

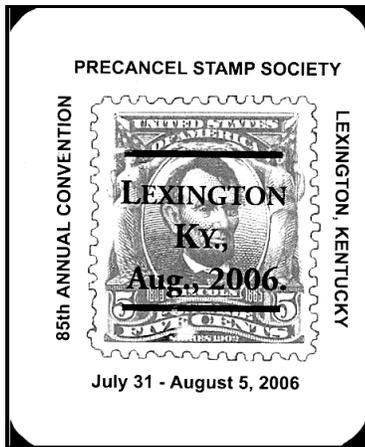
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# The **Perfins** Bulletin

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## It's (Almost) Convention Time!!

It's almost that time again! The Perfins Club's annual get together with the Precancel Stamp Society. This year it's Lexington, Kentucky time.

July 31 – August 6, 2006

The Crowne Plaza Campbell House  
 1375 Harrodsburg Road  
 Lexington, KY 50504  
 877-227-6963  
 (in KY – 859-255-4281)

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Request special Convention rate - \$84 single - \$94 double

## General Schedule

**Mon. July 31** – Early Bird Day

**Tues. Aug. 1** – 2 p.m. (approx. 2 hrs.) --  
Mary Todd Lincoln Home tour --

**Wed. Aug. 2** – 10:00 a.m. --Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) business meeting followed by the Precancel Club photo and then the Perfin Club photo.  
2:00 p.m. (approx. 2 hrs.) -- John Hunt Morgan Home and Museum tour

**Thurs. Aug. 3** – 9:00 a.m. (approx. 3 hrs.) – Blue Grass Horse Farm tour  
2:00 p.m. – Second PSS meeting followed by the Perfins Club business meeting

**Fri. Aug. 4** – all day – Post Office Station with special show cancel  
10:00 a.m. (approx. 3 hrs.)-- Henry Clay Estate tour  
2:00 p.m. -- Auction

**Sat. Aug 5** - 2:00 p.m. -- Show closes at and is followed by the Convention Banquet at 6:30 p.m. – Convention Banquet

Some tours require advance confirmation so please pre-register!!

P.S. There is a courtesy limo available from the airport to hotel.

**Mike Strother is in charge of registrations**

He needs registration forms to be sent to him at 4677 Spring Creek Drive, Lexington, KY 40515 and he needs them by July 1, 2006 if possible. Mike can be reached at 1-877-227-6963. See centerfold of this *Bulletin*.

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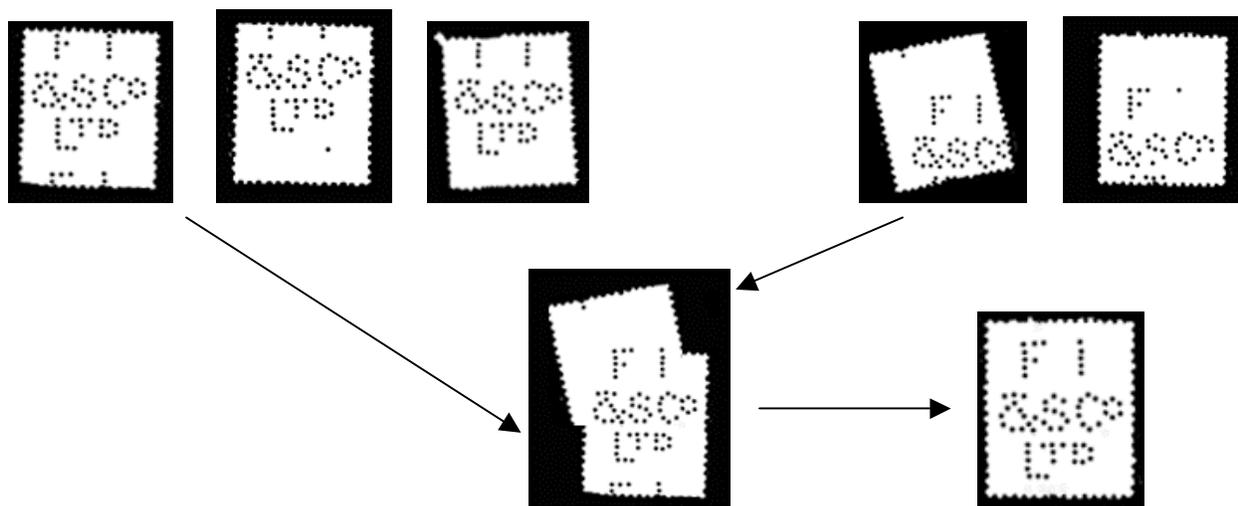
## Keeping Multiples Together Can Help

From a note from Dave Cooper (#1773)

Often multiple perforated stamps are used to frank a cover. As often as not they are soaked and separated from each other in some collector's stock of perfins. However, below is shown a good reason not to do this. By using information from the five patterns (actually only two of them were needed) it is possible to reconstruct a full pattern from the partials punches in the stamps. Had the stamps been separated from the paper, getting them together to figure out the true pattern would have been more difficult. Note that in this case the pattern is not all

that difficult to reconstruct – but there are some multiple die perforators which have sufficient (and different) deterioration of the heads, that will justify this technique.

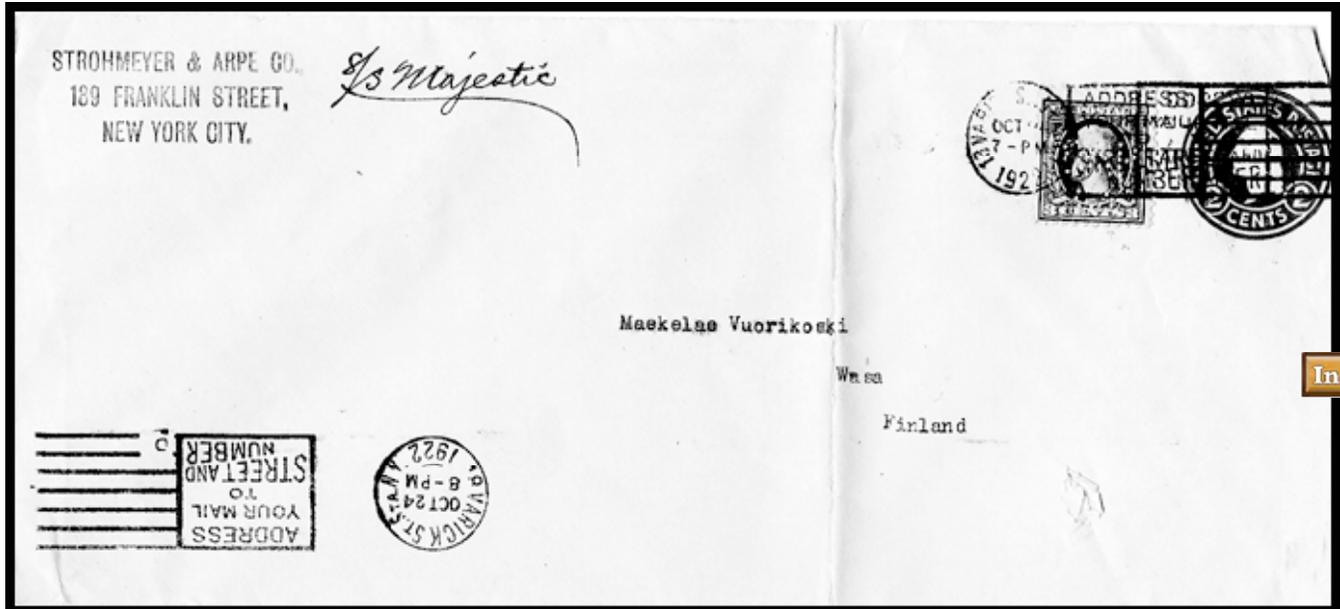
Below are two pieces from two different covers. Among them is not a single complete perfin, but among them there is a clear and convincing complete pattern. From here on I'll let the pictures do the talking.



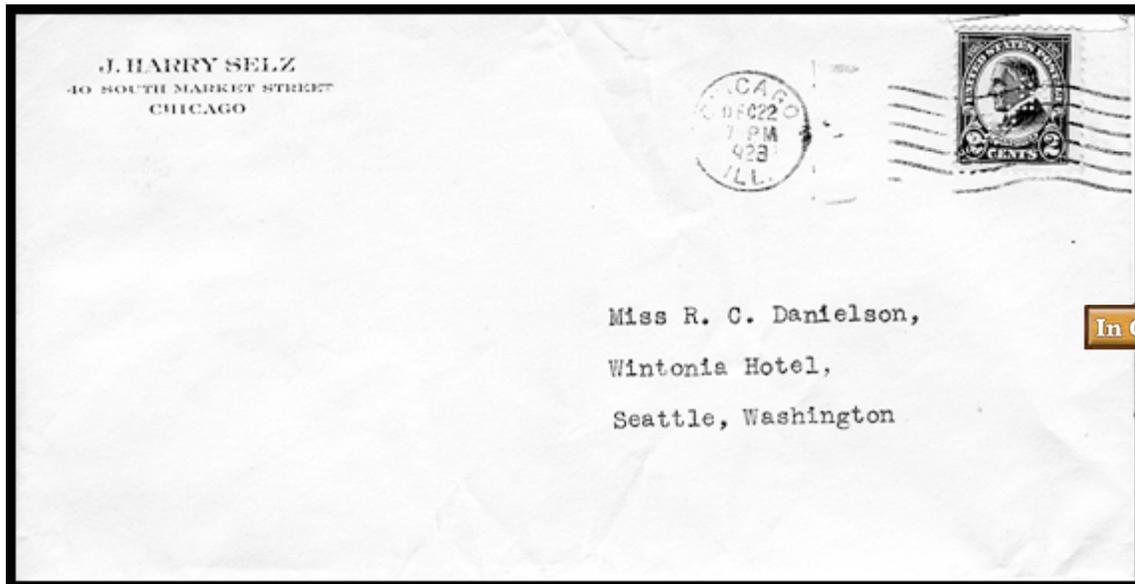
In this case, the patterns were 'broke' so, with Photoshop, we fix it. Were these stamps not together on piece, the same task might well be impossible.

## More covers from Doug (S – Des.)

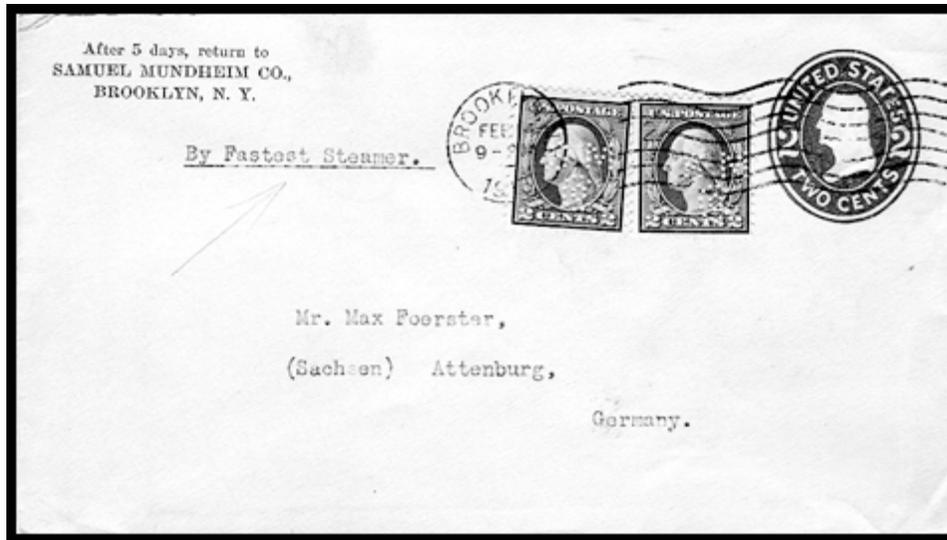
Doug Turner (#2549)



S-37 -- This verifies the user as “Strohmeyer & Arpe Co.”; New York

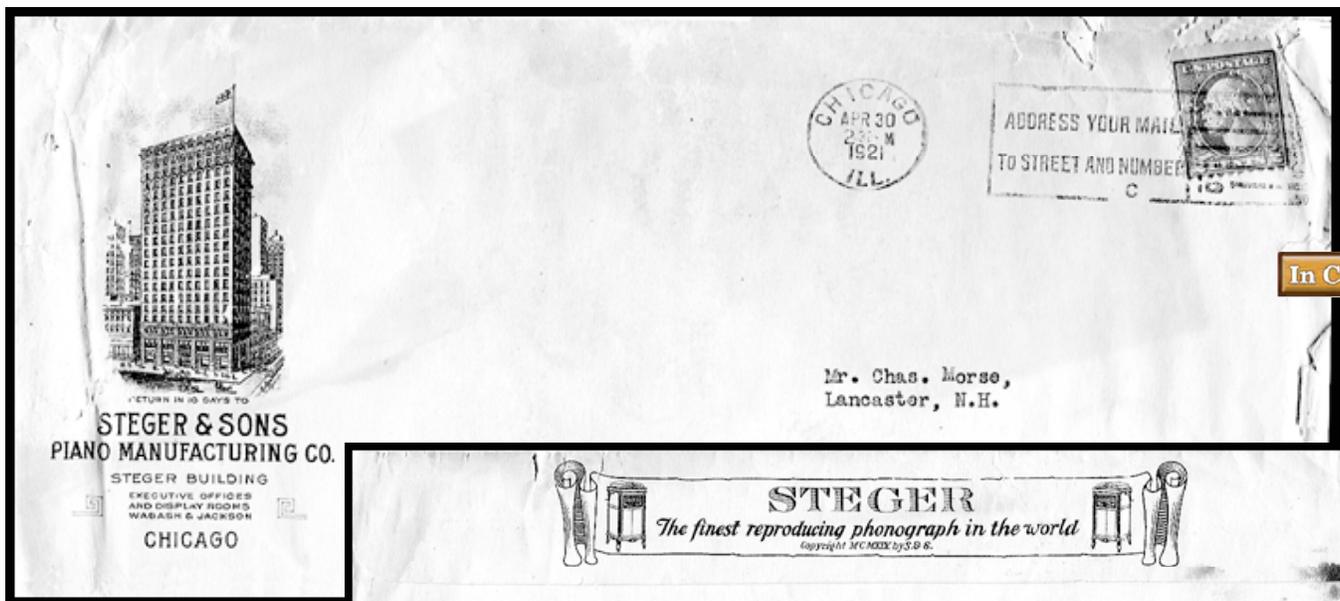


S-108 -- The February 04 Bulletin verified the user as Selz Good Shoes. This cover adds some information. The owner was J. Harry Selz and the address was 40 South Market Street, Chicago.



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S-182 -- The catalog does not show this listing as verified (\*). This verifies the information in the catalog. The name on the cover is Samuel instead of Sam as listed as the possible user in the catalog.



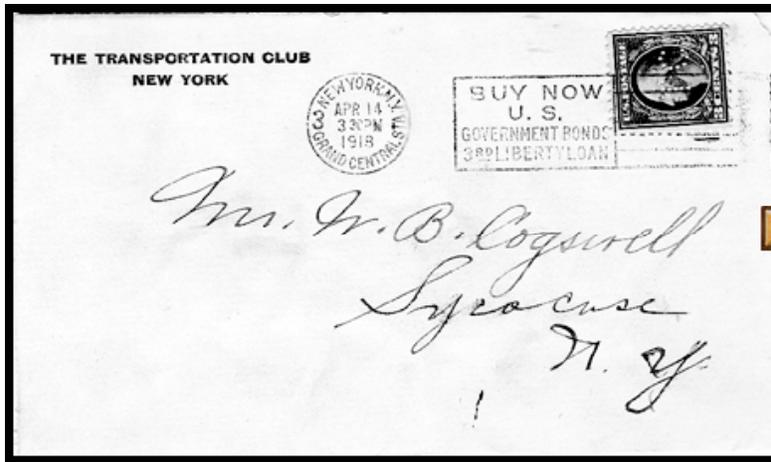
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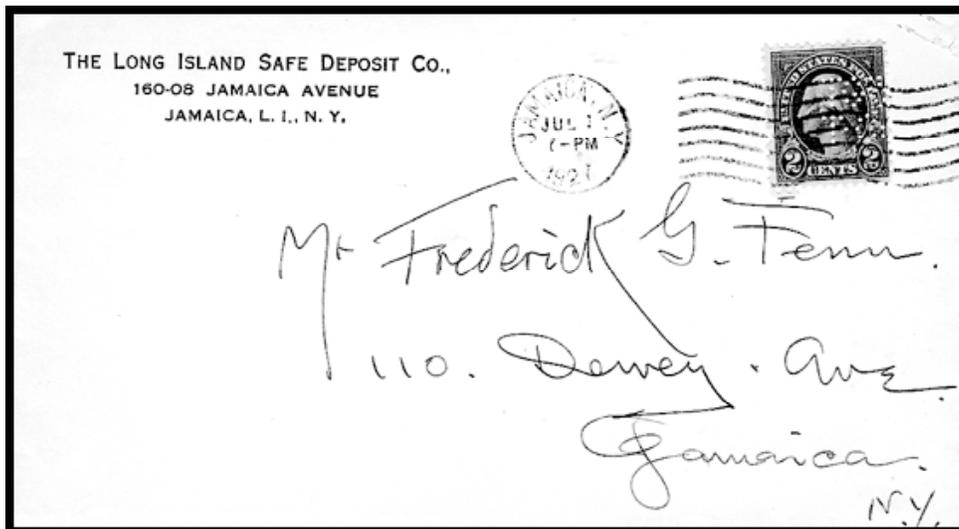
S-360 -- This verifies the user as Steger & Sons; Piano Manufacturing Co.; Chicago, IL



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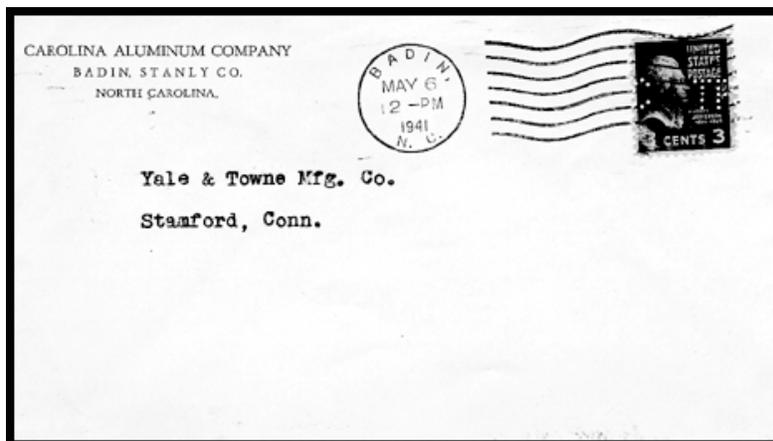
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T-16 -- This verifies the user as “The Transportation Club; New York. The receipt, which was glued to the inside of the envelope, is interesting.



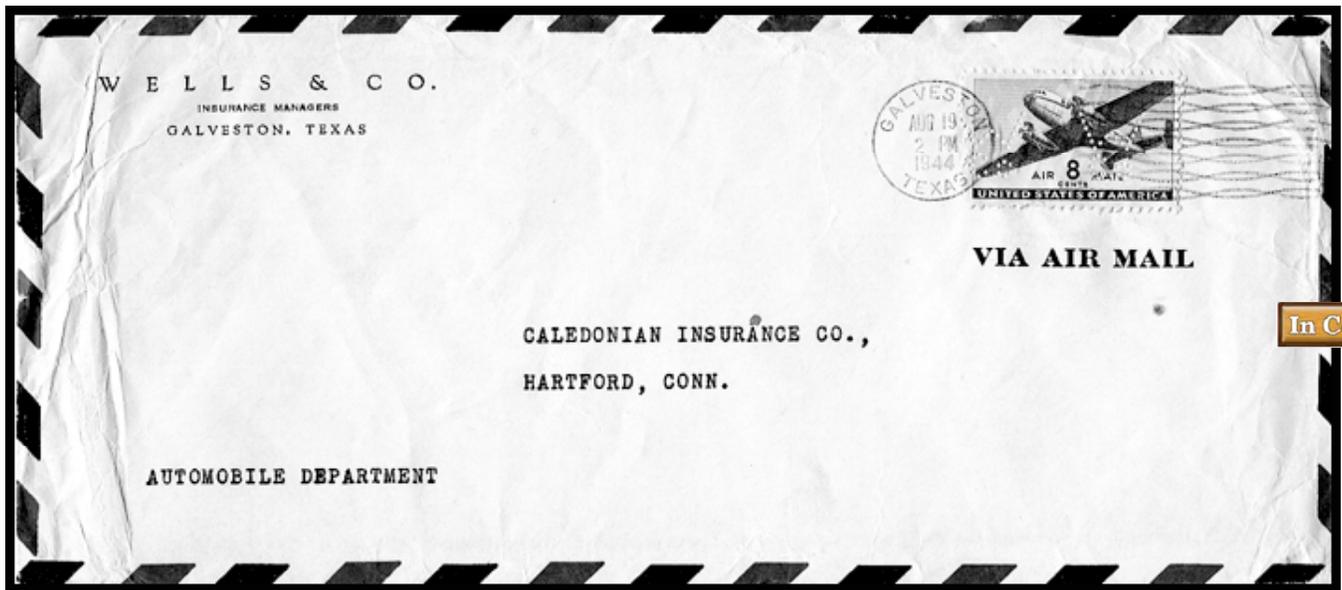
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T-45 -- This verifies the user as “The Long Island Safe Deposit Co., Jamaica, LI, NY

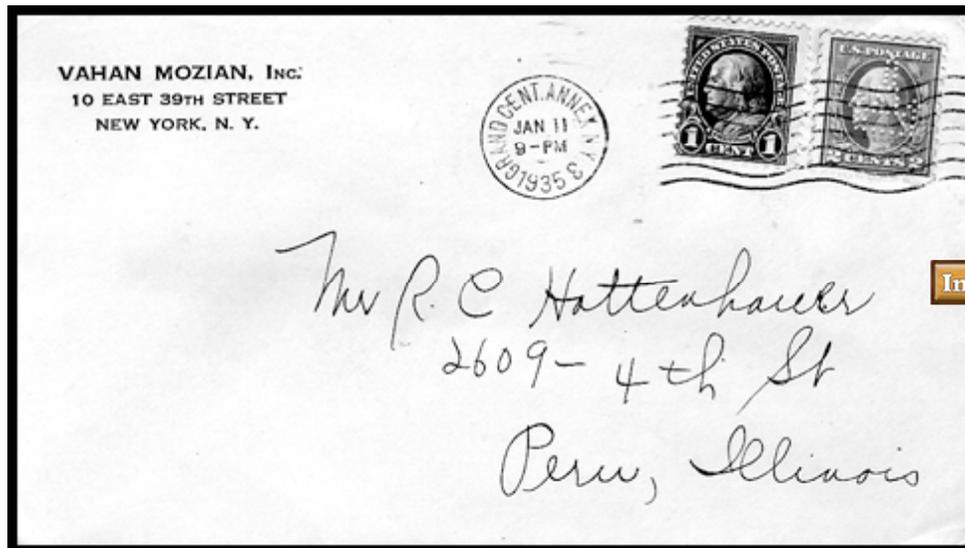


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T-78 This could possibly be an additional user: Carolina Aluminum Company; Badin, Stanly Co.; North Carolina. It was postmarked in 1941 in Badin, NC.



W-56 -- The catalog shows only a postmark from Fort Worth, TX. This cover verifies the user as Wells & Co.; Insurance Managers; Galveston, TX.



Design 10 -- The usage shown in the catalog is 1912-1918 in Baltimore, MD. This cover is postmarked 1935 in New York and the user is new: Vahan Mozian, Inc.; 10 East 39<sup>th</sup> Street; New York, N.Y. Maybe someone can research this company to see what they did.

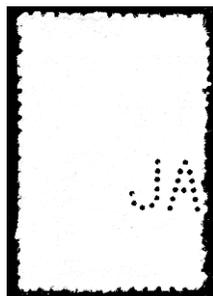
Ed. Note: Thanks again to Doug's wife, Diane Eastman, for her time and excellent help in preparing the original scans used to prepare this extended (March to the current June issue) note.

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## Two New Argentinian Local Revenue Perfins

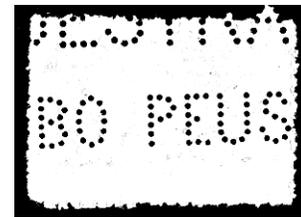
Dave Cooper (#1773)

Below are pictured two local fiscals from Argentina with perfins unreported in the current version of Schwerdt's *The World Perfins*



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*Catalog: American Section.* They are being forwarded to John Randall for consideration in A&C pages or in any update of the catalog.



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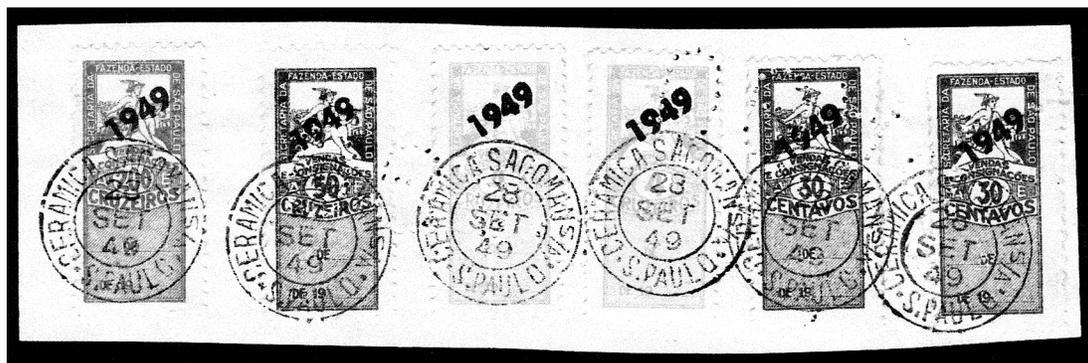
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## It's PAGO not PAGADO

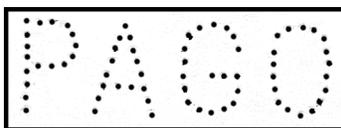
Edited from notes from Roberto J. Eissler (LM#3287)

Brazil pattern B10 in the *The World Perfins Catalog* is now identified. The single letter P is the first letter of the word PAGO as suggested in *The Perfins Bulletin* of February 2000 (p. 32) and not PAGADO as suggested in a speculative note in *The World*

*Perfins Catalog* ("Incomplete – Possible 'Pagado'"). This identification is now confirmed by, not only one but, two different perforators! Both are illustrated below. So now we have two PAGOs (=PAID).



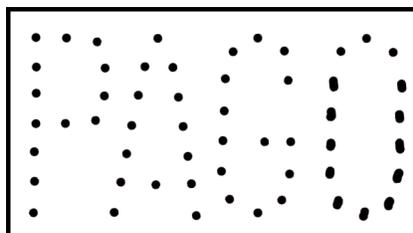
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This 'P' corresponds to the P of Brazilian pattern B10 (slight discrepancies are a result of your editors poor centering of the cursor in Photoshop).



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Distinctly different from pattern B10, this is a newly described PAGO pattern for Brazil.

## Seen Here and There

Paul Mistretta (LM-111)

It has been a while since I reported on items noted in other general philatelic publications. Some of the following items are months old – but represent a clear set of tracks that perffins and punch cancels are frequently to be seen in the general literature of our hobby.

In the November 28, 2005 Collector's Forum in *Linns Stamp News*, F.J. Vassalluzzo (522 Churchville Lane; Holland, PA 18966) sent in an illustration of a 5 centavos gray-blue King

Alfonso XII stamp from Puerto Rico (SC# 68) with two '2' punches in it. He states: "I know that hole punches were used to cancel Puerto Rican stamps used for telegraphs, but I have never seen a stamp with a numeral punch before. Could it be a revenue cancellation or a security device similar to a perfin used to prevent pilferage?"

Punches of this type are not presented in Bob Schwerdt's *World Perffins Catalog* but are

relatively common in US revenue stamps. Anyone with information about these items, please share it with Mr. Vassalluzzo (and cc me please so I can use the info in the *Bulletin*.)

In the January/February *Global Stamp News* Fred Wexler in his column ("Have You Ever Considered Collecting 'X': 'X' = Early Spain: Part III") illustrates and briefly discusses the T.5.telegraph perfin in a high value, 10 pts, stamp from the issue of 1879. In this article he requests help in updating his limited information concerning the use of this pattern in stamps of Spain.

And, in the January 30, 2006 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, Carlson R. Chambliss, in an article titled "Switzerland Issued Official Stamps for Numerous Agencies", notes that 27 definitive issues of Switzerland were perforated with a 9-hole cross to create the first Swiss official postage. Noted (but not listed) pattern d90 is reported to appear in Sc#135-144, 2002a-2003a, 219-225 and 227-236. The author warns that there are forgeries of this pattern and all stamps should be compared with items known to be genuine. He also reports that the total number of these stamps ranged from 8,000 to 120,000 depending on the issue. Full sets are almost never seen offered for sale.

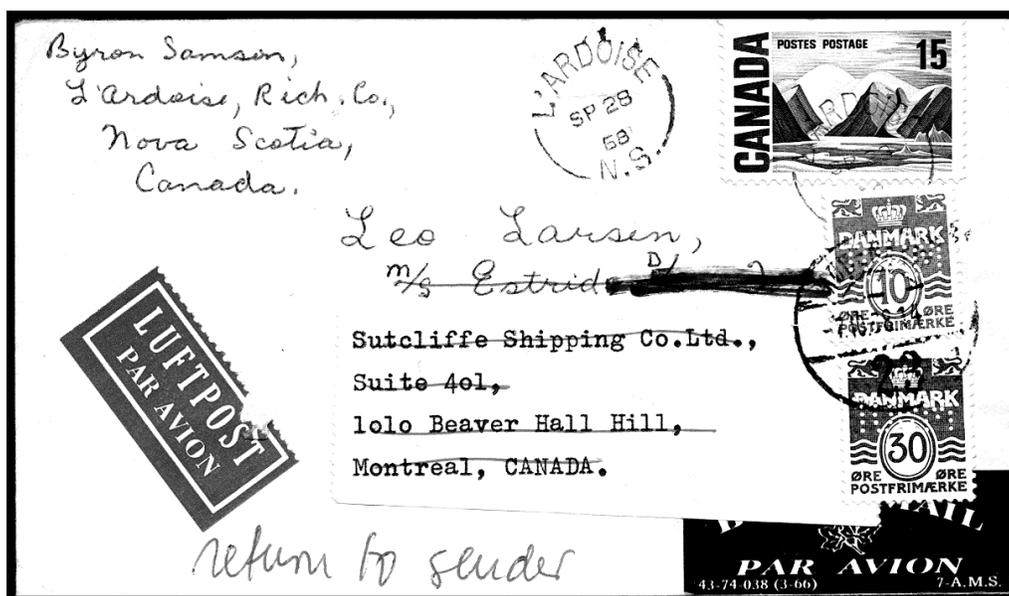
## An Uncommon Canadian Item

Dave Cooper (#1773)

The first item that struck my fancy is a "return to sender" letter. It was mailed from L'ARDOISE, N. S. on SP 28 68 to an address in Copenhagen, Denmark. It is properly franked with Canada Sc# 463 which depicts a painting by Lawren Harris entitled *Bylot Island*. The cancel is a split ring cancel. (L'Ardoise is an Acadian French Canadian community on Cape Breton, N. S. If you were to only hear the name spoken you'd never find it on a map. The name is pronounced Lordways.)

A tape label returning it to Sutcliffe Shipping Co. Ltd. in Montreal, Quebec covers the original address. As it was re-addressed after delivery, return postage of 40 ore was paid by a 10 ore yellow green and a 30 ore dark green of the common (wavy line plus number) definitive series.

Of interest to the Club is that both of the Danish stamps are perfined TORM. Once received in Montreal, the Montreal address was struck out and marked in red ink "Return to Sender". I feel that this is a scarce perfin usage.



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# Actual and Potential Austrian Precursors of Slovenian Perfins

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L)

It was really “Cilli” (no pun intended), the way the entire matter got started and eventually led to the article you are now reading.

While Bob Szymanski was visiting recently, a fortuitous event occurred while we were searching for bullseye postmarks (SON) to help fill some blank spaces in Bob’s calendar collection. An Austrian beauty was noted with a “Cilli” postmark and full date. The perfin was MADJIC. Because of Bob’s ancestry and wide geographical knowledge, he said “I’ll bet that is Celje, Slovenia.” The dictionary proved he was correct.

After Bob departed, I realized that if there was one perfin with a Slovenian connection, there might be more. At one time the territory inhabited by the Slovenes was controlled by Austria. We know that many Austrian perfins are found with postmarks of

Prague and Trieste, areas once controlled by the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

For this article, the Slovenian perfins under consideration are Scott’s types A1 through A9—four designs in several sizes depicting breaking chains, allegories of freedom, and King Peter I.

I checked the Austrian perfin catalog for Slovenian postmarks. John Nussbickel, compiler of this catalog back in 1991, was helpful with this project. It is a big advantage to learn that the Austrian town Laibach becomes (in Slovenian) Ljubljana and Marburg becomes Maribor. Mr. Nussbickel estimated that there might be twenty Austrian perfin types used in Slovenian towns. My research revealed 22 such towns. They are shown in the first chart accompanying this article.

Actual and potential Austrian precursors of Slovenian perfins

Perfin Design	Austrian Perfin Cat#	Austrian Spelling of Slovenian Town	WPC Slovenia Cat#	Slovenian Spelling of Town Name	Scheper’s List?	Comments
A.K./L.	A126	LAIBACH	A1	LJUBLJANA	√	See <i>TPB</i> #6 2004
CATER	C14	CILLI	---	CELJE	√	
CMST (Monogr)	C69	CILLI	A4	CELJE	√	Note 1
D.R.	D47	CILLI	A5	CELJE	√	
Dr.F.Z.	D49	PRAG?	A5.1	CELJE	√	
E.S.	E96	PRISTOVA	A7	PRISTA	√	
F.Z.	F133	CILLI	A8	CELJE	√	
H.G.	H39	RUDOLFSWORTH	---	RADOVLJIC A		
H.V.	H110	MARBURG	---	MARIBOR		
J.O.+C.	J166	(no town listed)	---	DOMZALE	√	DALMATIA
KAVCIC	K12	LAIBACH	---	LJUBLJANA		
K.I.G.	K40	LAIBACH	---	LJUBLJANA		
KTD	K86	LAIBACH	---	LJUBLJANA		
L.F.S.	L37	MARBURG	A12	MARIBOR	√	
MAJDIC	M18	CILLI	A13	CELJE	√	
M.Z.	M150	MARBURG	---	MARIBOR		
P.S.	P62	LAIBACH	A15	LJUBLJANA	√	
R.O.	R67	LAIBACH	A16	LJUBLJANA	√	

Actual and potential Austrian precursors of Slovenian perfins (Cont.)						
Perfin Design	Austrian Perfin Cat#	Austrian Spelling of Slovenian Town	WPC Slovenia Cat#	Slovenian Spelling of Town Name	Scheper's List?	Comments
R.S.	R77	CILLI	A17	CELJE	√	
S.	S8	LAIBACH	---	LJUBLJANA		
St.W.	S161	WEISSENFELS/LA IBACH	---	? / LJUBLJANA		
S&V	S171	LAIBACH	---	LJUBLJANA	√	

Note 1: CMST (monogram) listed in the Austrian perfin catalog and *WPC* is listed by Scheper as STMC (monogr).

Note 2: Eight Austrian perfin types used in Slovenia have yet to be reported in Slovenian stamps as noted above (no check mark in Scheper list column).

Next, I plotted the *World Perfins Catalog* Slovenian types against my findings from the Austrian Catalog. Twelve types matched, although "Dr.F.Z." poses a problem because of the Prag postmark reported in the Austrian catalog. The ten patterns with no equivalent in the *WPC* were either never reported to the *WPC* editor; are from companies which stopped using perfins when Slovenia asserted its independence Austrian control; or are from companies which never perfined Slovenian stamps. Note that the Scheper check-off column closely matches that of the *WPC*. (Dick Scheper is last-year's recipient of the Club's Floyd Walker award

for writing. His fine article in the July/August 2004 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* organized all of the Yugoslavian perfin areas by historical / political divisions. According to Mr. Scheper, Slovenian stamps were allowed to be used for postage in the whole SHS state after the state was formed in October 29, 1918. The SHS state consisted of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes.

The second chart lists the *WPC* Slovenian perfin types not found in the Austrian catalog. Note that most of these towns were located in Croatia and Serbia.

Types found in Slovenia ( <i>WPC</i> ) but not in the Austrian catalog						
Perfin Design	Austrian Cat #	Austrian Spelling of Slovenian Town	WPC Slovenia Cat#	Slovenian Spelling of Town Name	Scheper's List?	Comments
A.L./W.			A2	ZAGREB	√	VARAZDIN (Croatia)
BCU			A3	BEOCIN	√	BEOCIN (?)
EF			A6	?	√	ZAGREB (Croatia)
H.F.S.			A9	ZAGREB	√	ZAGRE (Croatia)B
KB (compressed with K rev)			A10	?	√	NOVI SAD & BEMUN (Serbia)
K.L.			A11	?	√	MARIBOR (Slovakia)
WOVOSTI			A14	ZAGREB	√	ZAGREB (Croatia)
S.H.G.			A18	BEOGRAD	√	BELISCE (Croatia)
W.B.V.			A20	ZAGREB	√	ZAGREB (Croatia)

The third chart shows Scheper's listing of Slovenian perfins missing from both the Austrian catalog and

the *WPC*. Again, these perfins show postmarks mostly outside of Slovenia..

Patterns listed in Scheper's list not found in the Austrain catalog or the WPC						
Perfin Design	Austrian Perfin Cat#	Austrian Spelling of Slovenian Town	WPC Slovenia Cat	Slovenian Spelling of Town Name	Scheper's List	Comments (Area)
CT (monogr)				CELJE	√	SLOVENIA
DC				ANGY BEOSKERK	√	HUNGARY
F.K.				ZAGREB	√	CROATIA
JL (monogr)				BJELOVAR	√	CROATIA
J.T.				NOVI SAD	√	SERBIA
L.H.				SARAJEVO	√	BOSNIA
S.K.				SZEGED	√	HUNGARY
T,K,				ZAGREB	√	CROATIA
Z.H.				?	√	?

It pays to examine postmarks on perfinned stamps. As a result of Bob's eyes, John's catalog, and Dick's

article, I have added a new page of Austrian precursors to my Slovenian perfin collection

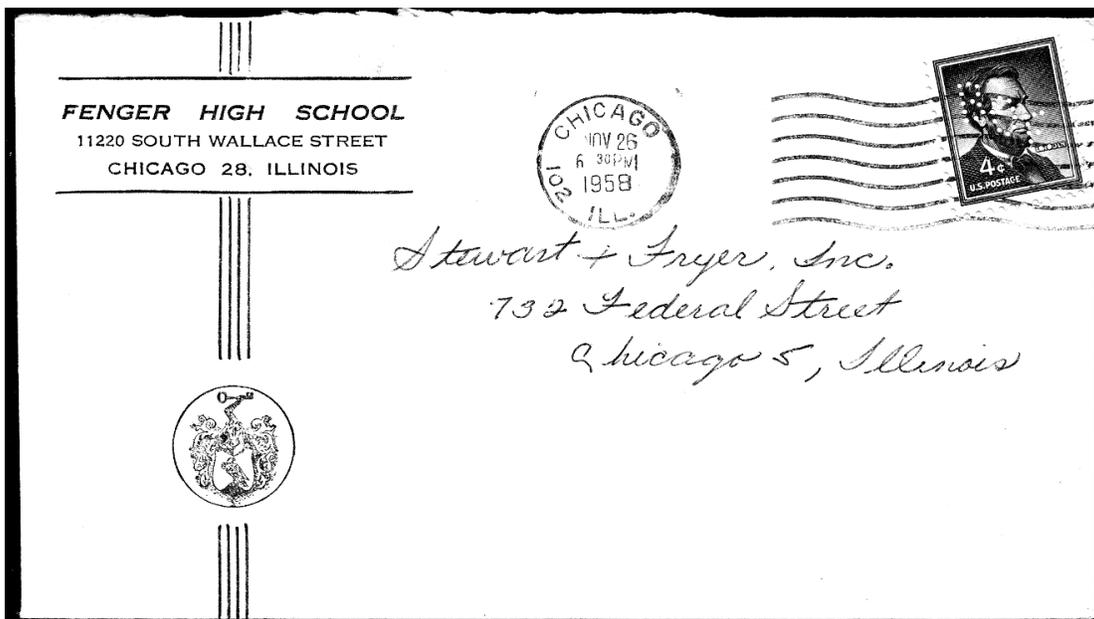
Comments? Further information. Contact me at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5601.

## Chicago Board Of Education

Dave Cooper (#1773)

This item may be common to collectors of US perfin, but may be of interest to those who don't focus primarily on them. It is a simple cover with the corner card of Fenger High School, and an address in Chicago. It is franked with a single common 4¢ pink Lincoln perfinned BOE (US B177.5). This is

the pattern of the Board of Education of Chicago, Illinois. It is easy to assume Fenger High was an authorized user of the pattern, but has anyone attempted to compile a listing of the schools and offices which used this pattern (or similar BOE patterns for any school district)?



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**85<sup>th</sup> Annual Precancel Stamp Society Convention.**  
**July 31 through August 5, 2006**  
**Registration Form**

PSS convention Registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Free gift if registered in advance of the convention)

Name(s) as desired on name badge:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, August 1, Mary Todd Lincoln Home tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, August 2, John Hunt Morgan home \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, August 3, Blue Grass Horse Farm tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must confirm reservations by July 1 to ensure rates)

Friday, August 4, Henry Clay Estate tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PSS convention photo (Aug. 2) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Perfins Club photo (Aug. 2) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening August 5, Convention Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed for registration, tours, Banquet, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, zip \_\_\_\_\_

PSS number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

Please return registration form to Mike Strother, 4677 Spring Creek Drive,  
Lexington, KY 40515, by July 1, 2006. Thanks

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## New Catalog Information from Covers

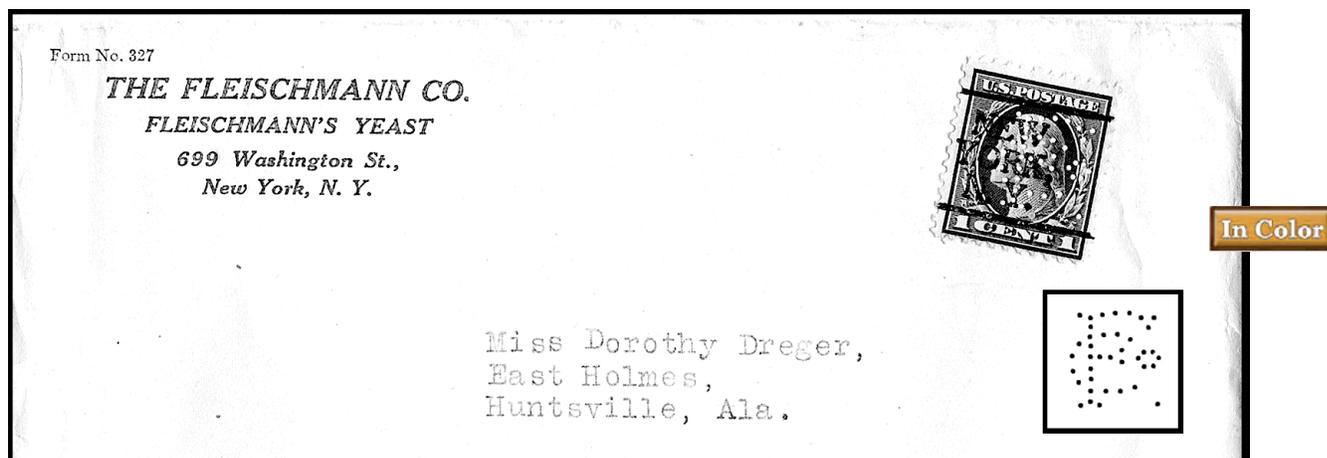
Bob Szymanski (LM-145)

Here are two items that I have recently noticed that will add new information to the US Perfin Catalog.

The first item is a (cropped using Photoshop) cover from the Fleischmann Company. I remember my mom's baking and always using Fleischmann's yeast. Lo and behold, here is the company and they used prepers!

Now, where to start? C133 and C134 are listed to Fleishman Transportation Company. Could the company have made yeast and been a moving company at the same time? At least, we should

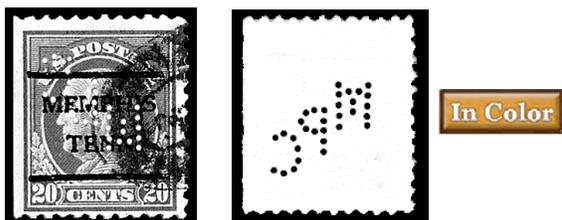
consider a correction for the spelling of the company name as shown on the pictured cover. The next thing to consider is the location of the company. If the reproduction shows in the Bulletin, you will note a control hole to the bottom right of the perfin pattern. This indicates C134. However, C134 is not listed as having a precancel and it lists Cincinnati and not New York as the location city. The cover's return address is clearly New York. The US Catalog editor will have to scratch his head on what to do with this one! Certainly, some additions and corrections should be considered.



The second item matches perfectly M201.5 in the catalog. This is an "A" rate, so that brought a smile to my face! When looking on the opposite catalog page M-20, I noted no indication of use as a preper! The smile is now a little wider! And, what do you know? No indication is given for a city of use. A preper is the next best indication of a city of use, only a cover would be more desirable.

We can now add the city of Memphis, Tennessee as the location of this pattern! Do you want to guess how wide my smile is now?

The moral of the story is look at everything you come across and when you have a question, please do not be afraid to ask and don't wait five years like I did!



I've had both of these items for several years but just "discovered" them as being valuable for the above information when checking items against the catalog! My own collection never ceases to amaze me. It is a great place to look for interesting information. Maybe you will find something in your collections worth sending to the editor, too!

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# Rev-Perf Newsletter # 11

(1 May 2006)

Art Mongan (LM-3443)

Question: There are a number of patterns that differ by one or two millimeters or less. For the perfin in Section A, this might be caused by differences among the dies of a multi-head perforator. Should these be listed as separate patterns (as they are now) or should this listing be put off and the patterns moved into a separate (fly-speck) section for closer review some time in the future?

## Catalog Direction

Current thoughts on the catalog and the sequence of when the first versions of the first drafts of some of the various sections will be ready for review is getting a little clearer. Four sections are in the review cycle and submitted modifications are being incorporated in the "print" file. The sections on oleomargarine and on other taxed products (proprietary, narcotics, playing cards, etc.) hopefully will be ready for first review by Summer 2006. The timing of the other sections is not as clear. I would like a completed draft catalog in the computer by 2007 (when I turn 80.)

Current philosophy is "Good soon is better than better in the far future." I want to get "good" versions of as many sections in computer printable format ready by the end of 2006 as possible. As I go along and as new information and reviews come in I am constantly updating the printable files.

The draft catalog with changes and additions as it existed on May 1 has been entered in the literature section of the American Philatelic Society Summer Show in Chicago the end of August.

## Catalog Status

Additions, corrections and modifications are constantly being made to the printable catalog sections.

I will have a copy of the current version of the first draft available for inspection at Washington 2006.

Pattern order of the final catalog is far from firm. It has been suggested that the sort order used in MS Word be used rather than either ASCII or the sort order I've used in Sections A & B.

## Catalog Review

A number of sections A and B review copies have been sent out. Images of catalog pages are being made in JPEG format but at 200 dpi resolution. This is a very slow process and will only show what was in the database when the pages were printed and scanned.

## New Findings

JEH (J39) has been found in a mint 3¢ documentary 1917 series. The user was John E. Hurst & Co., dry goods wholesaler in Baltimore, Maryland. It was in their building that the great Baltimore fire of 1904 started. It was 'great' only because it burned 1526 buildings, 140 acres, had a song based about the fire, had fire equipment come from as far away as New York City, and showed that the hoses from many other cities did not fit the Baltimore hydrants. All that from a perfin probably intended to pay the war tax on parcel post packages.

A beer stamp with PAID/+4•27•50/F&MSBCo has been found. This is attributed to The F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Co., Brooklyn, NY. This pattern is about 2 7/8 inches wide and about 2¼ inches high. This might be the tallest beer pattern. Anyone have a taller one? Should this pattern be shown in the catalog at full size? Or should it be shown at 2/3 size? Any comments?

## Exhibit

The exhibit and partial draft catalog will be at the annual Perfins Club meeting assuming I can make it. I also hope to have both at the APS summer show in Chicago at the end of August.

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## Technical

The draft catalog is being printed on two sides on 24 pound paper. I think the final catalog should be on 24 or 28 pound paper like the US and the World

catalogs. The review copies are printed on 20 pound paper.

Watch the holes, Art, 12432 Pretoria Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904-1845; cind\_revs@comcast.net.

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## Auction Watch

**Lee Bastien (#3165)** writes with an update on Gordon's Mail Sale 2-06, which he reported last month. None of the 9-11 items (Lots 285 – 306) sold for minimum bid. He also mentioned that he missed lots 317-320 in the same auction when he reported on it. These were more of the 9-11 perfin in plate number strips of 5, with backside control numbers. Asking price for these (also unsold) lots was \$12 each. These lots are available for the minimum bid to anyone after the close of the sale.

He subsequently has sent a new list of items spotted:

*Downeast Stamps Auction #235* (April 26, 2006)

Lot 1953 – Pitcairn Islands #9-10 perf SPECIMEN, XF, NH Cat \$252.00. – Did not sell.

*Robert E. Lippert Auction* (May 13, 2006)

Lot 292 – Canada #O268-273 perforated OHMS, OG, NH, VF. Est. \$200.

Lot 342 – Newfoundland #226-229 perfed SPECIMEN, OG, NH, VF. Unitrade Cat. \$350.00.

*Nutmeg Stamp Sales #118* – Lots 2286, 2287, 2866, 2901, and 2925 were already (when I received Lee's note) noted below by Chris Rueger.

*Baby Nutmeg Sale #23:*

Lot 6374 -- Washington-Franklin Issue, Six Envs, Two Cards ca. 1918-24, a couple may be later incl w/ precancel, rates incl 1¢t, 2¢ts, 3¢ts, 6cts, (incl from #444-#502), One perfin, One imperf, One Pasadena CA pmk ties Three 2¢ts, addr France redirected Belgium and Switzerland, incl 1¢t coil w/ #372, One post card w/ Illust Advert, most are, Fine-VF (Photo). 70.

Lot 6380 -- 810,806, Two perfin usages Both on ppcs, which looks like the purpose of these perf initials was thwarted in these cases, 2¢ on SD card, tied by RPO cnl, addr Webster Grove MO, 5c (perfin MLL) air mail use from Lubbock Texas to Flushing NY, International Petroleum Exposition ppc, VF (Photo). 5.

Lot 6559 -- Western Union, Two Envs Boston MA FEB/6/1920 machine cnl ties #525(2) to env, Boston MA APR/8/1920 machine cnl ties #527 to env, all stamps w/ W U perfins, both addr locally, both w/ printed Western Union Telegram at top, VF (Photo) 38.

Lot 8600 -- 14//108 Fine-VF, sm flts, Collection of 100 stamps, mostly used, mounted on Yvert & Tellier album pages, incl 12 w/ "OS" ovpts &: 36 w/ official perfins, 3 telegraph stamps &: some postage dues (SG #56//330, £120=\$216) Cat \$180 (Photo) 60.

*Gordon's Mail Bid Sales Sale No. 3-06* (June 1, 2006)

Lot 663 – US E8 Used, F, SE/L perfin WO. Value \$7.50, MB \$2.00.

Lot 816 – US Q5 (22) used, 8 with SE, few faulty, 1 perfin SC. Value \$55, MB \$9.50.

**Dave Cooper (#1773)** sent in information on a variety of lots from the *Magpie Auction* (#77 – Upto, Poole, UK). As he notes there were some interesting reserve prices for these items.

Lot 1. WORLD SELECTION Arranged in a stock book from Argentina to USA with some GB [520] arranged from "A" to "YMCA". A few fancy designs etc & no duplication except when in a multiple or block. [1030 stamps]. Res £30.

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Lot 2. SLOPER ARROW-Perfin on QV ½d violet postal stationery postcard addressed to Blyth, Northumberland from LIVERPOOL dated 31.12.1871. Scarcer type on clean card. Res £26.

Lot 3. INSURANCE -- Pair of crested covers from the General Fire & Life society addressed to Edinburgh with either 1d lilac [14 dots] or 1d Venetian red perfin GLF tied by London cancels dated 25.10.1881 & 14.9.1881 respectively. [2] Res £8.

Lot 4. QV ½d postal stationery newspaper wrapper addressed to Vienna with stamp impression perfin with letter "A" within oval & cancelled by NPB undated cancel. On back is Vienna arrival mark dated 25.10.1882. Res £12.

Lot 5. LATE FEE -- Entire addressed to Germany with 1d lilac & 2½d Jubilee issue perfin S&C of Schwamm & Co. of London cancelled by excellent Late Fee duplex cancel L1/LOMBARD ST-LS/1 dated 7.3.1890. At left is s/line PAID LATE in violet ink. Res 10£.

Lot 6. COVER Addressed to Hamburg with 2½d Jubilee issue perfin GAW cancelled by London E.C hooded circle dated 7.4.1894. On back is ident cachet of G.A Witt of Lime Street, London. Res £6.

Lot 7. BANKING – QV printed to private order 1d pink envelope with embossed ANCHOR on the back flap addressed to Zurich with added 1½d Jubilee issue perfin GLYN cancelled by London E.C hooded circle dated 2.7.1894. Res £8.

Lot 8. RAILWAY -- EDW VII ½d yellow-green postal stationery postcard addressed to Barry, Glamorgan perfin through stamp impression TV/R of the Tasff Vale Railway & cancelled by CARDIFF d/ring dated 14.10.1904. Res £12.

Lot 9. RAILWAY -- EDW VII ½d yellow-green postal stationery postcard perfin as previous lot cancelled by CARDIFF machine cancel dated 28.1.1907. Res £12.

Lot 10. RAILWAY Great Eastern Railway official postcard of "Epping Thicks" addressed to Westcliffe-on-Sea from the Superintendent of the

Line at Liverpool Street station with GEO V ½d Downey head perfin GER tied by London d/ring dated 26.10.1912. Res £7.

Lot 11. ISLE OF MAN Picture postcard addressed to Sheffield with GEO V 2d orange perfin SE tied by the DOUGLAS I.O.M. Krag cancel dated 22.8.1921. Short-lived 2d postcard rate- no ident. Res £5.

Lot 12. CHURCH – EDW VII 2½d blue postal stationery envelope addressed to the Hotel Allenby at Jerusalem with added ½ d GEO V value perfin AH tied by London SW1 machine cancel dated 24.10.1922. On back is printed ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, Westminster. Scarce item. Res £12.

Lot 13. WESTMINSTER GAZETTE – Envelope addressed to Mr R.J Minney of Clive of India film-fame with GEO V 1½d perfin W cancelled by London machine cancel dated 17.10.1924. Res £4.

Lot 14. POULTRY FOOD -- Illustrated trade order postcard addressed to the Uveco Cereal Co. with illustration of chicken & egg at bottom left. With GEO V ½d perfin S&B/Ld. Not postally used, but very clean. Res £6.

Lot 15. IRELAND – Book Post printed window envelope addresses to & redirected from Shipston-on-Stour with GEO V ½d value perfin BR Co. [inverted] of the Belfast Ropeworks cancelled by Belfast machine cancel dated 17.11.1931. Res £6.

Lot 16. MILK MARKETING BOARD – Window envelope with GEO V ½ d perfin MMB cancelled by London SW1 machine cancel dated 6.4.35. Ident at bottom left. Res £4.

Lot 17. ANGLO-AMERICAN OIL C. – Cover addressed to Shipston-on-Stour with single & pair of GEO V ½d photogravure values perfin A.A.O/Co cancelled by d/rings of Moreton-in-Marsh dated 5.9.1935. Ident on back. Res £4.

Lot 18. BIRMINGHAM – Super illustrated envelope from Cloakroom Fitting company Parker, Winder & Achurch of Birmingham with GEO V 1½d photogravure perfin P.W/&A at top right. Not postally used – see illustration & later item. Res £18.

Lot 19. WINDOW Envelope with GEO V ½d photogravure perfin MR/Co Ld of May Roberts & Co. of Clerkenwell Road, London cancelled by London machine cancel dated 31.7.1936. Res £4.

Lot 20. EDW VIII/SEED GROWERS – Cover addressed to Stratford-on-Avon with EDW VIII ½d perfin JKK/&Co. of John K. King of Coggeshall tied by d/ring COGGESHALL/ ESSEX dated 21.1.1937. Res £4.

Lot 21. BSA – Small cover with printed “PRIVATE” at top left addressed to Switzerland with GEO V 2½d photogravure perfin BSA tied by London FS slogan cancel for the British Industries Fair dated 5.1.1937. Res £5.

Lot 22. GEO VI CORONATION – Cover addressed to Edinburgh with 1½d coronation value perfin with 2 strikes of the w/h perfin at left & right cancelled by Glasgow machine cancel dated 28.5.1937. Ident of William Hollins & Co. on back. Res £5.

Lot 23. BIRMINGHAM – Similar illustrated envelope to previous Birmingham item depicting door handle with GEO VI 1½d perfin PW/&A of Parker, Winder & Achurch. Not postally used. Res £15.

Lot 24. NATIONAL STAMP DAYS ETC – Four different items bearing different commemorative stamps perfin SCPC [Stamp Collecting Promotional Council] in May 1977, NSD/1977 on chemistry value on cover, NSD/1975 on pair 7p architecture values on cover & NSD/1978 on 9p Tower of London value on cover. [4] Res £6.

Lot 25. GLASGOW/PILLAR BOX – Cover with UK 11½p Machin perfin G cancelled by slogan dated 8.9.1981 with framed Posted in the Oldest Pillar Box in Scotland at the Glasgow Museum of Transport. Also other cover with Scots 13p similarly perfin with large “G”. [2] Res £4.

**Rudy Roy (#1124)** spotted three interesting *e-Bay* lots for consideration.

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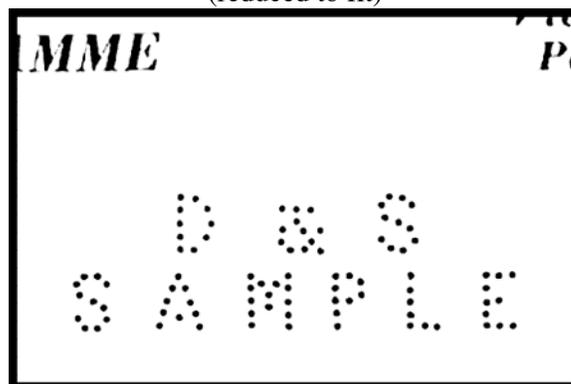
Item 9512601076 -- SCHERMACK CONTROL PERFIN HISTORICAL DATA. Summary: The important part of this lot consists of two letters

written by George P Howard, in 1948, to a collector named Thomas Blinn. Howard wrote the definitive book on private perfs, published in 1943, "The Stamp Machines and Coiled Stamps". The letters concern the naming convention for the various control perfin (he called them "PC's", for private controls), and give a clear, concise version of the implementation of the production machining required for them. There also are two nice "wish-lists". They are price lists for private perfs, which look to be in Howard's handwriting. There is a 2-page list of control perfs, with and without associated using companies, no prices listed, from an approval company in Brooklyn. Two hand-written letters from Howard to Blinn. A typed sheet with historical info on the Schermack type I 7-hole on # 320. Three sheets of info on number 314 (apparently, this Blinn guy had a used single, valued at \$175). The six-sheet manuscript of a speech on private perfs that Blinn gave before the Garfield Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland in 1950. Several pieces from the Bureau Specialist regarding private perfs. 17 bids – Winning bid \$237.06.

Item 9510606281 -- U.N. (NEW YORK) UC2 D&S SPECIMEN. Description: U.N. (NEW YORK) UC2 D&S SPECIMEN You're bidding on a UC2 Air Letter Sheet with PERFIN INITIALS, a D&S (Dennison & Sons) Printer's sample, Type 1. Neatly folded and in excellent condition. Catalog value (1980 Gaines) is \$100.00. Starting bid: US \$50.00 not bids received.

In Color

(reduced to fit)



Item 9513333682 -- US Perfin Schermack Cover. Description: a nice clean John Wanamaker of New York, perfinned Schermack Cover. Still has its original insert. 12 bids - Winning bid: US \$266.02

**Christian Rueger (#1834)** spotted a couple of interesting lots – these in *Weiss Auction #155*.

Lot 1108. U Schermack Ty II w/12-hole Private Control (2¢ 1908); this pattern was experimental and is scarce.. (E \$100/200.) [reserve bid] \$80.

Lot 1112. MULTIPOST STAMP AFFIXER; c. 1920s Model 35, 6½ x 4 x 1½”, silver-color white metal, black handle, no key o/w virtually in brand-new condition & in working order, these cost \$35 80 years ago! ..... (\$80/120.) [reserve bid] \$50.

In *Nutmeg's Sale #118* Chris spotted the following six lots of interest:

2286 US# 523 EF, perf flts, oval cnl, contains perfins Cat \$240 (Photo). 170

2287 US# 523 Fine, some oxidation, neat pmk, Perfin Cat \$240 (Photo), 80

2901 SP Bahamas# 105//114, SPECIMEN Perfins Fine-VF, few hrs, Cplt Set George V Pictorials w/ arced Perfins (SG #98s//106s, £250=\$450) (Photo) 280

2866 SP Bermuda# 116-29, Perfin SPECIMEN VF, Cplt Set, Scarce (SG #162s-75s, £450=\$810) Cat \$525 (Photo). 500

2925 SP Zanzibar (British East Africa)# 177, Perfin SPECIMEN GEM, hr, excellent color, Sailing Ship (Dhow) (SG #297, £85=\$153) (Photo). 100

3272 Straits Settlement# 59var, Wide "S" in "CENTS" VF, short cor perf, R wing mgn single w/ double ring cnl &: private perfins, *Signed Thier* (SG #59, £190=\$342) (Photo). 160

And in *H. R. Harmerr's Sale 2963* he spotted the following two revenue lots:

0235 #R409, \$500.00 Carmine, Series of 1944 well centered, perfin initials cancel, stained spot at center, otherwise Very Fine and rare. (Photo) (R409) 775.00.

0237 #RD358, \$60.00 Bright Green, "Series 1951" luxuriant color on fresh white paper, perfin initials cancel, Fine and scarce. (Photo) V0237 (RD358) 240.00.

**Bill Shields (#2951)** reports several lots of interest from *e-Bay*.

Item 9509758574 -- Canada Perfins - Including New Foundland. [50 perfins: 3 Newfoundland "AYRE", many CNR, 2 Excise stamps.] 4 bids - Winning bid: US \$15.56. 

Item 9510298342 -- Great Britain - 86 diff Edward VII - George V perfins. [Appear to be all different.] 3 bids -- Winning bid: US \$5.12. 

Item 9510292397 -- Great Britain - 32 diff Edward VII - George V perfins. [appear to be all different.] 4 bids - Winning bid: US \$5.50. 

Item 9510291483 -- Great Britain - 34 different Victoria perfins. [appear to be all different.] 4 bids - Winning bid: US \$17.28 

Item 9510240706 -- GREAT BRITAIN--BLOCKS OF STAMPS WITH PERFINS! Description: ATTRACTIVE GROUP OF OLD BLOCKS OF STAMPS FROM GREAT BRITAIN, ALL WITH PERFINS! Definitely worth a look for the perfin collector! Includes an Australia block or two. Shown here front and back (stamps are in the same position in each view). MIXED CONDITION, although generally clean. [19 blocks; 9 x 6, 13 x 4; 1 of the x 6 is Australian, remainder GB.] 4 bids - Winning bid: US \$10.55. 

Item 9510398371 -- NEW ZEALAND 1940 ARMS 3/- Blk & lemon COUNTERPART perfin. 3 bids -- Winning bid: US \$1.08 

Item 9512601076 -- See Roy listing above.

Item number: 9509262610 -- SG 121 QV 2s BROWN CV £2500 PERFIN. Description: SG 121 2s BROWN. A superb looking rare perfin with good perfs and colour. Very light cancel, just a few marks to reverse being the only fault. CAT VALUE £2500. 9 bids - Winning bid: GBP 155.00. (Approx. US \$279.17) 

# Who Knows Margarita?

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L)

Any bartender worth his salt knows the proper combination of rum, triple sec, and lime juice to make a good margarita. But, how many of you perfin collectors know where Margarita is located?

I have a pair of 8¢ Canal Zone airmail stamps with a Kodak type punch. Only the top half of the CDS (circular date stamp [cancel]) is evident; it shows MARGARITA Feb 17.

My atlas and geographical dictionary list only one Margarita – an island off the coast of Venezuela.

The island is more than 1200 miles from the Canal Zone so it seems unlikely that the island would be the origin of the postmark. Perhaps there is a town in Panama with this name? Does someone out there have the answer to this mystery?

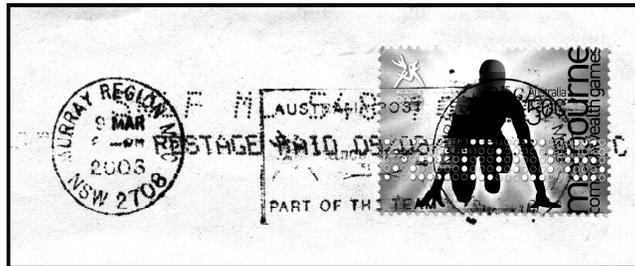


# Australian Pseudo-Perfins

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L) & Paul Mistretta (LM-111)

A recent note from Bob included the following item that he aptly described as a pseudo-perfin. “Pseudo-“ because despite appearing to be perfined, this stamp is simply printed with white spots to appear as

if it is punched. The stamp is a single from the set illustrated below on this page. This set was issued to commemorate the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne Australia.



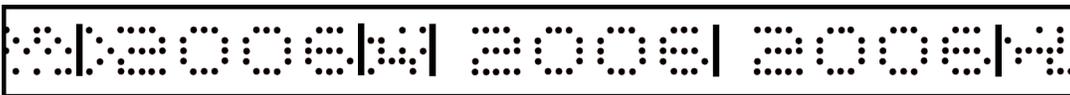
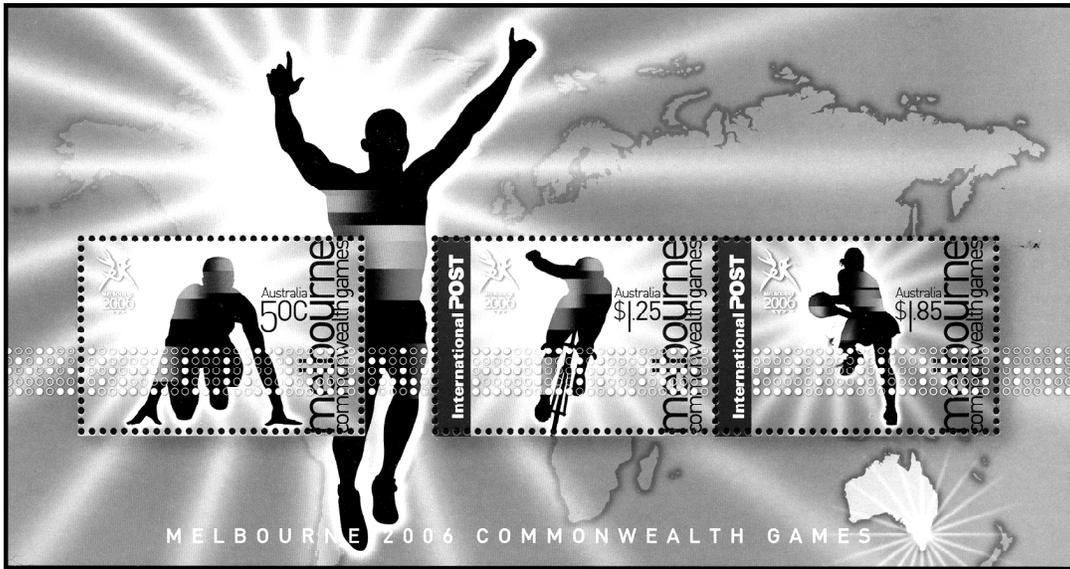
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What I had forgotten when I received Bob’s stamp and input was that I had ordered these “perfins” from my new issue service and now have received the full set (3 stamps and a souvenir sheet). These are illustrated below. Note that the ‘holes’ are white spots in a 5-high grid of white circles of which only

those making up the pattern are graphically filled in. I have isolated the “perfin” patterns and show them below each stamp; the bars in the souvenir sheet pattern and at the ends of the single stamp patterns represent the location of the perforations that surround individual stamps.



In Color

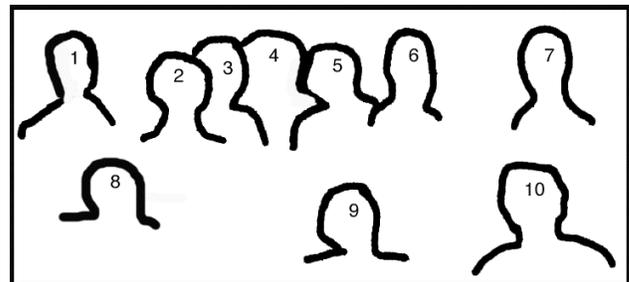


## Help Wanted With IDs of People in Our Past

Dorothy Savage-Hazard (LM#92)



Above is a copy of a picture from FRESPEP (Fresno, CA) in the 1970s. Sal Guarini (#1) is at the top left with Dot (#2) next to him and Les Ingram (#7) at the top right. I forget who the others are but maybe there is a Clubmember out there who can fill in the blanks (by the numbers please).



# An Interesting Canadian RR Perfin Usage

Dave Cooper (#1773)



This postcard was purchased while attending ROYAL2003ROYALE in Hannover, ON. I found it and many other covers in an old general store between Southampton and Owen Sound that was full of everything believable.

The card was sent from Clifford, ON, on June 30, 1912 to Mr. Ed Walker, Shallow Lake, ON. It was franked with a 1¢ green Admiral sheet stamp. The cancel is either Hamilton (or Harrisburg) & Southampton R.P.O.

Even better, the stamp is perfinned with a straight line GTR used by the Grand Trunk Railway.

I consider this a nice souvenir of ROYAL2003ROYALE.

In Color

POST CARD



FOR CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Dear uncle Ed.  
 Could you  
 come on Thursday  
 morning to meet us  
 as above for tonight  
 Yours truly  
 Clifford June 30

Mr Ed Walker  
 Shallow Lake  
 Ont.

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**Wanted Traders:** I have several duplicates of D103 (DS); N202 (NY Sun); & U58 (U[P]). All are fine copies. If you would like one or all three please send a SASE and I will give what you want. If you

happen to have a fine copy of M0.5 (E); A69 (E) on 332; or other duplicates of C or less rating, I can use about twenty. I also have about 150 B, 15 B+ and 7 A perfins to swap. Anyone interested let's exchange want lists for equivalently rated perfins and see if an exchange is possible; fine copies preferred, note otherwise. An exchange of equivalently rated perfins could be altered to allow varying ratings to be exchanged based upon relative values; i.e. two B's for a B+ or whatever arrangement agreed by both parties; (I would send the wants of another trading at equivalent ratings first.) Any suggestions for swapping would be welcome. Larry Owen; 1808 Lakecrest Ct.; Carrollton, TX 75006; e-mail: Nelta.Owen@verizon.net or phone 972-416 3303.

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