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## 2010 Convention - Burlington, VT

As previously reported in the *Bulletin*, this year's Perfins Club's Annual Convention will be held at the Burlington Sheraton, 870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05403-5715 in conjunction with the Precancel

compared to the hotel's Internet rate.

Phil Cayford, PSS Convention Chairman reports in the February 2010 issue of *The Precancel Forum* that the official word from the Convention Congeniality Person (Nancy) is: This is a fabulous site for a convention! Burlington has been included on both top ten lists of the most attractive and most walkable cities in the U.S. Not only is the city itself attractive, but the whole region deserves an extended visit.



See page 46 for  
"The Story of the Stamp on the Sticker"

Burlington is served by most major airlines (not American or Southwest) plus AirTran and JetBlue. The airport is on the same road as the convention hotel, maybe 5 minutes away. However, if possible, you should plan to take the scenic route (driving). Arrival via the Lake Champlain Ferry from Port Knox, NY would be the ideal approach!

The hotel has been recently refurbished, so there are no plans for jackhammers in the atrium this year. We have a very large meeting room which should give everyone a chance to spread out.

At this time we are not sure whether there will be any formal tours, as these have not been too well-attended in the recent past. If nothing else, we will try to arrange a tour of the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory.

More details to follow in future *Bulletins*.

Stamp Society's 89th Annual Convention. The official dates are August 3-7, with Early-Birds on the 2nd. Call the hotel at 866-716-8120 or 802-865-6620 by July 1 to reserve your room at the \$109.00 per night special Convention rate, at least a 30% savings

## Dan Baugher New Perfins Club Treasurer

President Bob Szymanski has announced that Dan Baugher (#3825) has volunteered to serve as the Perfins Club Treasurer effective immediately. Dan replaces Steve Endicott who recently took on the U.S. Catalog Editor job. Thanks Steve for all of your hard work as Treasurer and Welcome Dan!

The Treasurer's files and the Club's financial accounts have been transferred to Dan and he is up and running. A new PayPal account has been established. It is [perfin@charter.net](mailto:perfin@charter.net). Please start using this new PayPal

account immediately as the old one ([perfin@comcast.net](mailto:perfin@comcast.net)) will be discontinued soon. While the PayPal account is available to all members, U.S. members are encouraged to use a check to save the club the PayPal transaction fees.

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## New Members Q & A

### Can all U. S. perfin patterns be found on definitives or are some found only on air mail, commemoratives, parcel post or special delivery stamps?

Maybe yes, but probably not—it depends on how the collector defines “definitive”. That evasive answer should not present a problem; every collector decides what is to be collected and how it is to be displayed/mounted without knowing the total universe of possible collectables.

Some collectors of U. S. perfins consider definitives to be those stamps that are regular issues of the Postal Service (USPS), possibly including the first six airmail stamps. Others, who mount their stamps face down, are sometimes guided by the size and shape of the stamp and some collect only “vertical” definitives. The confounding issue with mounting face down by shape and size is that from 1927-32 there were several commemoratives that were the same shape and size as definitives. Finally, there are some one-of-a-kind “A” rated patterns that have been found only on commemoratives. When more of the same pattern are found, they may be on definitives.

Again, the answer to “Can all U. S. perfin patterns be found on definitives,” lies, to a large extent on one’s

definition of what constitutes a definitive stamp. For purposes of this exercise, it has been suggested (by Bob Schwerdt) that we refer to the definition found in the 1966 Edition of R. J. Sutton’s *Stamp Collectors Encyclopedia*: “Definitive—a stamp intended for normal everyday use usually put on sale for an indefinite period as distinct from a provisional, commemorative or charity stamp.”

Using Sutton’s definition all that is left for the collector to decide is whether, for the purpose of the collection under consideration, airmail stamps are definitives or provisionals and proceed with the search. In a lifetime of collecting, the likelihood of one finding 90% of what is known to exist is remote at best. Nevertheless, is it not the “hunt” that keeps collectors motivated?

*If new members have questions they would like to have answered, or other members have suggestions or alternative answers to this or previous questions, please mail them to Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34749-0450 or [flprepers@comcast.net](mailto:flprepers@comcast.net).*

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## 1902 Checklist - Update

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Several members have recently been working together to update the 1902 checklist prepared by Dick Mewhinney in 1985. Currently, the new checklist is 24 pages long and includes 1,171 perfin patterns on this early U.S. stamp series, which was in use when perfins were first authorized in the United States in 1908. The checklist documents the denominations that have been found for each pattern in this series. An amazing 2,778 unique combination of denominations and perfin patterns have been confirmed to date for this series, including six copies of the elusive two-cent Scott #301 stamp!

Before we complete this update, we would like to hear from any member who has perfins in the 1902 issue so that yours are included also. Your responses will be kept confidential and reported anonymously, just indicating the existence of the perfin.

In your reply, please report each item by perfin pattern and denomination. Please include the two-cent 1903 Shield issue (Scott #319), but report it separately from the original two-cent issue (Scott #301). You should confirm that you are including the 1902 perforation 12, \$2 and \$5 issues (Scott #312 and #313), and that you are excluding the later 1916 perforation 10, \$2 and \$5 issues (Scott #479 and #480).

Please mail or email your list to Steve Endicott by June 1, 2010. (My contact information is on page 30.) We will then compile the complete checklist for distribution to interested members. Currently, we plan to make it available thru Dave Lightle, Publication Sales Manager. An electronic version will also be available upon request.

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## Meet a Member

### Art Mongan - LM#3443

Who else do you know of who flunked out of Army Office Candidate School, was dropped from Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, and if had been found guilty of charges while in the Army in Germany would have been transferred to an administrative slot with the group that became the Central Intelligence Agency. I am that person.

I was born two years before the 1929 stock market crash and grew up near a small village about 75 miles from New York City. Like many boys in my generation, I tuned in the Ivory Stamp Club and Captain Tim. I still have my album (2 Ivory soap wrappers and a dime).

I started out to be a chemist but it was eleven years from high school to collage graduation. A chance remark about electron flow in chemical reactions got me into applied electronics and a change of college major to physics. After graduation I worked ten years with the Marine Corps and Navy as a field electronics engineer. That was followed with many years of desk and field work in military electronics and computer simulations until an advanced Navy attack aircraft was cancelled and I took early retirement.

Like most stamp collectors there were many interruptions in collecting (a letter from your friends and neighbors at the draft board or a ninety to one hundred hour a week work and travel schedule). However, unlike many stamp collectors I held on to the stamps with holes in them, especially the revenues. I had gotten heavily into revenue collecting in the late 1950's and had started a card file on foreign revenue perfins in the early 1960's .

Unfortunately, the file was lost during all of my moving around.

After retirement I spent several years doing a book of over 700 pages on the trading stamps that stores and gas stations gave to their customers years ago. About the time the book was published, Chuck Spaulding was looking for help with U.S. revenue perfins. After Chuck suddenly died, I took on the revenue perfins project and am still expanding and making changes.

What will be next? First of all, I have a project I started in about 1959 to get to a million off paper, undamaged stamps in bundles of 100. A couple years ago I was over 800,000.

Then there is an update to the "Catalog of Deposit, Rebate, Savings and Trading Stamps". There is also a "Catalog of US Union Dues and Assessments Stamps" and one on the QSL Bureau Stamps is planned. The Listing of "US Railroad Adhesive Baggage, Newspaper and Package Stamps" is now only available on CD and is currently being updated as new material shows up.

Then there is the expansion and updating the "Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs in U S Revenues and Fiscal Documents".

When I get all these projects done, I can always start on a second million bundled postage stamps or try for a million revenue stamps.

So I guess I will not get bored!!

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## Officer Elections

In 2010, as in each and every year, one or more of the Club Offices is due to be filled. This year at the Burlington Convention we will have the Office of Vice-President to be filled for the term that will run from 2011 through 2013 inclusive. The present Vice-President Doug Turner (LM#2549), has capably served in this capacity since 2006 but will not be seeking re-election.

Likewise, the Office of Secretary for the term that will

run from 2011 through 2013 inclusive will be voted on. Ken Rehfeld (#3394) has very capably served for 10 years in and is willing to continue.

Anyone wishing to place their name in nomination for these offices is welcome to do so. Please mail, e-mail or phone President Bob Szymanski prior to May 1, 2010 if you wish to place your name in nomination. Bob's contact information is on page 30.

# Private Perfin Usage Provides Proper Perfin Image for Pattern P53.3

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L)

Accidentally, a 1902 one-cent Franklin definitive in my collection fell off a picture postcard. The card illustrated below in Figure 1 is postmarked “Seattle Wash.” and is dated “Oct 27 1908”. A slogan cancel advertises the 1909 World’s Fair at Seattle.

On the picture side of the card is a scene from “Lake Washington Dennie Blaine Park Seattle” showing canoes at a concrete launching site. Obviously, the design has nothing to do with the intended fair and the picture side is not illustrated in this article.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was a world’s fair held in Seattle in 1909, publicizing the development of the Pacific Northwest. It was originally planned for 1907, to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush, but the organizers found out about the Jamestown Exposition being held that year and rescheduled.

The fair was set up on what is now the campus of the University of Washington, an area which was mostly undeveloped at the time. The layout of the Exposition and its buildings were partially funded by the state legislature, so that they could be used later by the University. Two of the buildings were still in use as of 2004, although most were poorly built and have long since been replaced. 80,000 people attended the June 1 opening, and when it closed October 16, over 3,700,000 had visited.

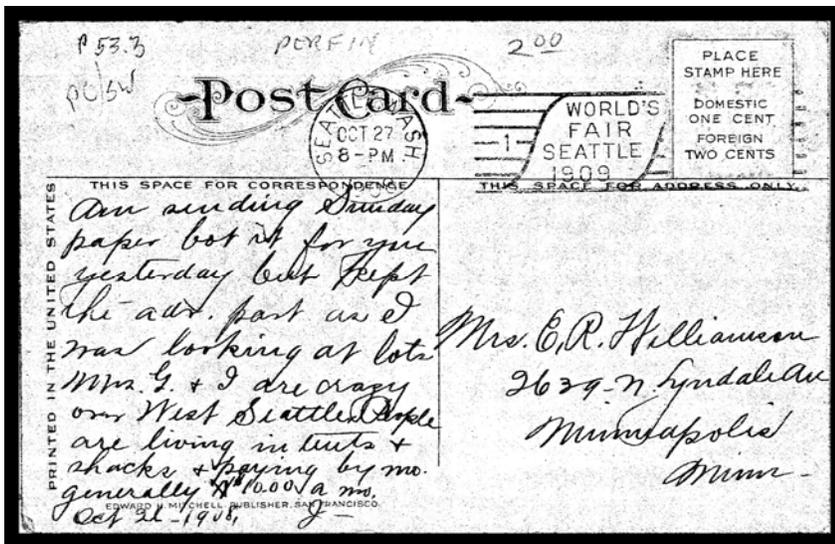


Figure 1  
Message Side of Postcard ( 77% of actual size)  
Note “World’s Fair Seattle 1909” Slogan Cancel



Figure 2  
Back of Stamp  
Pattern P53.3

The good fortune of this unfortunate detachment is that the perfin “PC/SW” provides a the proper illustration for the tracing currently shown for **P53.3** in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. (See Figure 2.) Now a true picture can be provided in the next supplement. Additional good fortune is that the perfin is an “A” rate, but the user is still a mystery. I wonder if the “SW” initials represent Seattle, Washington?

Since I am unfamiliar with the 1909 Seattle World’s Fair, I sought information at my local library. With the assistance from a librarian, the computer yielded the following information supplied by Wikipedia and Old Company Research.com. I learned that the Seattle World’s Fair was an alternate name for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

The United States Post Office Department issued a 2-cent postage stamp for the Exposition (Scott #370), depicting a profile of William Seward and inscribed “ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC/EXPOSITION-1909”. At the request of several private vending machine companies, the stamp was also issued imperforate (Scott #371); these were sold at the show by the companies as a promotion.

In addition, two machine cancellations were devised: one a flag cancellation including the words “ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC/EXPOSITION”, and the other, a straight-line design reading “WORLD’S FAIR/SEATTLE/1909”. Scott’s *Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps and Covers* lists 13 different examples of Scott #371 used by private vending machine companies.

# Paquebot Cover with Perfin

John Lyding (LM#116)

Paquebot is French for “packet boat”. The term was adopted by the Universal Postal Union in 1891 and in 1896 was clarified in the regulations for mail posted on the high seas aboard ocean-going ships. That treaty and the service still exist today.

Section 763.1 of the USPS *International Mail Manual* states: “Mail posted aboard commercial vessels on the high seas may bear postage stamps of the country whose flag the vessel flies. On arrival at the port, an office of that ship must give the mail to the post office of the foreign city. That post office must cancel the stamps and dispatch the items. If the

at this office was familiar with PAQUEBOT mail.

- Canal Zone 15¢ deep green 1978 Towing Locomotive Ship in Lock (Scott #165) - Actual information goes well with the 1979 postmark.
- Perfin Christmas Tree - Perfin pattern **Des. 44.5P** owned by Joseph Balough. Joe was a member of the Perfins Club and he, along with his wife Dorothy, prepared the first *Catalog of United States Perfins* in 1979.
- Addressee - George Consentini is a postal historian and APO/FPO expert. In addition to being a frequent philatelic exhibitor, Consentini, along with Norman Gruenzer, is the author of *United States Numbered Post Offices Assignments and Locations 1941-1944*.
- Circular PAQUEBOT marker West Sacramento, CA Posted at Sea 95691 - The ZIP code of that Post Office.

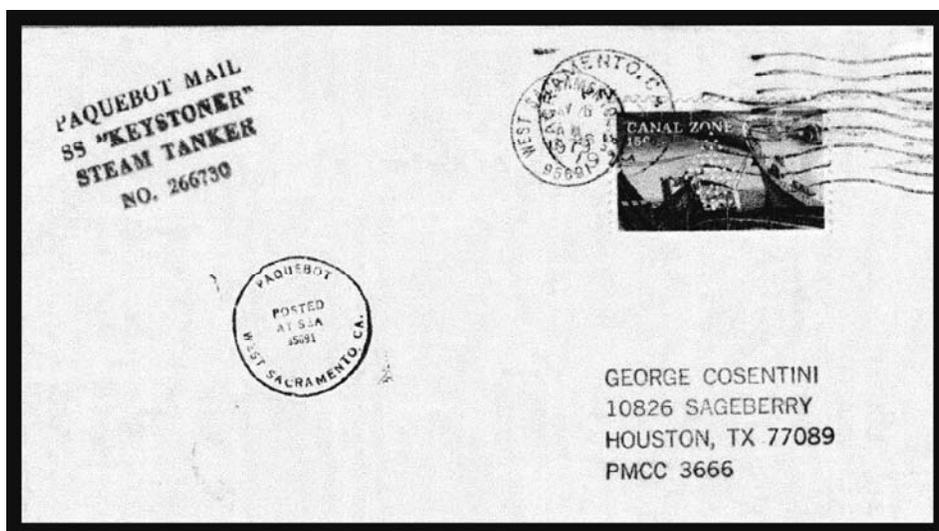


Figure 1  
1979 Paquebot Cover with perfin (80% of actual size)

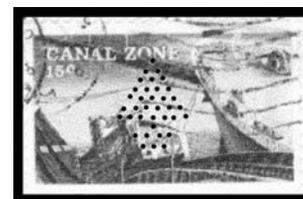


Figure 2  
Stamp from Cover (actual size)  
Perfin darkened

stamps are foreign, the Post Office facility must use a special *Paquebot* postmark or apply the word “PAQUEBOT” to the envelope in ink or with a rubber stamp.”

Here is what I was able to determine about the cover illustrated in Figure 1 above and its various markings, starting with the smaller of the two cancels and going around the cover in a clockwise direction:

- CDS West Sacramento, CA 95691 6 May 1979 - West Sacramento is a city in Yolo County, California. It is contiguous with Sacramento, but the two cities are separated by the Sacramento River.
- CDS Sacramento, CA (ZIP Unreadable) date? 1979 - No one that I could reach by telephone

- PAQUEBOT MAIL SS “KEYSTONER” STEAM TANKER NO. 266730 - The number 266730 is the United States Coast Guard Documentation Number for the ship that was originally owned by the Keystone Tankship Corporation. That company was eventually purchased by a shipping subsidiary of EXXON ending the trail of *Keystoner*.

Unfortunately, the current level of mail posted aboard ocean-going ships is very low and today PAQUEBOT mail is virtually unknown. I attempted to use PAQUEBOT mail during several cruises to no avail. In general, cruise ships make stamps of their next port available for the use of the passengers and, unlike the movie *Titanic*, modern day cruise ships no longer have post offices or carry mail.

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## Paquebot Cover with Perfin (cont.)

During the peer review of this article, it was pointed out that club members outside of California may not realize that Sacramento is nearly 100 miles inland from San Francisco. The Sacramento River, which flows into the northern arm of the San Francisco Bay, is a significant navigable river that has been and is used for transporting grain and other farm produce from California's prolific Central Valley to worldwide markets. So, this PAQUEBOT cover involves an inland port that some might be surprised

is used by large oceangoing vessels.

I dislike attempting to write about anything until I know all of the facts. Fortunately on those occasions when I have really barked up the wrong tree, an eagle-eyed editor or reviewer has saved me from becoming a laughing stock. This perfin cover took me down some interesting alleys and added several postal history facts to our perfin collecting knowledge.

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## Help Needed - Perfin Club Cover Sales

Millard (Bill) Driscoll (LM#71)

Over the past several weeks, sales of covers by the Perfin Club Cover Sales Division have been virtually non-existent. The primary reason seems to be due to the fact that the current inventory of available covers have already been seen by members wanting this type of material. Also, the number of members requesting perfin covers is limited.

How can I help you may ask. If you have any surplus perfin covers that you no longer need, send them to me. I will price them if you desire or you may price them yourself. You will receive payment quarterly from the club Treasurer for all of your covers are sold during that quarter. A flat fee of 20% of the sales price goes directly to the Perfins Club.

If you have not purchased perfin covers from Club's Cover Sales Division in the past, give it a try. Let me know what areas you are seeking. If what you are looking for is not currently available, your

information will be kept on file. When a cover comes in that meets your requirement, you will be contacted.

Many covers are priced at \$1 to \$5. More expensive ones are frequently available. All covers are sent to you on approval, with the buyer paying postage and insurance both ways. Photocopies of particular covers can be made and mailed to you if that is desired. For those with computer access, covers can be scanned and the picture emailed to you. This is especially helpful for our members that live outside the U.S. Every effort will be made to make your purchase easy.

Give the Perfins Club Cover Sales Division a chance to help you fine tune, develop and/or expand your collection while helping the club at the same time. Contact Millard J. (Bill) Driscoll, 301 Driver Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483-2961, email: [mrdiscoll@sc.rr.com](mailto:mrdiscoll@sc.rr.com). You will be glad you did!!

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## Convention Planning

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Usually, at this time of year I present all the reasons why every member should try to get to the annual convention. This year's convention will be held in Burlington, Vermont - reason enough for everyone not familiar with this part of God's earth to want to come. Likewise, there are many perfin collectors to meet and perfins to be added to your collections as well. Well, this year I won't give you all the reasons to attend the convention.

What I will ask is that members who think that they can make the convention submit any size list of perfins that they would like to see at the convention for sale or trade so that other members who will be

attending will be certain to bring loads of these perfins for them. Please send your list to the *Bulletin* editor by April 1, 2010. Don't miss out because in the next *Bulletin* there will be a list (without names) of all the types of perfins - countries, topicals, revenues, covers, "A" rated, "E" rated, U.S. material and everything in between. I am betting that when you know collectors will bring the kind of material you want - you will be there too!

Naturally, if you just want to come to have fun or to meet all the Perfin Club members who do so much to keep our club "humming", that is perfectly acceptable! I'll be looking for you there!

# Dillonvale, Ohio - Population 900

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Dillonvale is a sleepy coal mining town in southeastern Ohio on the Ohio River across from West Virginia. So how do you write a perfin article about such a town.

Well, first of all, in all my years of collecting perfins I have seen and obtained only four perfin covers showing a Dillonvale cancel. Two perfins are from the New York Central System (Figures 1 & 2) and two are from The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway

Co. (Figures 3 & 4). Figure 4 is a return reply envelope to the Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc - an insurance company. Railroad perfin covers, whether the envelopes are official railroad business or stamps that may have been sold to rail passengers, can be found from almost every town that has railroad tracks in or near that town. If you only keep your eyes open, you may find a connection with many different places across our country or throughout the world.



Figure 1  
New York Central System Cover - Dillonvale, Ohio Postmark "Jan 25 1941" - Perfin N182  
(Strip electronically cropped from cover and shortened)

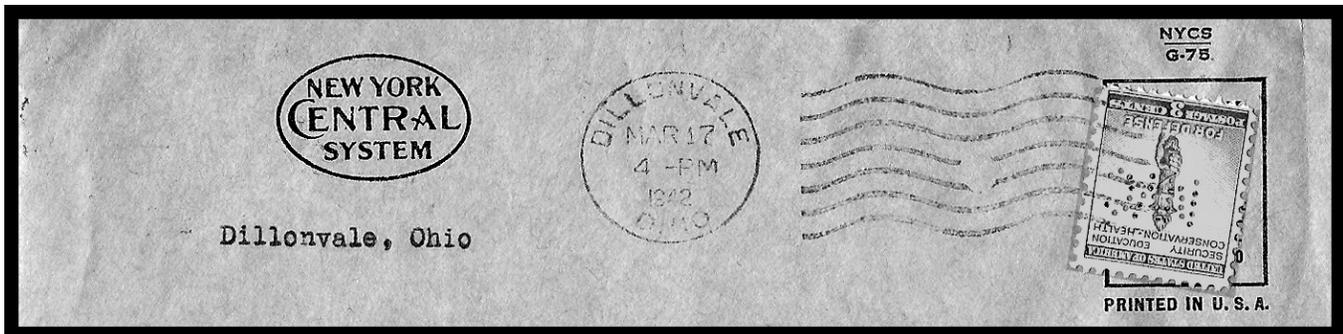


Figure 2  
New York Central System Cover - Dillonvale, Ohio Postmark "Mar 17 1942" - Perfin N182  
(Strip electronically cropped from cover and shortened)



Figure 3  
The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Co. Cover - Dillonvale, Ohio Postmark "Apr 10 1947" - Perfin W 120  
(Strip electronically cropped from cover and shortened)

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## Dillonvale, Ohio - Population 900 (cont.)

Why Dillonvale, Ohio? There are two reasons very close to my heart - my paternal grandfather and my nephew. Tragically, my grandfather Frank Szymanski died in his mid-thirties buried in an open pit mine collapse at the start of WWI, leaving my dad and six siblings orphans. Upon receiving a small settlement from the coal company my grandmother quickly moved the family to Cleveland, Ohio. This is where I was born and raised and where most of my surviving relatives live.

This makes my grandfather my nephew Dennis Szymanski's great grandfather. Dennis was the only youngster I ever encountered who wanted to know everything about coins and stamps. We bonded quite early and Dennis was in business selling stamps as a young teenager. One day he asked his

mother to take him to the library which sort of shocked her because he did not frequent the library, but he insisted and she obliged. Upon coming out she wondered why Dennis did not have any borrowed books. His answer was that he met a stamp collector who wanted a stamp that he had and he made a quick \$20.00! "Don't worry mom, I'll get you a couple of bucks for gas and your time!" was Dennis' reply.

Dennis was one of our Perfins Club's newest members when he suddenly passed away this past October from cancer. He was 50. The last ten years of his life were spend buying and selling postcards. Yes, I'll miss my best perfin postcard provider but I will very, very much more miss a nice fellow who I am proud to call my nephew.

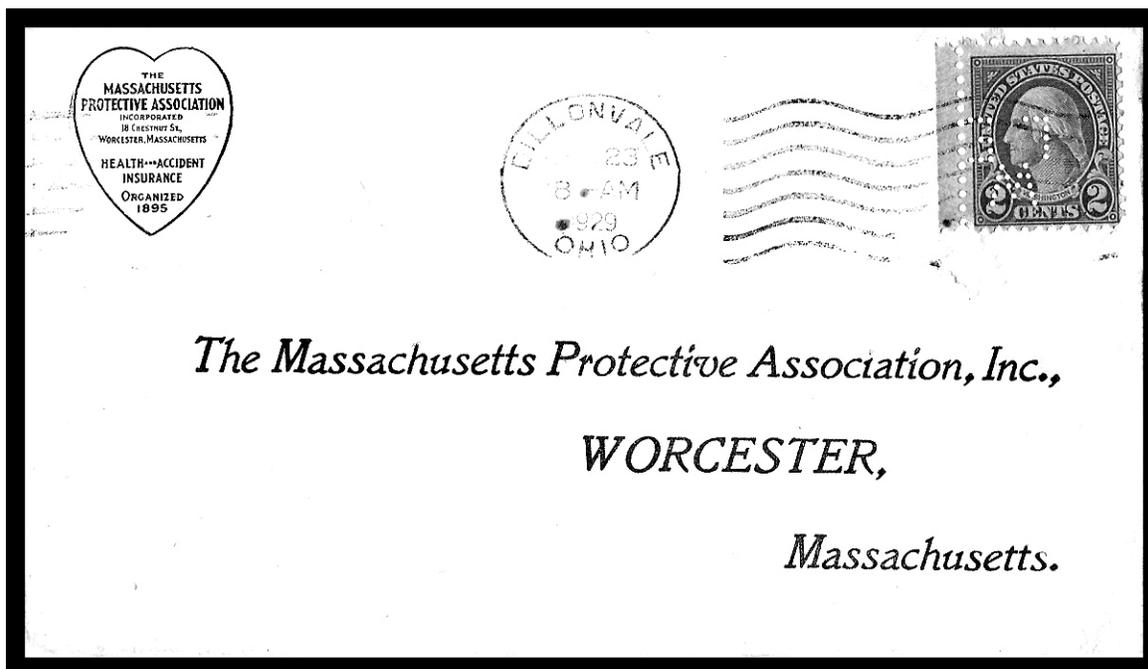


Figure 4

The Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc. Return Reply Cover  
Dillonvale, Ohio Postmark "? 23 1929" - The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Co. Perfin W120

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### \* \* Hallock Card Award Nominations \* \*

The Hallock Card Award is made periodically to an individual member of the Perfins Club in recognition of outstanding service to the Club and to perfins philately. This year the Hallock Card Award Committee Chairperson is Bob Schwerdt (#505-L). Kurt Oppenheimer (LM#86) and Paul Mistretta (LM#111) will also serve on this committee. All three are past recipients of the Club's most distinguished and prestigious award. Please forward

any suggested nominees for this prestigious award along with the reasons why that member deserves recognition to one of the committee members for review by May 15, 2010. Contact information is: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie NY 12603-5231; or Kurt Oppenheimer, 462 W. Walnut, Long Beach NY 11561-3133, [oak462@optonline.net](mailto:oak462@optonline.net); or Paul Mistretta, 4148 Commodore Dr., Atlanta GA 30341-1533, [pamistretta@earthlink.net](mailto:pamistretta@earthlink.net).

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# My Favorite Perfins

Dick Scheper (#3311)

One of my most favorite perfin areas is formed by the perfins of Tsarist Russia.

About 18 years ago, being a collector of Russian postal history, I sometimes came across Russian stamps with perfins. What first attracted me to these perfins was their obscurity. Very few people outside the well-informed circle of Russophile philatelists know anything about the use of perfins in the postage stamps of Tsarist Russia. Of course, the near total lack of literature about this subject is the primary culprit.

Now, after having studied Russian perfins and their related postal history for a number of years, my knowledge has grown significantly, but there are still things shrouded in darkness. By putting bits and pieces together from many sources, my research made it possible to get at least a certain picture to help understand the different motives for the use of all kinds of Russian perfins.

Based on those different motives my collection is divided into seven chapters. Following are four pages from one of these chapters - *Official perfins in Russian postage stamps*. While the pages are written in Dutch, I have translated the relevant information below.

Bulletin Page 39. Perfins of the Moscow post offices can be recognized by the initials "M.P." (in Cyrillic letters), followed by the Latin number of that particular Moscow sub office. Most Moscow sub offices only used one perforator. Thus, for those sub offices only one perfin pattern is known. However, a very few sub offices used two different perforators. The reason for using a new perforator could be that the original perforator had to be repaired or that the original perforator was lost and had to be replaced. Therefore, for some Moscow sub offices we encounter two different perfin patterns. Page 39 shows different multiple perfin patterns of the Moscow sub offices No. 9, 12, and 34.

Bulletin Page 40. This page presents perfin "M.P./23" of the Moscow sub office No. 23 in a variety of Russian postage stamps issued during 1902 to 1917. The imperforate high denomination stamps 3.50 ruble (light green & claret) and 7 ruble (pink & blue-green), issued in 1917, are the only recorded examples of these two stamps with a Russian perfin.

Bulletin Page 41. The Central Post and Telegraph Office in Lodz used the perfin "L Ts P T K". The Cyrillic letters stand for: **L**odz **T**sentralnaja **P**ochtove-**T**elegrafnaja **K**ontora. You need two connecting large stamps to show this complete perfin pattern. The bottom row on this page shows four perfins "L.O." (**L**odz **O**krug or **L**odz **O**tdelenie), a sub office of the Lodz Head Post Office.

Bulletin Page 42. This page shows another large perfin pattern. It is the perfin "MINSK" in Cyrillic letters. The Russian post offices were free to choose the perfin text that they wanted to use. Many of these post offices used perfins with perforated initials only, like the Moscow post offices. However, the post offices of Minsk and Kiev used a perforator that produced perfins showing the name of the town where the post office was located. The document on page 42 has four complete perfin patterns punched completely through the stamps and document. It is the only one recorded with perfins of the Minsk post office.

I am preparing a handbook & catalogue of Russian perfins which I intend to publish later this year. If you have any Russian perfin(s) in your collection, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a scan or a clear photocopy. Documents are rare, but if you have any please send me a scan or photocopy of front and back of those also. My contact information is: Dick Scheper; Hogeland 1; NL-2264 JX Leidschendam; NETHERLAND or email me at [dick.scheper@planet.nl](mailto:dick.scheper@planet.nl).

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## \* \* Floyd Walker Award Nominations \* \*

As Editor of *The Perfins Bulletin*, Ken Masters is soliciting nominations for the Floyd Walker Award. This award is presented for "scholarly research or time spent on article(s) and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of U.S. and worldwide perfin collecting". This year's award is

given for work that appeared in *Bulletin* during calendar year 2009. Club members are encouraged to forward the name of any other member whose contribution(s) to the *Bulletin* best exemplifies these qualifications to Ken by May 15, 2010. His contact information is on page 30.

## De perfin van Rusland

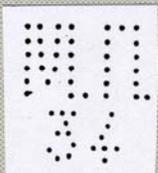
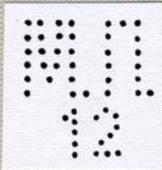
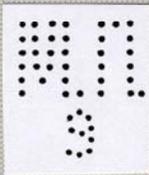
### 3. Ambtelijke perforaties van postkantoren

#### 3.4 De perforatie vormt de initialen van het postkantoor

##### Moskou

Van de meeste postkantoren in Moskou is bekend dat zij een eigen perforator hebben gebruikt. De perfin bestaat uit de Cyrillische letters M.П. (M.P.) van Moskou Pochtamt (hoofdkantoor), gevolgd door het nummer van het (hulp) postkantoor (nummers 1 t/m 69).

Per kantoor vertonen de letters en/of cijfers soms kleine verschillen waardoor het aantal perforatiegaten varieert.



De perfin van Rusland

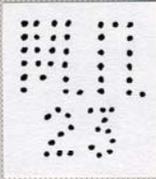
3. Ambtelijke perforaties van postkantoren

3.4 De perforatie vormt de initialen van het postkantoor

Moskou (hulp)postkantoor No. 23

1910-1918

M.P. = Moskou Pochtamt



De perfins van Rusland

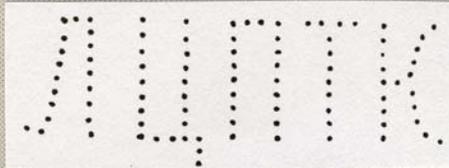
3. Ambtelijke perforaties van postkantoren

3.4 De perforatie vormt de initialen van het postkantoor

Lodz centrale post- en telegraafkantoor

1911-1913

L Ts P T K = Lodz Tsentralnaja Pochtovo-Telegrafnaja Kontora



P T K



L Ts



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Ts P T



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T K



L Ts P

Lodz districtkantoor

1915

L.O. = Lodz Okroeg

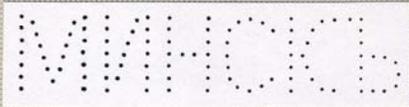


De perfins van Rusland

3. Ambtelijke perforaties van postkantoren

3.5 De perforatie vormt de plaatsnaam van het postkantoor

Minsk postkantoor



27-2-1915 Postwissel van 2.047 roebel en 3 kopeken. Verzonden van Dolginovo (in Litauen) naar de Kamer van Financiën in Minsk. De perfin 'MINSK' is viermaal in de postwissel en de zegels aangebracht.

# Easy Perfin! Uncommon Use!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

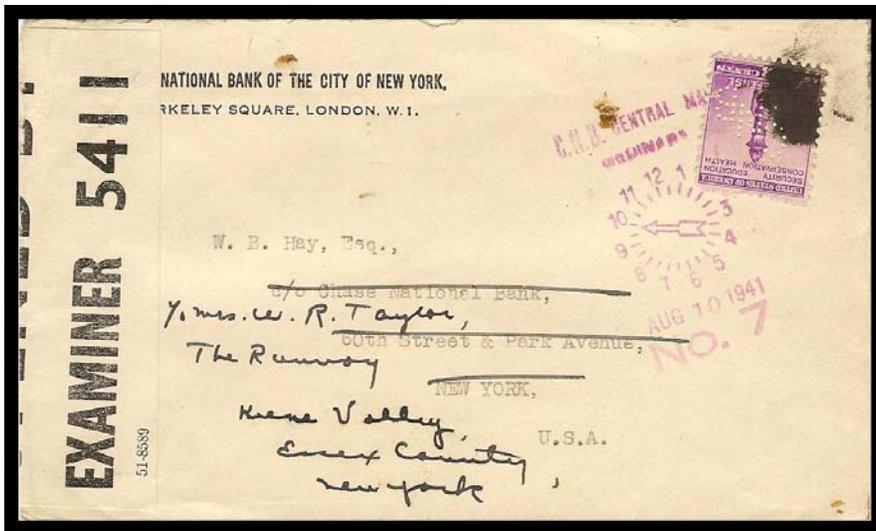
Like most perfin collectors, I do not get too excited with most "F" rated perfins. Oh, once in awhile they are in an uncommon or even valuable stamp and they have some redeeming quality but... on a cover?

Pictured below in Figures 1 and 2 is such an item. Although this perfin **C219** on cover will not add anything new to the knowledge of this user, its very use is an interesting piece of postal history.

The return address for the cover is the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, London, England, and it is addressed to a person in care of their New York address. It is date and time stamped "10 (am or pm?), Aug 10 1941". England is at war with Germany at that time while the US is still neutral, if in name only. Thus, we have a censored cover - a nice addition to any perfin collection!

As there is no evidence that any postage was affixed in London, it appears that this cover was transported as pouch mail, probably by air, from London to New York. The "Aug 10 1941" time/date marking was applied upon its arrival in New York at the Chase National Bank. The **C291** perfined stamp (Scott #901) was added, partially covering the time/date marking. The cover was then forwarded to the addressee as evidenced by the penned address and the "Aug 11 1941" cancel on the back.

I never realized that pouch mail was censored but here is a clear example. I hope that you agree that this is a very interesting perfin use! So, keep your eyes open as you never know what interesting item will turn up that you may be able to share with our readers.



**Figure 1**  
Front of Censored Cover  
Note: Perfined Stamp Partially  
Covers "Time and Date" Mark  
(Cover 75% of actual size)

**Figure 2**  
Back of Censored Cover  
Note: New York Forwarding  
Postmark of "Aug 11 1941" is  
only one day after the "Time  
and Date" Mark



# Colorful Advertising Cover ID's Pattern P193

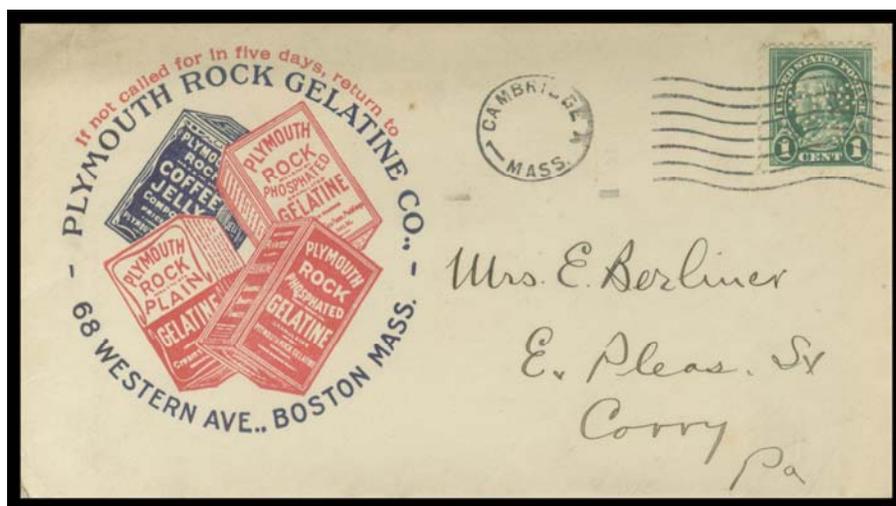
Bill Lesh (#3718)

While visiting a local stamp/antique dealer, I spotted the very colorful cover shown in Figure 1 below. While looking at it closer, I also noticed a colorful little recipe booklet inside. This was probably the only perfin the dealer had in his store and it was attractively priced. While it did not really fit into my California perfins collection, I thought it was worth saving so I bought it.

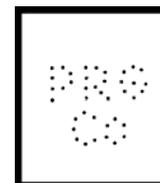
A few months later, I forwarded a photocopy of the cover and the recipe booklet to the *Bulletin* Editor to share with our members. He replied that he had sent the photocopy on to the U.S. Catalog Editor, who confirmed the perfin as pattern **P193**, a previously unidentified A rate (Figure 2). A real gem has been found! "Plymouth Rock Gelatine Co., Boston, MA will be listed as the verified user for pattern **P193** in the next A&C.

A search of the Internet by the Editor provided some limited information about Plymouth Rock Gelatine Co. It appears the company started business in 1888 as the "Clement B. Tower & Co., Plymouth Rock Gelatine"<sup>1</sup>. Then in 1889 the company patented its "Phosphated Gelatine"<sup>2</sup>. The first mention found of a street address is in a 1913 directory<sup>3</sup> which lists "Plymouth Rock Gelatine Co., 68 Western Avenue, Boston" - the same address as the cover's corner card. The company's product is also referenced in numerous cookbooks published in the 1900's thru 1920's.

When I purchased this cover, I never imagined that it was so interesting and would add so much to our knowledge of perfins and the companies that used them. If you see an item that looks interesting to you, purchase it if possible because you never know what you may have found!



**Figure 1**  
Front of Plymouth Rock Gelatine Co. cover (70% of actual size.)  
Franked with Perfin P193



**Figure 2**  
Perfin electronically  
"lifted" from cover.

The 8-page recipe booklet enclosed inside the cover is almost as interesting as the cover itself. The front of the booklet (Figure 3) illustrates several gelatin deserts, presumably made using the company's products. The back (Figure 4) shows the packaging along with who mailed out the booklet. The first two inside pages tell a fairly strong sales message to the customer while the last two pages are several recipes using the product. Finally, the center pages separate the message from the recipes with illustrations of the result of the recipes (Figures 5 & 6). I wonder if they really came out looking this good?

## References:

1. Knight, J.K., Davis, E., & Humphrey, H; "Memorial Sketch of Hyde Park, Mass., 1868-1888"; L. Barta & Co., Printers; 1888.
2. Gelatine: Encyclopedia of Food & Culture; [www.enotes.com/food-encyclopedia/gelatin](http://www.enotes.com/food-encyclopedia/gelatin).
3. "A Directory of Massachusetts Manufacturers"; Wright & Porter Printing Company; 1913.

Colorful Advertising Cover ID's Pattern P193 (cont.)

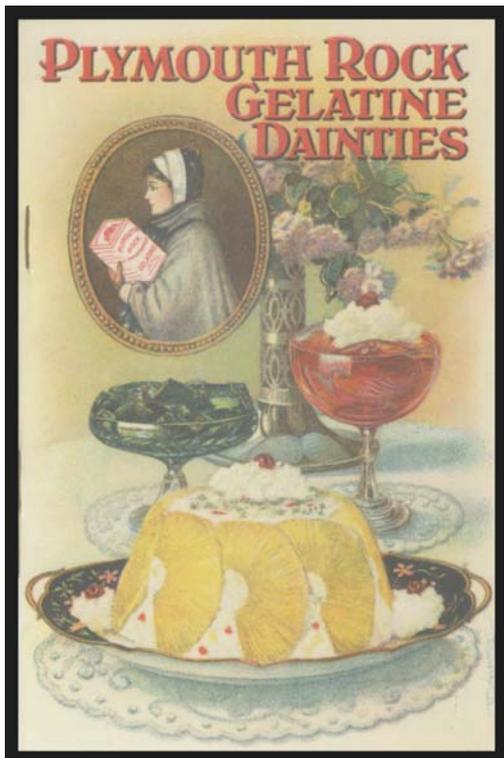


Figure 3  
Front of Recipe Booklet  
(70% of actual size)

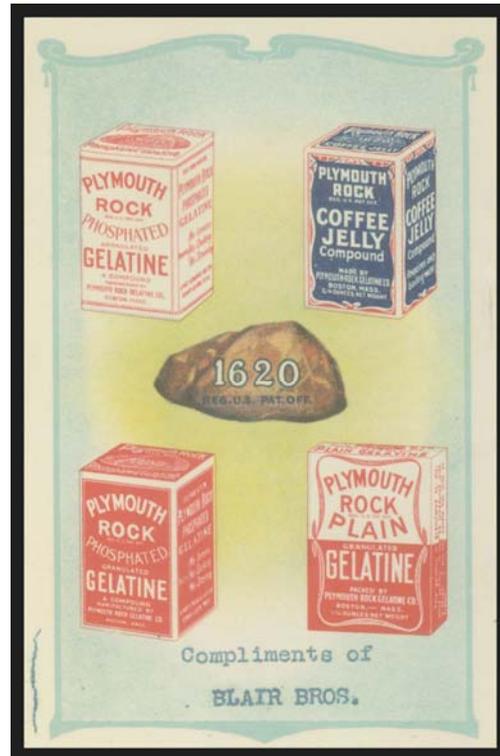


Figure 4  
Back of Recipe Booklet  
(70% of actual size)

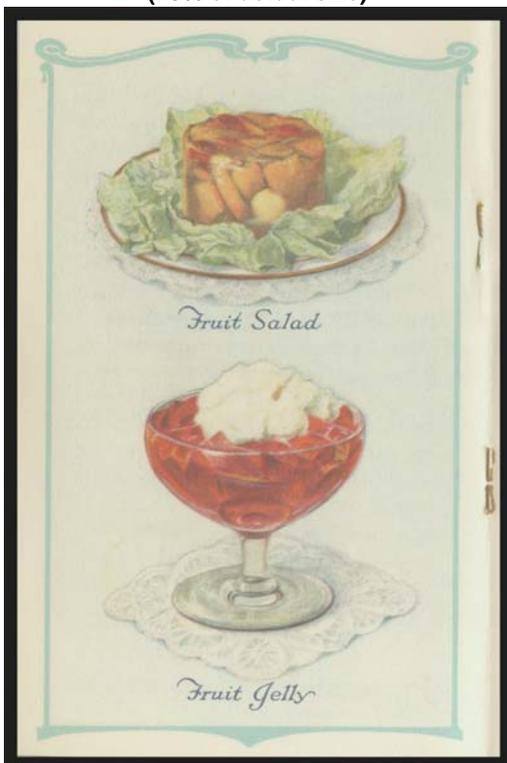


Figure 5  
Inside page showing results  
(70% of actual size)

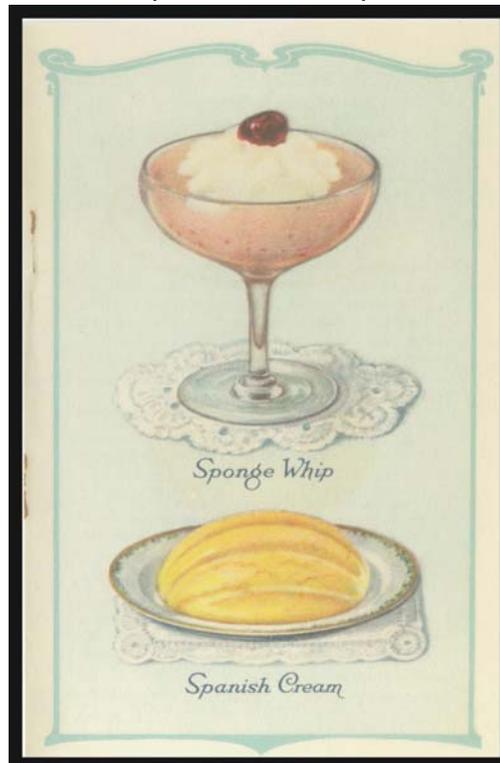


Figure 6  
Inside page showing results  
(70% of actual size)

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# The Story of the Stamp on the Sticker

Dave Smith (#1514)

This year's Perfins Club Annual Convention Sticker, shown below, features the Burlington, Vermont perfinned precancel on a 1914 2-cent Washington stamp.

Burlington has only one perfinned precancel. The "CW/S" perfin in this stamp, pattern C376, was used by The Charles Williams Stores, New York, NY. They were a mail order business and shipped



merchandise by rail to regional facilities for distribution by local mail. The supplemental pages in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* documents 14 cities in 13 states (from Montana to Alabama to Vermont) where their perfinned precancels have been found. So, it would appear that, at one time, the company sold items nation-wide.

The following was taken from an article in the March 1, 1913 issue of *The New York Times*<sup>1</sup>:

Following reports in the press that Montgomery Ward & Co., a Chicago mail-order house, will shortly establish a branch office in this city (New York) comes the announcement of the incorporation of the Charles Williams Stores. The store will carry every line of merchandise except automobiles and undertakers' supplies. It is the purpose of the organizers of this business to enter the general mail-order field and cater to the consumer direct by means of catalogues and newspaper and magazine advertising. Aside from a few specialty houses and some department stores featuring certain classes of merchandise, no comprehensive attempt has ever been made to build a genuine mail-order business in the City of New York.

Prior to this time, mail-order businesses had been concentrated in Chicago.

A 1922 fall and winter Charles Williams Stores catalog (number 37) was recently listed for sale on eBay. Part of the eBay advertisement for the catalog stated:

This is a wonderful look at life and fashion of 1922!!! Includes a little bit of everything: COATS, HATS, PURSES . . . UNDERWEAR, KID'S CLOTHING, SOCKS, MEN'S CLOTHING . . . RUGS, CLOCKS, PENS, JEWELRY . . . BABY CARRIAGES, BIKES . . . WINCHESTER RIFLES, SMITH & WESSON REVOLVERS, GOLF CLUBS . . . AUTO SUPPLIES, PHONOGRAPHS, VIOLINS, BANJOS, ACCORDIANS . . . FURNITURE, DISHES, . . . TOYS, BEAUTY SUPPLIES, FARM GOODS, BOILERS, STOVES, etc. . . etc.

At one time the company appeared to have exclusive rights to sell Simplicity patterns. It is possible that Charles Williams Stores was in financial trouble by 1927 when they sold the Simplicity name. Late in 1929 the Charles Williams Stores was acquired by National Bellas Hess, another mail-order house.

Reference:

1. "Free Articles from March 1913 Part 4" *The New York Times*, [http://spiderbites.nytimes.com/free\\_1913/articles\\_1913\\_03\\_00003.html](http://spiderbites.nytimes.com/free_1913/articles_1913_03_00003.html).

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The Convention Sticker was designed by Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710) and the image of the perfinned precancel is courtesy of Dave Smith. Jerry adds that the Burlington, Vermont perfinned precancel is known on only two denominations.

Everyone attending the Burlington Convention may pick up a sticker at the Perfins Club table. If you are not able to attend the Convention or would like to have a few to promote the Convention, please contact Jerry Hejduk. His contact information is on page 30.]

# Perfins, Chads, Dimples, Extra Holes and Florida Elections !

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

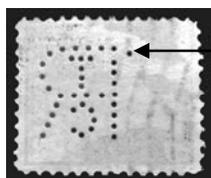
Many of us are occasionally perplexed when we find a perfin that matches a pattern in the Catalog but has an extra hole. Is this a new pattern? Probably not. Why not?

The pins in perforator devices were not always exactly of identical length. Thus, if an excessive number of sheets or blocks of stamps was placed in a perforator, the holes in the bottom sheet(s) might not be completely punched. This resulted in hanging chads, chads, and dimples. In cases where the bottom sheet(s) was already punched with perfins and was then inserted into the perforator a second time, partial double punches occur.

By definition, a chad is a partially punched hole more or less fully attached to the surrounding paper; a hanging chad is a partially punched hole with the punched out paper circle barely hanging on to the surrounding paper; and a dimple is a circular impression from the pin that does not break the surface of the paper but rather indents it. Does this sound familiar, as in the recent national election results that were contested in Florida?

Collectors should carefully check the back of the perforated stamp with the "extra" hole with a high-powered magnifying glass to eliminate the possibility of a partial double punch. Shinning a light source at the stamp at an angle can also be helpful in spotting chads and dimples.

An example of this is provided in the following illustrations. Figures 1 and 2 show a copy of pattern **R136A**, which at normal size appears to be a new version of **R136A** with a control hole outside the top, back edge of the letter "R".



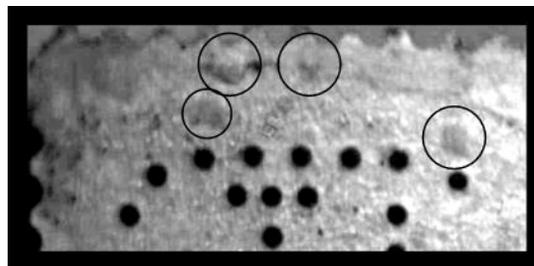
**Figure 1**  
Back of Stamp  
Note "New" hole



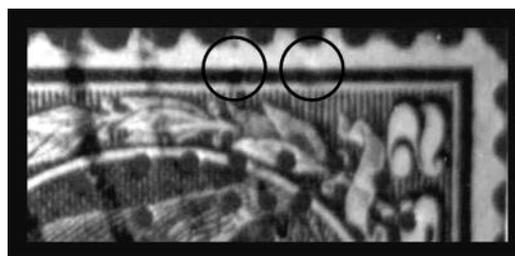
**Figure 2**  
Front of Stamp

However, with a magnifying glass (illustrations with 400% magnification are used here) we can spot a

chad at the top of the stamp (far above the letter "T") where the paper is clearly broken. We can also spot several dimples from other pins. These are circled in Figures 3 and 4. If you look very closely, you might also spot additional dimples.



**Figure 3**  
Excerpt from Back of Stamp  
One "chad" and three "dimples" circled.  
(400% of Actual Size)



**Figure 4**  
Excerpt from Front of Stamp  
One "chad" and one "dimple" circled.  
(400% of Actual Size)

Therefore, it is concluded that this is not a new pattern, but is a partial double punch. It was probably the result of inadvertently placing stamps that already contained the **R136A** perfin on the bottom of a large stack of stamps before they were inserted into the perforator a second time.

If you have a stamp where the perfin is similar to an existing pattern and also has an additional hole in a new location, look at it very carefully from all angles using a magnifying glass. If after this careful study, you remain convinced that you have found a new item, then please submit it to the Catalog Editor. Also, the Catalog Editor always appreciates seeing multiples of stamps where the perfin pattern differs significantly or even slightly from stamp to stamp.

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## Additional User for Pattern C360

Dan Baugher (#3825)

I recently purchased the perfin cover shown below from a dealer at a stamp show here in the St. Louis area. The cover's initial appeal was the fact that the user shown in the corner card, "Inter-State and Dominion Collection Agency", did not seem to match the perfin. Secondly, when I noticed the user's Louisville, Ky. return address, I definitely wanted this cover.

The verified user for pattern **C360** "C(W)" is identified in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* as "P.F. Collier and Son, New York, NY". In the Catalog's supplemental information section, "Colliers National Weekly, New York, NY" is identified as an alternate user. The supplemental section also indicates that this pattern has been found with a postmark from Louisville KY. Thus, there appears to be a connection.

A search of the Internet yielded the March 1912 issue of the *Bulletin of the Commercial Law League of America*, where it mentions that Interstate & Dominion Collection Agency from Louisville, KY was the collection agency for *Collier's Weekly*.

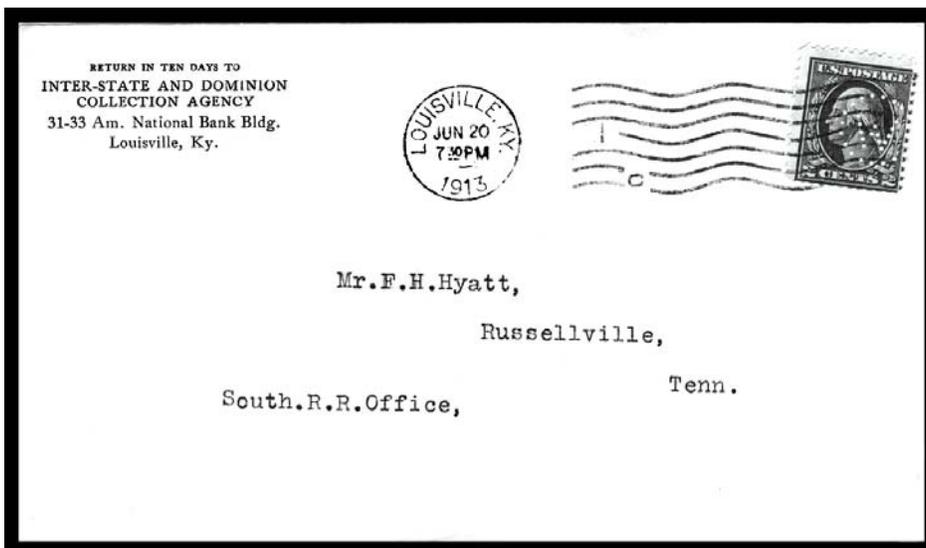
An additional Internet search revealed that Peter Fenelon Collier founded *Collier's Once a Week* in April 1888. It was advertised as a magazine of "fiction, fact, sensation, wit, humor, news". By 1892

it had a circulation of over 250,000 and was one of the largest selling magazines in the United States.

In 1895 its name was changed to *Collier's Weekly: An Illustrated Journal*. At that time the magazine concentrated on news and became a leading exponent of the half-tone news picture. In 1914, the name was changed again to *Collier's: The National Journal* and later was shortened to *Collier's*. The magazine ceased publication on December 16, 1956.

As a result of Peter Collier's pioneering investigative journalism, *Collier's Weekly* established a reputation as a proponent of social reform. This included articles that helped persuade the U.S. Senate to pass the Pure Food and Drugs Act and the Meat Inspection Act. When attempts by various companies to sue Collier ended in failure, other magazines became involved in what Theodore Roosevelt described as "muckraking journalism." It sounds like his style of journalism is still alive and well. Peter Collier died in 1909.

A scan of the cover and the above information was forwarded to the U.S. Catalog Editor for his review and opinion. The result is that he agrees that "Inter-State and Dominion Collection Agency, Louisville, KY" is an alternate user for pattern **C360**. This new information will be added to the U.S. Perfins Catalog's next Additions & Corrections.



"C(W)" perfin on Inter-State and Dominion Collection Agency cover  
(reduced to 75% of actual size)



Stamp "electronically"  
lifted from cover  
(actual size)

# Perfins of Mexico - An Update

Bruce Brunell (#2831)

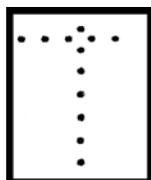
Thanks to the responses from a couple of Mexicophiles to my articles in the September/October 2009 and November/December 2009 *Bulletin* (63: 114-120 and 139-142), I have received a lot of new information and illustrations for the perfins and punches of Mexico as shown below and on the following pages. While all of this new information is not included until further research on several additional items is completed, there is certainly enough here to keep you busy trying to straighten up your Mexico listings and collection!

The naming convention established in the previous articles has been maintained. The "A" prefix is for perfins in Postal issues, "B" is for Revenues, "P" is for Punches that appear almost entirely on Revenue issues and "S" is for Specimen perfins.

In addition to the new patterns and illustrations listed below, several large cancelling perfin patterns have been showing up. They usually measure 15 mm by 30 mm and include the name of the company and the date and location. The several that I have seen all represent a brewery or distillery, so they may be a requirement of the government.

Several of the punches that were sent to me are not included because they are very close to the ones illustrated below and could be distortions from multiple stamp punching. Also, several punches that are only numbers are not included until it can be determined whether they are single numbers or part of a larger date punch.

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Reason for Update</u>
A26	"cross"	New Listing
A27	"lines"	New Listing
A28	"7"	New Listing



A26 - "cross"



A27 - "lines"

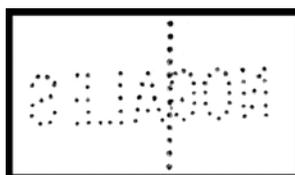


A28 - "7"  
(partial of double punch)

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Reason for Update</u>
B13	C. JUAREZ	New Listing - Partial
B15	NOGALES	Better Illustration
B17.5	CANCELADO	New Listing - 10 mm - Partial
B33.2	PASO DEL NORTE	New Listing
B33.3	PASO DEL NORTE	New Listing - Partial
B35.6	TODOS SANTOS	Other Half of Perfin for Illustration
B38	TUXPAM	Better Illustration - Correction of Spelling
B39.3	VERACRUZ	New Listing



B13 - C. JUAREZ  
(partial)

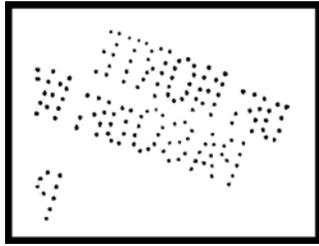


B15 - NOGALES

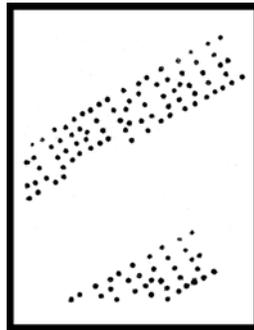


B17.5 - CANCELADO  
(10 mm high) (partial)

## Perfins of Mexico - An Update (cont.)



B33.2 - PASO DEL NORTE



B33.3 - PASO DEL NORTE  
(partial)



B35.6 - TODOS SANTOS (partial)  
(other half of previous illustration)



B38 - TUXPAM  
(correction of spelling)



B39.3 - VERACRUZ

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Reason for Update</u>
P10	1/2	Better Illustration
P20.5	ANULADO	New Listing
P25	“arrowhead”	New Pattern
P26	“flask”	New Pattern
P27	“arrow”	New Pattern
P28	“rectangle”	New Pattern
P29	“tree”	New Pattern
P30	“large heart”	New Pattern
P31	“pentagon”	New Pattern
P32	“keyhole”	New Pattern
P33	“star” (6 points)	New Pattern
P34	“hat”	New Pattern
P35	“square”	New Pattern
P36	“trefoil”	New Pattern
P37	“shield”	New Pattern
P38	“fat arrow”	New Pattern
P39	“pyramid”	New Pattern
P40	“arrow”	New Pattern
P41	“small heart”	New Pattern
P42	“spade”	New Pattern
P43	“S”	New Pattern
P44	“S”	New Pattern
P45	“C”	New Pattern
P46	“B”	New Pattern
P47	“double cross”	New Pattern
P48	“keyhole”	New Pattern
S6	MUESTRA	New pattern recently seen on eBay - Partial

## Perfins of Mexico - An Update (cont.)



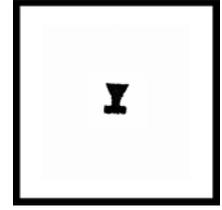
P10 - 1/2



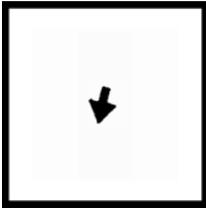
P20.5 - ANULADO



P25 - Arrowhead



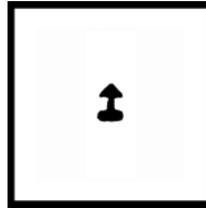
P26 - Flask



P27 - Arrow



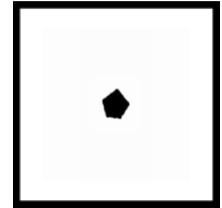
P28 - Rectangle



P29 - Tree



P30 - Large Heart



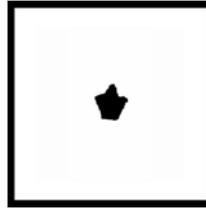
P31 - Pentagon



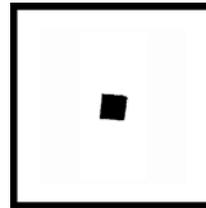
P32 - Keyhole



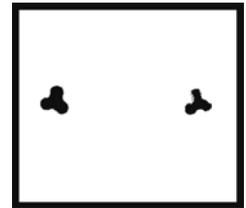
P33 - Star - 6 points



P34 - Hat



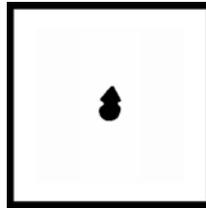
P35 - Square



P36 - Trefoil  
(double punch)



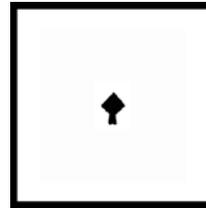
P37 - Shield



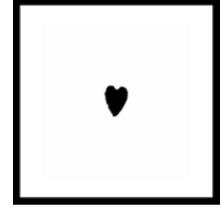
P38 - Fat Arrow



P39 - Pyramid



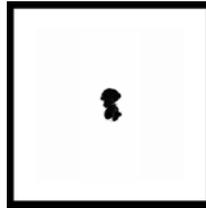
P40 - Arrow



P41 - Small Heart



P42 - Spade  
(double punch)



P43 - S



P44 - S



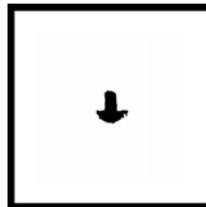
P45 - C



P46 - B



P47 - Double Cross  
(double punch)



P48 - Keyhole



S6 - MUESTRA (partial)

# Perfins Club Auction #118

## Closes April 30, 2010

**Guidelines:** Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at one advance over the next highest bidder. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail will prevail. All lots are returnable if misdescribed; 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. **Good Luck!!**

**Send all bids to: Bruce Brunell, 425 E. Gobbi St. #98, Ukiah, CA 95482 - 5553 – USA**

**Email: [bbrunell@comcast.net](mailto:bbrunell@comcast.net)**

### Abbreviations used:

ADD – All Different Designs  
DDF – Design Different Face  
MDF - Mostly Different Face

PREPER – Precancelled Perfin  
SE – Straight edge(s)  
(?h) - Number of missing pins

Scott #s are used and the pattern #s from most recent U.S. Perfins catalog.

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	T8 on 530	B+	36	US	U7 on 416	B	68	US	W72.88 on 406	B
2	US	T10 on 720	B	37	US	U12 on 463	A	69	US	W199-4.5 on 693	B+
3	US	T15 on 406	B	38	US	U31 on 331	B	70	US	W199-5 on 424	B
4	US	T16 on 463	B	39	US	U37 on 405	B	71	US	W199-6 on 503(1h)	B
5	US	T22 on 732	B	40	US	U47.5 on 463	B	72	US	W199-13 on 332	B
6	US	T29 on 463	B	41	US	U71 on 423 (SE)	B	73	US	W199-23.5 on 427	B
7	US	T39 on 425 (SE)	B	42	US	U75A on 736	B	74	US	11 promissory notes with perfins	
8	US	T41 on 332	B	43	US	U77A on 711	B	75	US	Revenues with perfins - 65 DDF (nice lot)	
9	US	T41.7 on 499	B	44	US	U81 on 634	B	76		Belgium Mix - 160	
10	US	T50 on 332	B	45	US	U82-10 on 332	B	77		Canada Mix - 150 (no OHMS)	
11	US	T52 on 530 (SE)	B	46	US	U82-16 on 463	B+	78		Cuba Mix - 90	
12	US	T53 on 634	B	47	US	U93 on 437	B	79		Denmark Mix - 140	
13	US	T58 on 332	B	48	US	U97 on 406	B	80		France Mix - 290	
14	US	T62 on 528	B	49	US	U104 on 554	B	81		Germany Mix - 240	
15	US	T63 on 499	A	50	US	V2 on 331	B	82		Great Britain Regionals - 22 DDF	
16	US	T67 on 332	B	51	US	V3 on 634	B	83		Greece Mix - 27	
17	US	T69 on 707	B	52	US	V9 on 499	B	84		India Mix - 86	
18	US	T73 on 332	B	53	US	V12 on 634	B	85		Ireland Mix - 175	
19	US	T75 on 332	B	54	US	V15 on 586	B+	86		Portugal Mix - 100	
20	US	T79 on 332	B	55	US	V19 on 528	A	87		Spain Mix - 200	
21	US	T79.5 on 332	B+	56	US	V22.5 on 567	B	88		Sweden Mix - 62	
22	US	T84 on 332	B	57	US	V35 on 331	B	89		Switzerland Mix - 113	
23	US	T89.8 on 634	B	58	US	W72.8 on 685	B			The following lots (#90 - #105) are all perfin covers:	
24	US	T90 on 511	B	59	US	W72.10 on 558	B	90		Australia - #117 with W/A perfin (Department of Agriculture - Perth)	
25	US	T97A on 610	B+	60	US	W72.21 on 335 (SE)	B	91		Austria - #113 with P.A. perfin on card (1912)	
26	US	T101A on 416	B+	61	US	W72.29.5 on 564	B	92		Austria - #75 with Joh. Blackhausen & Sonne, Wien corner card	
27	US	T104 on 333	B	62	US	W72.44A on 815	B			<b>Continued on page 53</b>	
28	US	T107 on 319	B+	63	US	W72.57 on 587	B				
29	US	T107.5 on 554	B	64	US	W72.74A on 564 (2h)	A				
30	US	T109.5 on 338	B+	65	US	W72.75A on 636	B				
31	US	T112 on 498 (SE)	B	66	US	W72.78.5 on 736 (split)	B+				
32	US	T120 on 331	B	67	US	W72.81A on 642	A				
33	US	T121.1 on 566	A								
34	US	U3 on 530	B								
35	US	U5 on 463	B								

## Perfins Club Auction #118 (cont.)

Lot#	Country	Description	Lot#	Country	Description
93	Austria - #269 & #273	with Eisen & Stahl Aktiengesellschaft cc	100	Great Britain - #163	with Guaranty Trust Company of New York cc
94	Austria - #269 & #273	with S. Reich & Co. cc	101	Great Britain - #163	with Joseph Tetley & Co, Ltd, London cc
95	Cuba - #265	with Cuban Telephone Company cc	102	Hungary - #14	U.K./B.B with Union Starkefabriken return
96	Denmark - #224, #228 & #387	on 1963 cover	103	Hungary - #343	W.B.V. Wiener Bank-Verein
97	Germany - #374	with Julius Springer return	104	Italy - #221	on Creito Italino, Napoli return
98	Germany - #374	with Karl W. Hiersemann cc	105	Portugal - #501 & #562 (D.M.)	("O DIABRETE") censored cover to New York - 1943
99	Great Britain - #321, #323, & #325	with Anglo-Portuguese Colonial and Overseas Bank limited return			

### That's it for now!

Note: I am in very short supply of foreign material. So, if you have any old dusty accumulations or items that you would like to consign to our club auction, I would be very happy to lot this material for you.

## 2009 Financial Report

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Contrary to the U.S. economy and the Global economies, the financial picture for The Perfins Club was very good for 2009. There were significant increases in revenues, including Donations, Club Sales activities and Dues. Expenses were held in check, primarily because of the reduction in expenses for the *Bulletin*. The result was an addition

of \$7,476 to Club Assets, an annual growth of 9.5%. Thank you to everyone for your participation that allowed the Club to realize this financial accomplishment. As a New Year's Resolution, I encourage everyone to work hard to continue to expand our membership base.

Balance Sheet		Income & Expenses	
<b>Assets</b>		<b>Income</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 21,978	Dues	\$ 7,332
Savings Account	3,085	Club Sales (net after expenses)	4,622
Certificates of Deposit	60,789	Auction, Covers, Circuit and Catalogs	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 85,852</b>	Interest	805
<b>Liabilities and Reserves</b>		Donations	6,618
Liabilities	-	Other	12
<b>Reserves</b>		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,389</b>
Life Memberships	\$ 43,970	<b>Expenses</b>	
Donations - general	27,262	Bulletin - printing & mailing	\$ 8,168
Floyd Walker Memorial Fund	2,936	Officers and Editor	1,908
Escrows for members	582	Catalog Chairs	314
Self Insurance - Transit	297	Conventions	330
Operating Fund	10,805	Promotional Activities	
<b>Total Liabilities and Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 85,852</b>	Weekly Ad in Linns	437
		Website (3 yrs)	676
		Library	55
		Annual non-profit charter - New Jersey	25
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,913</b>
		<b>Increase to Assets in 2009</b>	<b>\$ 7,476</b>

## Member Want Ads

**WANTED:** Apple Greens (Scott #513) Perfins, Precancels and Perfined Precancels; Florida Perfined Precancels; and Kans. & Nebr. Overprints (Scott #658 -679) with Perfins. All to buy or trade. Your price, my approval. **Contact:** Jerry Hejduk, P.O. Box 490450, Leesburg, FL 34749-0450, USA; email: [flprepers@comcast.net](mailto:flprepers@comcast.net).

**WANTED:** Commercial cover with perfin "A/L" from Alfa Laval, Johannesburg, South Africa. **Write to:** Stellan Swenson, Odonbärsvägen 32, SE -293 41 Olofström, SWEDEN

**WANT LIST FILLED:** Send me your want lists of U.S. Perfins. C+ through F rated perfins filled by pattern and/or by issue. Discounts available for quantity purchases. **Contact:** Steve Endicott, P.O. Box 2434, San Anselmo CA 94979-2434, USA; email: [perfins@gmail.com](mailto:perfins@gmail.com).

Advertisements are published for members on a space-available basis. Members are entitled to one free ad per year. Additional ads will be accepted at the following rates: one insertion - 10 cents per word; three consecutive insertions of the same ad - 20 cents per word; six insertions of the same ad - 40 cents per word. Neither the Perfins Club nor the editor accepts responsibility for the validity of the advertisements. Payment for the ads should be made payable to "The Perfins Club" and sent to the editor with the request for insertion.

### Personal Perforator Interest??

Ian Greig (#3833)

I have been searching for over 10 years for a personal stamp perforator. During that time, I have managed to obtain one that will perforate only one letter per stamp. While that is better than nothing, it is not what I really want.

Are there other Perfin Club members out there that would also like to have their own personal perforator? If so, maybe we could form a small group within our

club to investigate how we might find one suitable for stamps, how to make one ourselves, or what it would take to have one made for us.

If you are interested, please contact me at: Ian Greig, P.O. Box 273508, Tampa, FL 33688-3508, email: [iangreig@ij.net](mailto:iangreig@ij.net). I will follow up with a short report in a future *Bulletin* with the results of this effort.

### A Note from the Editor and a Request

Ken Masters (#3589)

I hope you have noticed some changes in the *Bulletin* starting with the January/February 2010 issue. The most visible one is the addition of full color to some of the pages. Secondly, the black & white images are crisper and more readable. These improvements are due to the fact that we are now using a new printing company to produce the *Bulletin*. This allows us to electronically transmit the final copy to them for printing on modern, state-of-the-art printing equipment.

Because this new procedure is more efficient than what we did in the past, we are able to add the limited number of full color pages without increasing the total cost to produce the *Bulletin*. So, we have the best of both worlds!

Now the request: Here is your opportunity to show-off the colorful covers or album pages of perfins to your fellow club members. (For some examples, see pages 39-46 of this *Bulletin*.) Email me a 200 ppi or higher scan of your item(s) along with an article about it and we will publish it in a future *Bulletin*. If you do not feel comfortable writing an article, send me a few bullet points. I will prepare a draft and return it to you for review and comment. If you do not have access to a scanner, mail your original to me. I will scan it and return it immediately. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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## Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

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#3759 Ian Sellick  
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### Email Change:

LM#3724 Larry Cohen - [reb.cohen@roadrunner.com](mailto:reb.cohen@roadrunner.com)

### Closed Album:

#2906 Joseph Dooley

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## A Couple of Requests from the U.S. Catalog Editor

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

First, there is some confusion about the users for the following five U.S. perfin patterns: **A194**, **C212**, **H188**, **L123** and **W52**. Covers with these patterns were offered on eBay sometime during the past few years. If you were the lucky high bidder or if you have any covers with these patterns, please send me a scan or photocopy of the cover.

Second, the pattern illustrated above right, "C(Jo)", has been seen in a document from The Cummins Perforator Company. The pattern is similar to U.S. pattern **C175**, "C(J)"; however the number of holes in the letter "C" differ and the letter "J" is definitely different. On the other hand, I have seen two stamps that match **C175** that mysteriously show dimples for portions of the letter "o". We do not know if "C(Jo)" was manufactured in the form as illustrated or



"Mystery"  
C(Jo) pattern

whether it was modified to what we have seen on these two **C175** stamps.

Please check any **C175** perfin that you have in your collection, carefully noting the number of holes in the letter "C" and the shape of the letter "J". I would like to learn about perfins that you own if: a) they exactly match the U. S. catalog illustration of **C175**, and b) how much, if any, of the letter "o" exists in your stamp, as a punched hole, a chad or a dimple.

My contact information is on page 30 of this *Bulletin*. Thank you for your assistance in helping clear up these questions.

**!! Proofreader Wanted !!**

Would you like to help improve the quality of the *Bulletin*? If so, would you volunteer 2-4 hours of your time every two months to proofread the final draft of the *Bulletin* before it is sent to the printer? The only requirement is that you would be willing to review the draft and return any comments to the Editor within one day after you receive it. Access to a computer is preferred, but not mandatory. If you are interested in becoming involved in the *Bulletin* in this capacity, please contact the Editor at the address or phone number shown on page 30.

**\* \* Convention Tables \* \***

Anyone not under contract for a table(s) or half a table (share with someone else), please contact Gary Hendren at [g2hslm@msn.com](mailto:g2hslm@msn.com) or 314-576-5261. (Mailing address on page 30.) The price is \$100 for a full 8' table and backup table for the week or \$50 for half a table.

Currently 25 tables have been taken for the Convention with others pending. It is time to now begin making those plans for a grand week in Burlington, VT.

**Prices Realized Perfins Club Auction #116 - December 31, 2009**

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>										
1	19.00	18	NB	35	10.00	52	65.00	69	5.00	85	WD
2	70.00	19	4.00	36	NB	53	75.00	70	6.00	86	55.00
3	80.00	20	12.00	37	40.00	54	10.00	71	22.00	87	15.00
4	3.00	21	4.00	38	125.00	55	NB	72	5.00	88	NB
5	7.50	22	4.00	39	75.00	56	130.00	73	5.00	89	NB
6	3.00	23	6.00	40	130.00	57	40.00	74	10.00	90	NB
7	NB	24	NB	41	20.00	58	22.00	75	NB	91	NB
8	6.50	25	50.00	42	40.00	59	22.00	76	5.00	92	NB
9	33.00	26	50.00	43	15.00	60	22.00	77	5.00	93	NB
10	3.00	27	NB	44	12.00	61	5.00	78	5.00	94	NB
11	3.00	28	20.00	45	15.00	62	6.00	79	6.00	95	NB
12	7.00	29	80.00	46	NB	63	2.00	80	15.00	96	NB
13	8.00	30	30.00	47	50.00	64	16.00	81	26.00	97	40.00
14	40.00	31	10.00	48	NB	65	16.00	82	WD	98	7.00
15	40.00	32	NB	49	95.00	66	6.00	83	31.00	99	NB
16	80.00	33	NB	50	NB	67	10.00	84	WD	100	WD
17	16.00	34	NB	51	15.00	68	16.00				

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