps. A few pinholes and folds but nice appearance. 6 bids - Winning bid: GBP 8.59. (Approximately US \$15.19).

And finally, **Stephen Tauber** (#2949) found the following lots on e-Bay.

Item ??? -- Queensland Railway 2 perfin

In Color Newspaper Parcel stamps. Description: Not listed in Scott. One stamp is perfined L, and the other TC3&Co. These have been freshly washed in plain water to remove old hinges and shreds of paper, and to reveal any hidden faults. The L stamp has no faults or thins. The other has a strong crease, a tear, and a few smaller perf faults. I don't have a catalog that lists these, so I don't know the value. I'll find out from the bidding. 9 bids - Winning bid: US \$81.00

Item ??? -- Australia Official George V Overprint PERFIN. Starting bid: US \$124.50 0 bids.

[Stephen's note: Reputed to be a rare Australian Official Overprint [5 pence on 4 pence half penny] PERFINED [OS/NSW] and Cancelled (SON) Registered Sydney NSW - S & G Stamp #120. ASC # 110 with type C Perfin [OS/NSW] and only reported in position 1. S&G 120 refers to the basic stamp, Scott 107, cataloguing at about \$5. The perfin is indeed in position 1. The minimum bid here strikes me as too rich. It is the redrawn unoverprinted basic stamp, mentioned in a footnote by S&G, which is rare.]

Item ?? -- TUNISIA : 1888/1898 POSTAGE DUES. A useful fine used (pen cancelled) selection, all showing 'T' perfins. Excellent overall condition. 6 stamps. Starting bid: US \$40.00 0 bids

[Stephen's note: These stamps are listed in Yvert & Tellier. The six stamps were the 25 centimes and 40 c. of the narrow figure Regence de Tunis issue (basic stamps Scott 5 and 6) and the 5 c. on green, 40, 75 c. on orange, and 5 franc of the wide figure issue (Sc. 11, 21, 23, 26). Pen cancellations are the norm for these postage due stamps. The minimum bid seemed reasonable, given an estimated current catalogue value in the vicinity of approx.\$120.]

Clubmember Ads

Wanted on Approval: Precancelled perfins and perfins in Scotts #899, 900 and 901. Your postage and costs for any stamps I keep. Francis Stunzi, 37 Smith St., Rouses Point, New York 12979-1602.

Wanted to Buy or Trade: 2¢ Black Harding Perfins (or prepers). Any quantity, duplications are no problem. Whole collections are great! Call, write

or e-mail Larry Cohen (LM 3724) e-mail: reb.cohen@adelphia.net phone: 603-536-7289

Wanted: Canadian Perfins on cover, any of catalog numbers 594 through 598. Larry Margetish, Apt. 407, 955 Dingley Dell, Victoria, BC V9A 5R6 CANADA, or email: Lmargeti@shaw.ca. Please include your asking price. Used perfins (not on cover) also wanted.

New Information From a Cover Lot (E - H Patterns)

Doug Turner (#2549)

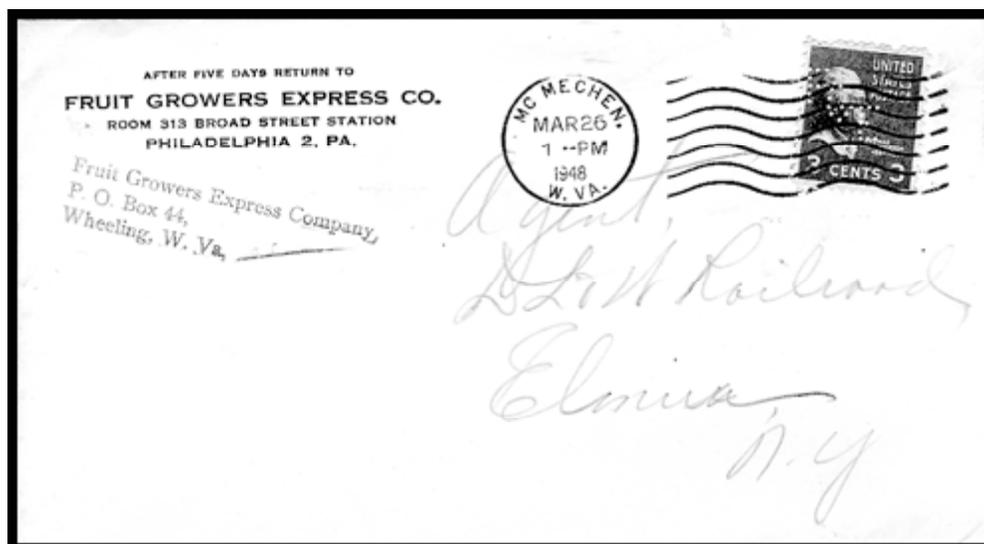
Here's another selection of covers from the lot which was featured (A-D patterns) last month. Lots of new or corrected information to be seen here. Plus, some just plain interesting covers.

(Ed. -- Thanks go, also, to Diane Eastman (Doug's wife) for the scans used to prepare these pages.)



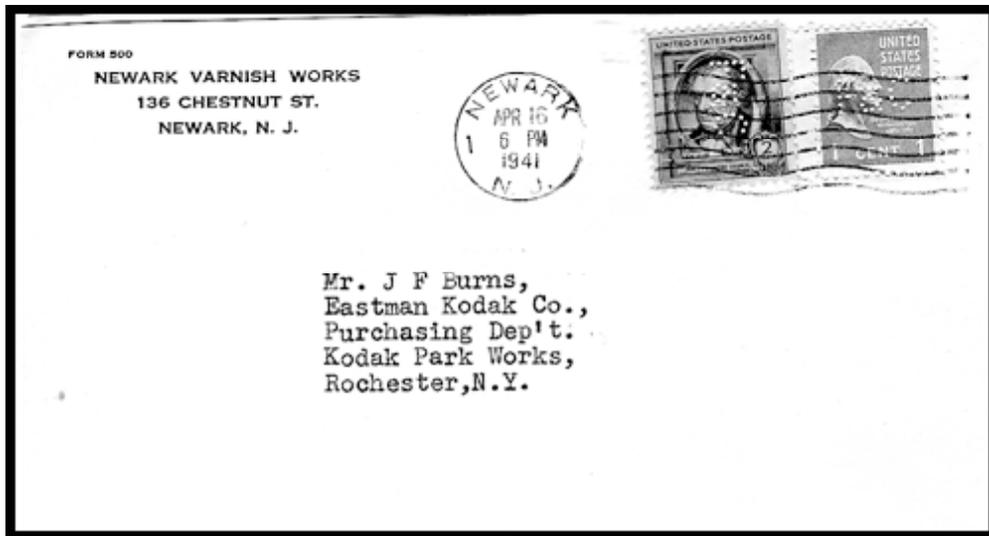
In Color

E9 - The catalog does not show this listing as verified (*). This verifies the information in the catalog.



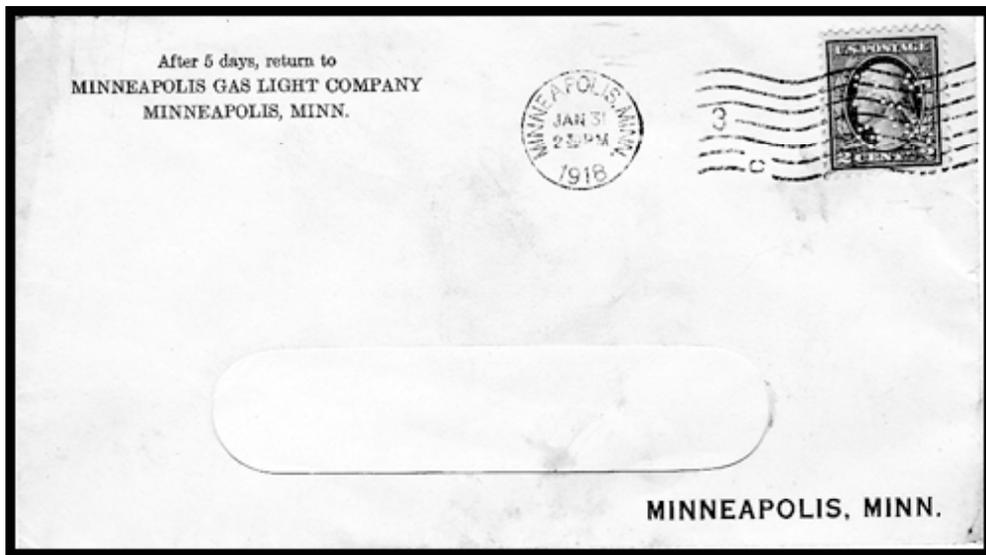
In Color

F78 - This shows an additional office in Wheeling, West Virginia postmarked in Mc Mechen, West Virginia.



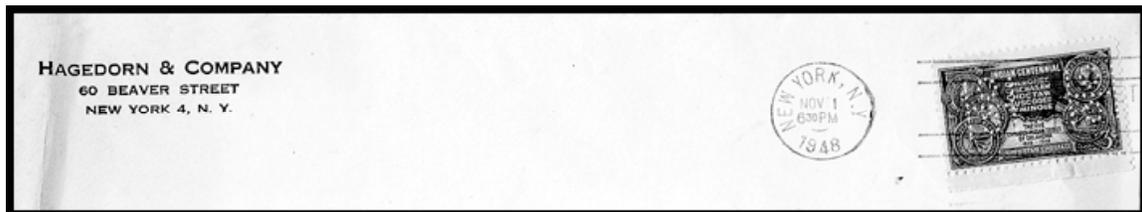
In Color

F219 - This shows an additional user of this perfin “Newark Varnish Works; 136 Chestnut St.; Newark, NJ. This may be a branch of the Flood & Conklin Manufacturing Company



In Color

G83 - This identifies the user as Minneapolis Gas Light Company; Minneapolis, Minn.

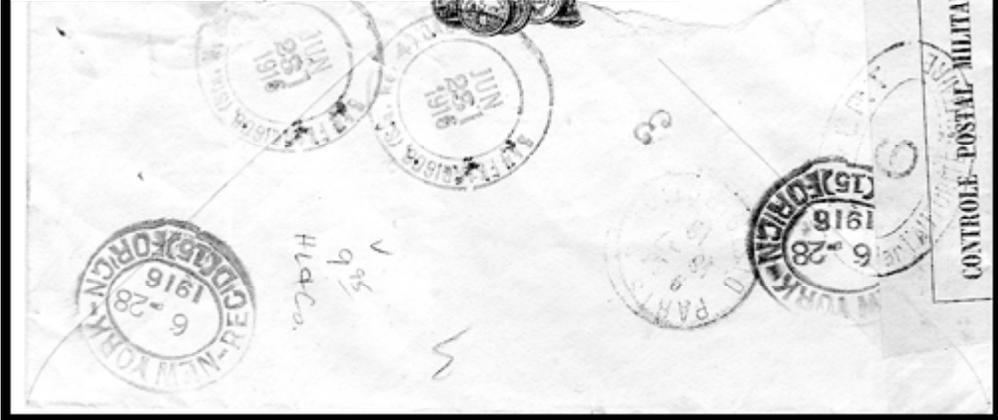


In Color

H55 - The catalog does not show this listing as verified (*). This verifies the information in the catalog. It also shows the correct spelling as Hagedorn instead of Hagedon.



In Color



In Color

H105 - This is sort of a mystery cover that probably could be solved with the use of an old San Francisco City Directory. The catalog lists the user of H-105 & H-107 & 107.5 as Hirsch, Lilienthal & Company; New York. This cover has H-105 perfin and the corner card lists the user as H. Liebes & Company; Furs, Cloaks and Suits. The name of the building on the cover is "Liebes Building; H. Liebes & Company. The address listed is 167-177 Post Street; San Francisco, CA. It was postmarked in 1916. It may be that since H-107 and H-107.5 were used between 1926 and 1946 in New York that one of the Company partners changed after 1916 from Liebes to Lilienthal which would mean that the listing for H-105 should be changed to H. Liebes & Company and H-107 and H-107-5 should remain as Hirsch, Lilienthal & Company.



In Color

H177 - The catalog lists the use from 1926-35. This is a use in 1946 and the user is different: "The F.H. Earthrowl Company; 47 Hillman Street; Springfield, MA"

Auction #100 – Closes April 30, 2006

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder: \$1-5 - a \$0.25 advance; \$5-\$20 - a \$0.50 advance; \$20-100 - a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher - a \$5.00 advance. No 'Unlimited' bids. No bids under \$1.00. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless noted otherwise. Natural straight edges are not considered to be defects, just sheet positions. In larger lots, you should expect some faults. All lots are returnable if mis-described; this does not apply to larger lots or mixes with the exception of gross miscounts. Lots to be prepaid before shipping. Bid by Lot #. *Please* put your address on your bid sheet as this makes it easier for me to notify you after the close of the auction.

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Abbreviations used:

ADD – All Different Designs

MDD Mostly Different Designs

DDF – Design Different Face

PREPER – Precancelled Perfin

Scott #s are used and die #s from most recent catalogues when available.

United States			United States		
1	US A1 in #638	C+	28	US D72A in #332	B+
2	US A7 in #499	B	29	US D118 in #331	B
3	US A19 in #720	B	30	US E31A in #730	B+
4	US A19 in #776	B	31	US E38 in #720	B
5	US A86 in #331	C+	32	US E136.5 in #425	B
6	US A92 in #562	C+	33	US F3 in #499	B
7	US A140A in #427	B+	34	US F6 in #498	B
8	US A156 in #498	B	35	US F83 in #498	B
9	US A166.5 in #E15	B	36	US F89.1 in #406	A
10	US A174 in #332	B+	37	US F206 in #332	B+
11	US A202 in #636	B	38	US G6 in #498	B
12	US B21 in #552	B	39	US G10 in #332	B
13	US B70 in #634	B	40	US G48 in #331	B
14	US B94 in #332	B	41	US G72-11A in #472	B
15	US B107 in #Q3	C+	42	US H1 in #832	B
16	US C60 in #506	B	43	US H46 in #499	B
17	US C93 in #685	B+	44	US I84 in #642	C+
18	US C143 in #332	B	45	US J3 in #332	B
19	US C214.5 in #336	B	46	US J85 in #734	B
20	US C242A in #816	C+	47	US L83 in #333	B
21	US C242A in #1044	C+	48	US M74 in 9 Syracuse, NY prepers	DY
22	US C248.5 in #335	B	49	US M127 in #515	B+
23	US C264 - 22 DDF in Troy, NY prepers	EZ	50	US P75.5 in #406	B+
24	US C273 in #332	B	51	US P89 in #499	C+
25	US D5 in #406	B	52	US R167A in #336	A
26	US D23 in #804	B	53	US S125.5 in #502	C+
27	US D30A in #332	B	54	US S195-54 in #634	B

United States			World Wide		
55	US S272-07 in #332	A	80	Argentina	79 ADD
56	US T20A in 27 Niagara Falls, NY prepers	EZ	81	Bavaria	15 ADD
57	US T75 in #332	B	82	Belgium	340 mix
58	US T81F in #335	B	83	Canada	B11 - 4 DDF
59	US U3 in #501	B	84	Canada	B14 - 22 DDF
60	US V4 in #332	C+	85	Canada	C15 - 9 DDF
61	US W199-05 in #332	B	86	Denmark	30 ADD
62	US W210-07 in #557	B+	87	France	30 ADD
63	US Z1 in #498	B	88	France	70 DDF on large stamps
64	US Num 2 in #332	C+	89	Germany	30 ADD
65	US Des 31 in #501	C+	90	Germany	980 DDF – Letter A pats
66	US 4 diff WWI era Steamer covers		91	Germany	1180 DDF – Letter B pats
67	US 1400 DDF		92	Germany	695 DDF – Letter C pats
68	US 1375 ADD		93	Germany	612 DDF – Letter D pats
69	US 800 MDF Washington-Franklin Issues		94	Great Britain	17 ADD
70	US 180 ADD in #720 (3¢ Stuart Washington)		95	Great Britain	725 MDD
71	US 1675 DDF in the 1938 pres. Issues.		96	India	11 DDF
72	US 465 DDF in War & Defense Issues		97	Romania	46 mix
73	US 1175 DDF		98	Spain	25 MDD
74	US 1080 MDF 1950+ definitives		99	Czechoslovakia	Cover – pat. “B.P.”
75	US 1600 Commemoratives – light duplication		100	Austria	Cover – pat. J84 - 1875
76	US 775 Airmails – light duplication		101	Austria	Cover – pat. K62– “Kodak”
77	US 500 Special Delivery – light duplication		102	Netherlands	Cover – pat. CL3
78	US 210 Revenues		103	Netherlands	Card – pat. K1
79	US 500 Revenues		104	Netherlands	Card – pat. K1

End of Auction

There are some very interesting large lots available. Good luck in your bidding.

Bosnian Compound-Perforated Perfins

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

An explanation of the title of this note is necessary.

The 1906 pictorial issue of Bosnia and Herzegovina exists with a multitude of perforations, called compounds since different sizes of perforation may exist on each side of the stamp. Six different perforations are identified: 5.5, 6.5, 9.4, 10.5, 11.5, and 12.5. The number of possible perf varieties is enormous (including the imperf varieties and sides – 2,401 – really only 2,394 since 7 will have all four sides the same). Several hundred have been noted, and sets of some of these compounds bring fancy prices at auction.

What does all this have to do with perfins? Collectors of Bosnia know that certain types of

perfin are readily available, while others are extremely scarce. Of all of the hundreds of Bosnian perfins in my collection and in those of other collectors who I know, only one perfin has surfaced in a stamp with compound perforations.

For the record, my copy is “SRP” in Sc#36. The compound perforation is as follows: top – 12.5, right – 10.5, bottom – 9.4, and left – 12.5. Hopefully, other examples are lurking in collections, so I suggest that a census of these unusual perfins might shed further light on their abundance or scarcity.

Please send a photocopy or explanatory information (with SC#) to me at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A checklist will be published.

Perfined Postcards

One in a Series

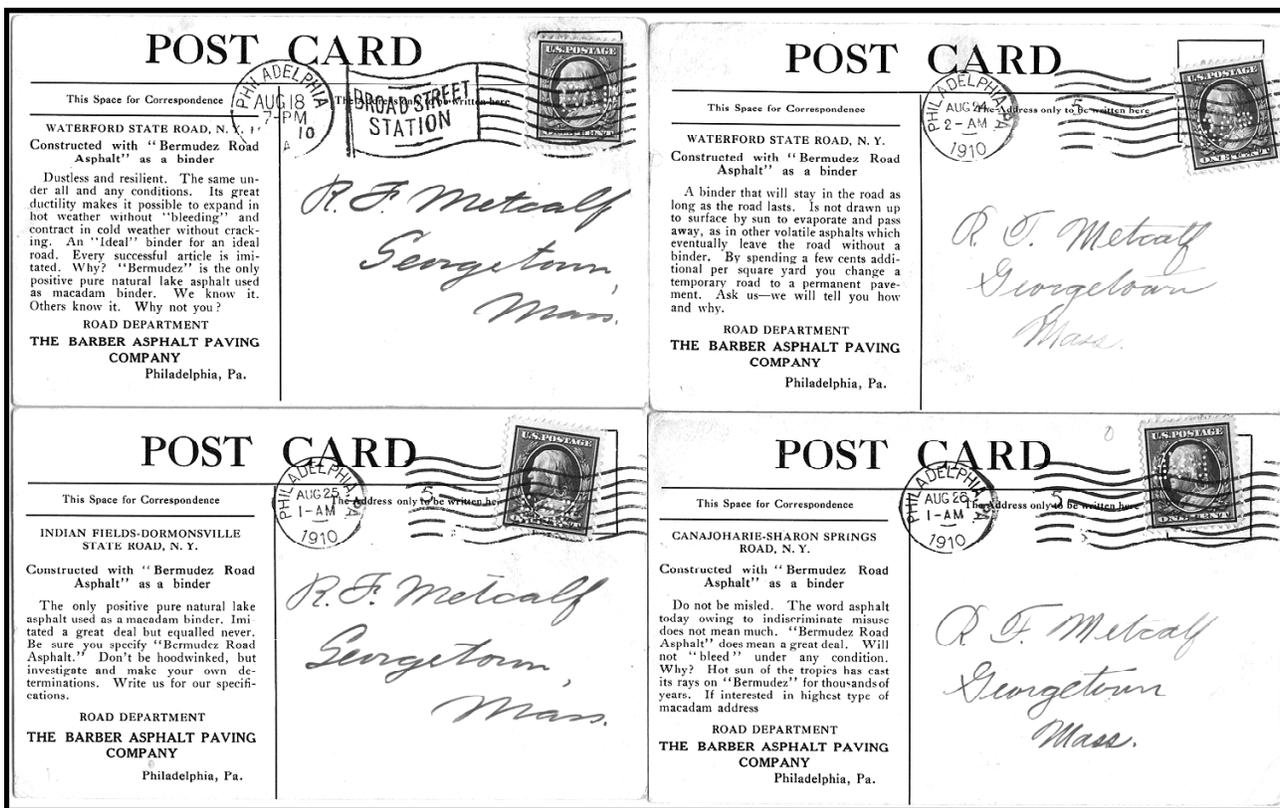
Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

The heyday of picture postcards and the beginning of the authorized use of perfined stamps in the United States coincided nicely for perfin collectors. March 1, 1907 ushered in the "Divided Back Era" of postcards. This is the first time that postcard users could not only write an address on the right side of the back but also pen a message on the left side of the back. Wow! A greeting or other message - what a novel idea!

As an aside, Germany was ahead of the rest of the world in the lithographic printing process used to manufacture picture postcards; therefore, you will find that until WWI began in 1914, most were printed in Germany. As you search through postcards looking for perfins, you will certainly notice that from the inception of US perfin use in May 1908 through the years that follow, many picture postcards are found with perfins. Why are so many postcards found? Deltiology (postcard collecting) was a wide spread hobby in the early part of the 20th century.

Picture postcards were used by individuals both authorized (usually with perfined stamps purchased from the various railroads that sold them to their passengers), and unauthorized (most of the other non-railroad perfins that you might find more often than you might think.) Picture postcards were also used by salesmen to announce to customers and prospects that they would be calling on them at a specific time. As shown here, picture postcards, were also used by companies as an advertising tool. Oh yes, and as we shall see, even in 1910, a hundred years ago, you might have been inundated with advertising!

The Barber Asphalt Paving Company is one of the companies that must have sent a lot of advertising picture postcards. This company's perfin is identified in the US Catalog as B23 and is a D+ rated perfin. I possess 16 of their cards, several of which are shown with this article. All that I have are in black and white only. All of these postcards have the same



"one cent" green Franklin. I have 2 additional copies of this pattern in my collection, both on the "two cent" red Washington. I would deduce that the large number of "one cent" stamps is found because these have been kept on postcards; issues of larger denominations would be found off cover. Check your collection and let me know your findings to see if they substantiate my reasoning.

All of the copies of the BAP postcards that I possess were postmarked either in 1910 or 1911. If you have a similar postcard, is it any earlier or later.

I have nine copies (without a small number in the lower left corner of the back side) and dated 1910 in my collection - EKU August 18, 1910 and LKU October 8, 1910. Also, I have seven copies (six different) that, as shown, all possess a small number which might have been too small to copy well. The cards shown here have numbers of 1, 2, 6, 8, 9 & 10. In this group the EKU is Dec 28, 1910 and the LKU is March 15, 1911. This must be a series of picture postcards that succeeded the first (unnumbered) group. I would appreciate hearing from anyone having any with numbers other than these I have listed.

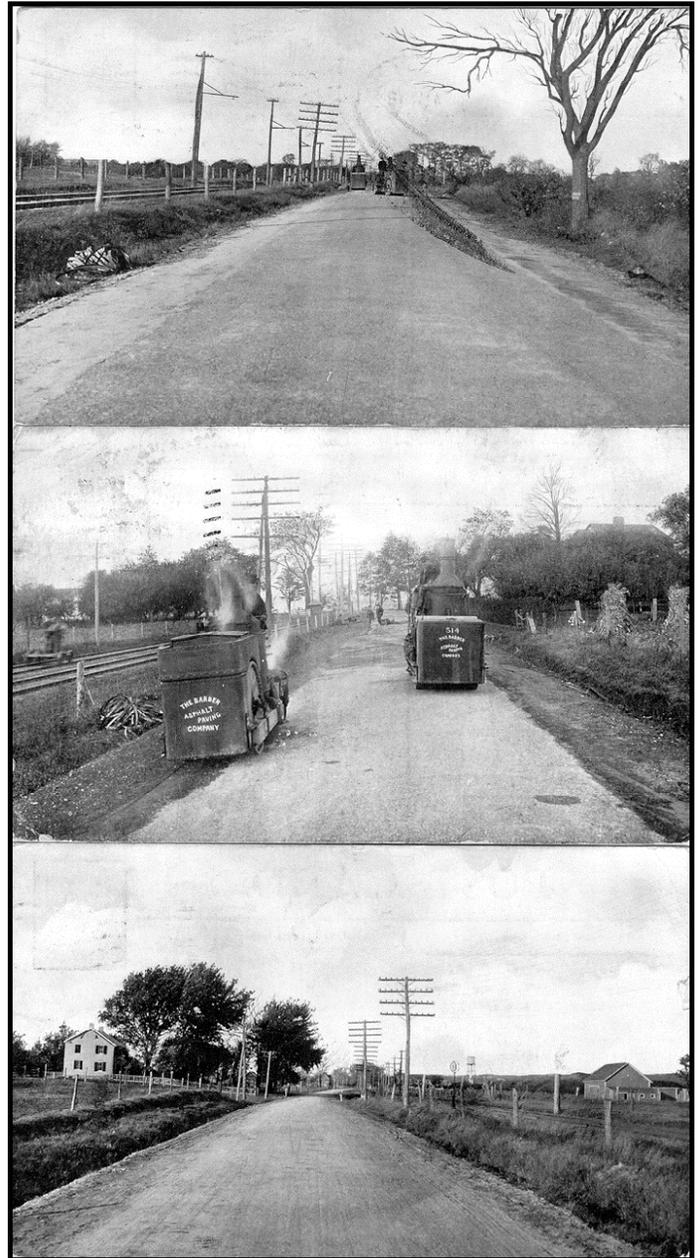
THE	THE	THE	THE	THE	Do not take our word. Investigate and address ROAD DEPARTMENT THE BARBER ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY Philadelphia, Pa.
1	2	6	8	9	10

Although I have no idea how many different cards exist, only three of mine are duplicates as to both the picture and the printed message.

The pictures all depict various streets that the Barber Asphalt Paving Company had paved or was in the process of paving. One of the more interesting items I noticed while studying these postcards was that there were three different views of Waterford State Rd. (somewhere) in New York. Wherever this road is, I wonder if it is still rural and looks anything like the pictures? Does any member know if this is still a rural route somewhere or if urbanization or suburbanization has taken over?

So you think you are inundated with mass junk mailings today. Check. Be happy that you weren't poor Mr. R.F.Metcalf of Georgetown, MA. He was sent at least the four picture postcards that I possess.

These are dated August 18th, August 21st, August 25th and August 26th. These were persistent people at Barber Asphalt Paving! They didn't even give the poor man time to turn them down before they mailed another card! I hope that, at least, Mr. Metcalf was a perfin collector or a deltiologist!



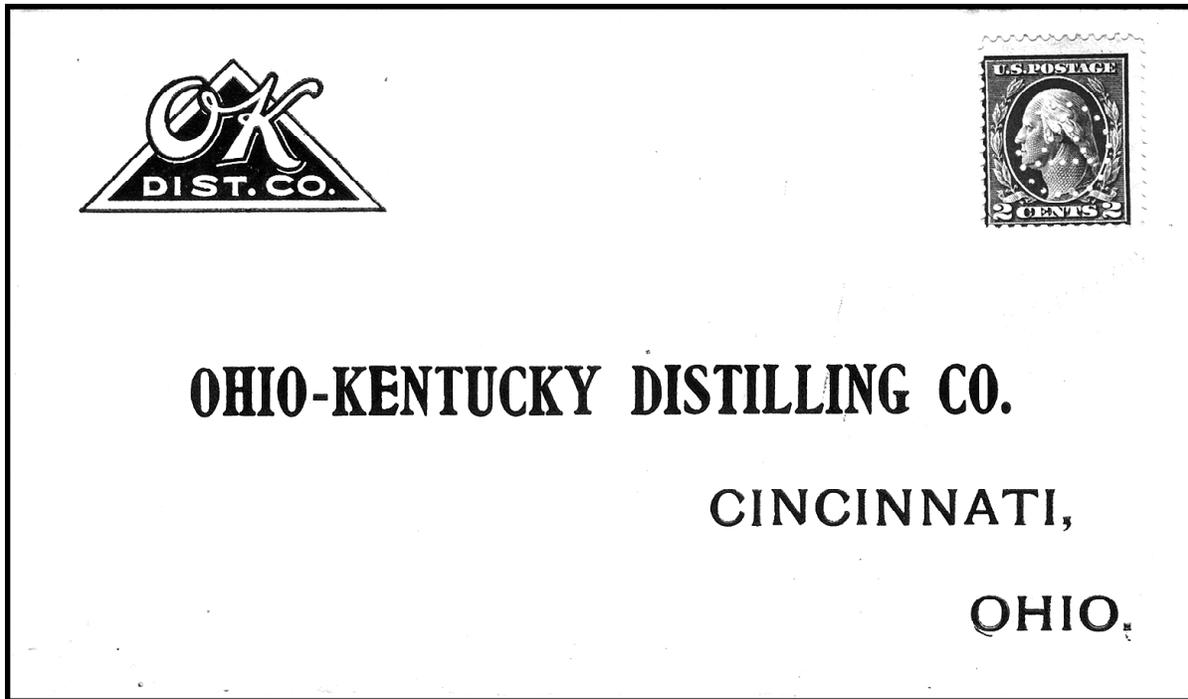
I would love to hear from any members who possess any of this firm's postcards.

Des 13 Revisited

Bob Szymanski (LM-145)

Here is a cover that may cause the replacement of the currently identified user of pattern Des 13 (Ferdinand Westheimer & Sons Company of Cincinnati, OH). Note that the Cincinnati, OH is still the city as shown in this unused return reply card. What I really like about the possible new ID is the

company logo shows a triangle just as the pattern and the circle around the triangle in the pattern could certainly stand for Ohio. Lastly, it would seem only proper that the stamped return reply cover with the corner ID would have a perfined stamp of the user company.



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