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Auction Chairman Needed

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

After managing 21 Club Auctions over the past 7+ years, Bruce Brunell (#2831) has resigned as Auction Chairman effective upon completion of the business associated with Auction #120 which closed August 31, 2010. I want to thank Bruce for all of his hard work conducting these auctions. It is deeply appreciated by the entire Perfins Club.

Until a new Auction Chairman is found and appointed, the club auctions will be suspended. If you are interested in serving the club in this important job, please call, write or email Club

President, Bob Szymanski. His contact information is on page 114.

This position requires someone who is generally familiar with U.S. and foreign perfins and also has a general knowledge of worldwide stamps. In addition, you should be comfortable with receiving auction material, verifying the identification provided by the seller, receiving and managing bids, advising successful bidders of their amounts due, and working with the club Treasurer to pay the sellers.

Revised Railroad Perfins Catalog Completed

At the Burlington Convention, Railroad Catalog Editor, Dan Baugher (#3825), announced that the new, 2010 edition of the *Catalog of Perfin Patterns of the Railroads of the United States and Canada* (Railroad Perfins Catalog) is complete and now available for distribution. This 55-page document is the culmination of more than a year's work by several members of The Perfins Club.

The format of this edition has been revised slightly from previous Railroad Perfins Catalogs to be more closely aligned with the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U. S. Catalog). The information for the U.S. Railroad perfins is based on the U.S.

Catalog, including A&C#1 and A&C#2. The information for the Canadian Railroad perfins is based on the 1985 *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials* plus updates to 2009.

This new catalog will be printed on 67-pound, acid free card stock. The design allows it to be used as an album in addition to a catalog if the collector desires.

Order your copy of this new Railroad Perfins Catalog now from Dave Lightle, The Perfins Club Publication Sales Manager. Dave's contact information is on page 114 of this *Bulletin*. The member price is \$10.00.

Updated 1902 Checklist Announced

A revised checklist of perfins known to exist on the U.S. 1902 series was previewed by Steve Endicott (LM#2284) at the 2010 Burlington Convention. This 24 page checklist documents the existence of 1180

perfins on 2800 different denominations of stamps in this early series! The checklist will be available soon for \$5.00 through The Perfins Club Publication Sales Manager, Dave Lightle.

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New Members Q & A

What is a Synoptic Perfins Collection and How does One start such an Activity?

A complete U. S. synoptic collection will have a perfined stamp for every issue or denomination. Different from a general U. S. perfin collection where the goal is to collect every perfin pattern regardless of the stamp that embodies it, the goal of the synoptic collection is to collect every stamp issued with a perfin in it regardless of the perfin pattern.

All that is needed to start such a collection is a comprehensive U. S. Postage Stamp Album. There are many such albums available; however, over the years, it has been found that a Scott album is most accommodating. Remembering that in this activity you are not collecting perfin patterns per se, but rather stamp issues and denominations with perfins, such a search is best accommodated by knowing the Scott number of the stamp being sought.

When visiting a regular stamp dealer who does not normally deal in perfins, you might find one or more regular issue U. S. stamps with perfins. They will most often be identified by Scott number. Such identification is most helpful to the perfin collector who does not have the ability and/or interest to check for watermarks, perforations, printing methods on such issues as the Washington/Franklins, Special Delivery stamps, etc.

Having a Scott album makes it easy to build a "Synoptic Want List" by Scott number to take to stamp shows that do not feature perfins and precancels. Remember, attending such stamp shows

requires adjusting your mindset in regard to stamp pricing. You are not buying based on an inexpensive perfin pattern, but rather U. S. used stamps that are priced by Scott catalog number. Even though in some collectors' minds perfins are considered "damaged stamps" because there are holes punched in them, the dealer will probably consider them "space fillers" at some percentage of the Scott catalog value for used stamps. The trick is to see how low a percentage the dealer will take for the "hard to find" stamp that happens to have a perfin. The more difficult to find issues will usually demand a higher percentage of the catalog price. For example, an issue such as the first six airmails probably will not go much below 50% of the Scott used catalog price.

Remember, stamps in synoptic collections are usually mounted "face up" so what is found on the face of the stamp will more than likely determine the value of the stamp rather than what is, or is not, found on the back of the stamp. Having a synoptic collection gives you something to do at stamp shows where large quantities of perfins are not available. Give it a try! Most who do, find the "reverse value" concept challenging.

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 forward them to Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34749-0450 or flprepers@comcast.net.

Private Perfin Auction #27

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

I will be running another private perfin auction starting in November. Consecutive monthly auctions will run until the material from the Ken Aws estate has been sold. If you are already on my e-mail or snail mail list to receive private auction notices, you need do nothing until the auction list arrives - then bid to your heart's delight! If you have not received my auction lists in the past and would like one, please e-mail or snail me and I will add you to the list. My contact information is: Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371; email: perfinman@comcast.net.

Effective immediately, I will be filling want lists of US perfins from the collection as follows on a first come basis. These will be perfect copies - E&F @ \$0.10; D @ \$0.25; D+ @ \$0.50; C @ \$2.00; C+ @ \$4.00; and B rated @ \$15.00. A & B+ rated perfins will be auctioned individually.

Kens Aws' collection is a "world-wide" collection (read something for everyone!) with emphasis in the German collecting area. Ken was a long time member of the Perfins Club who passed away in 2008.

Meet a Member

Ed Linn - LM#57

I was born in Portland, Oregon, on December 14, 1936. When I was 5 months old, we moved to San Francisco and I lived in San Francisco for the next 15 years. We then relocated to Sacramento where I have spent the remainder of my life to date.

I married my wife, Jackie, in 1960, and we just celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. We have three children, Karin, Michael, and Brian, and nine grandchildren. We have been fortunate to travel to many countries throughout the world, and enjoy homes on the California coast, in the Sierra Nevada mountains and in Hawaii. Family, golf, church and volunteer work take up much of our time.

I began to collect stamps when I was in the second grade. I was assisted by my aunt, who would bring home envelopes with stamps on them from her business. Also, a close friend's father encouraged both my friend and me to collect stamps. Later, I belonged to my school stamp club from 4th to 6th grades.

First, I collected worldwide stamps and then, while in high school, shifted to mint U.S. stamps. I did keep my used U.S. collection.

In the late 1960's, I started to collect Oregon precancels with the help of Dave Darms, John Randall and Bruce Brunell. In the early 1970's, I began collecting perfins. I now collect Oregon Postmarks, Oregon NAMW (National Airmail Week) covers, Oregon General precancels, Western Towns and Types, and Canadian precancels. I also collect all perfins with a primary interest in the United States, Germany and Spain.

During my school and military service in the U. S. Marine Corps, I played basketball and track. Upon discharge and after a 6 months tour of Europe on a bicycle with a friend, I went to college on the GI Bill obtaining a B.S. in Law Enforcement. Later I obtained an M.A. in Sociology with an emphasis in Law Enforcement. Professionally, I worked for the State of California as an Alcoholic Beverage Control Agent and as a Supervising Special Investigator. In the latter position, I worked first in Beneficiary Fraud and later in Provider Fraud in our Medi-Cal Fraud Division.



**Casual snapshot of Ed
2010 Burlington, VT Convention**

Because of my religious and law enforcement background, I was asked to be a board member for the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. I have been a board member of that organization for 30 years. Upon retirement from State service, I attended and graduated from the Chaplains Academy and now volunteer as a Community Chaplain on call to any Law Enforcement Agency in the County of Sacramento that requests services.

Stamp collecting is both a passion and a hobby. I have learned a great deal through my stamp collecting and have enjoyed sharing that knowledge with as many others as possible throughout the years.

[Editor's Note: In addition to the above accomplishments, Ed has been an active member in The Perfins Club since he joined the club in March 1977. First, he served as Auction Chairman for over 5 years between 1985 and 1990. He then served a three-year term as club President from 2006 and 2008. Ed also received the 2002 Hallock Card Award.]

2010 Annual Convention in Burlington, VT

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Our annual convention this year in this bucolic location brought 34 Perfin Club members and many spouses. After the convention, all agreed that this convention was among the best in location, attendance, and material available for sale, trade and auction! I do not know of a single collector who went home empty handed.

Once a member attends an annual convention, we usually see them back year after year. This is how many members obtain perfin material for their collections. It is very easy to make new connections and, better yet, new friends. Without exception, we arrive as collectors, become friends and leave as family. Experience this for yourself next year in Madison, WI and the following year in Albuquerque, NM.

This year's annual meeting was held on Thursday morning, August 5. After the meeting was called to order, 25 members introduced themselves to the others present. Minutes from the last year's meeting were published in the November/December 2009 *Bulletin* [63:129].

Dan Baugher (#3825) presented his first Treasurer's report since taking over from Steve Endicott (LM#2284) earlier this year. We are very solvent and have improved our financial position in the past year.

Art Mongan's (LM#3443) report on the U.S. Revenue Catalog indicates that work continues toward making this an even better catalog in the future. For the present, it is a little disheartening that only 30 complete copies have been sold - only 3 in the past year! This is a very well written and informative catalog with a wealth of information that every perfin collector would do well with which to become familiar. After all, what is a philatelist without a philatelic library? Order one today from Dave Lightle!

Ken Masters (#3589) spoke briefly about the costs and improvements in *The Perfins Bulletin*. If you read the *Bulletin* carefully, you cannot help but notice the quality of the articles, the beautiful color AND our printing costs are down!

Our U.S. Perfin Catalog editor, Steve Endicott, gave a detailed explanation of the computerized U.S. Catalog now being "proofed." This product will link all A&C pages and supplemental information to the main body of the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins* and should function in different operating systems. There is always more work that can be done

and anyone interested in helping may contact Steve with both suggestions and offers of help.

Steve also thanked the club members for their comments to the final draft of the Catalog Addendum that consolidates A&C#1 and A&C#2 into one document. This first edition will be available soon through Dave Lightle. For more information on these two enhancements, see Steve's comments on page 137.

Elections were held for two positions - Vice-President and Secretary. Due to the tremendous number of members volunteering, we had one member to vote for in each position. Ken Rehfeld (#3394) has graciously offered to continue as the Secretary for another three-year term. With the announced "retirement" of Doug Turner (LM#2549) as Vice-President, the club was very fortunate to have Pat Callis (#2383) volunteer for that position. Most members will remember that Pat has previously served the club well as the U.S. Catalog Editor. On behalf of the club members, I wish to thank Ken for both his past and continued service, Doug for serving as Vice-President for the past 6 years and Pat for taking on the Vice-Presidential duties.

The 2010 Floyd Walker Award was presented to Steve Endicott for his efforts in presenting new perfin information in *The Perfins Bulletin*. Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710) received the 2010 Hallock Card Award for service to the club. Jerry has worked tirelessly for of the club both in his presentation of fundamental perfin information in the *Bulletin* and especially serving as the club representative at various American Philatelic Society (APS) shows. He is alone in many of his travels; so when he asks for help, if you live nearby that APS show or plan to attend, please offer Jerry a few hours of help. Oh yes, and Jerry pays his own way. Congratulations to these two well deserved recipients. See pages 120 and 122 for more details concerning these awards.

We remembered 13 members who had passed away since the last annual meeting. If you know of any member who has passed away, please notify the following: the President, Secretary, *Bulletin* editor and Sunshine chairperson. Thank you.

Finally, after a short break, we auctioned 10 lots of Joe Laura's perfin collection and 7 lots of Lou Wolff's perfin collection. Spirited bidding followed, all lots were hammered down and many happy collectors said that they could hardly wait until next year!

When is a perfin not a perfin II?

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

Sounds like a trick question? Well, maybe! However, before you answer, consider the three topics discussed below. Keep in mind that for this article, we have limited our definition of “perfin” to postage stamps that have been perforated with initials or insignia for security purposes. We have not included such items as revenues or stamps punched with snowflakes, stars, butterflies, etc.

POSTMARKS THAT IMITATE PERFINS

Collectors are certainly familiar with cancellations that are created to simulate perforfinning. A couple of examples of this are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

Former club member Jerry Freeze designed the cover shown below in Figure 1 to commemorate the 1984 AWPEX show. Notice that the dots of the postmark imitate an **AWPEX04** punch. Also, the cover’s cachet shows a photocopy of Fort Wayne, Indiana perfins. So from a distance, one might think that this cover bears many perfins when, in fact, there are none.

Figure 2 shown on page 119 is a cover issued in

honor of the 40th Anniversary of The Perfins Club. Part of the cancellation imitates a stamp perforfinned with the club’s initials. The cachet on this cover cleverly remembers the founders of The Perfins Club using simulated perfins. Both the cachet and postmark were designed by Ivan L. Pfalser (#765).

[Author’s Note: Perhaps it is not too early to remind Club Members that the 75th Anniversary of The Perfins Club will occur in 2018 - - an event which might require some celebration?]

PERFORATED CORNER CARDS

Though an adjunct to perfin collecting, perforated stationery are desirable items to collect. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate two such covers from one of the major primary manufacturer of perforating machines, The B.F. Cummins Company.

An 1895 pre-perfin cover from New York is shown in Figure 3 (page 119). The “B.F. Cummins Co. New York” corner card is punched completely through the envelope.

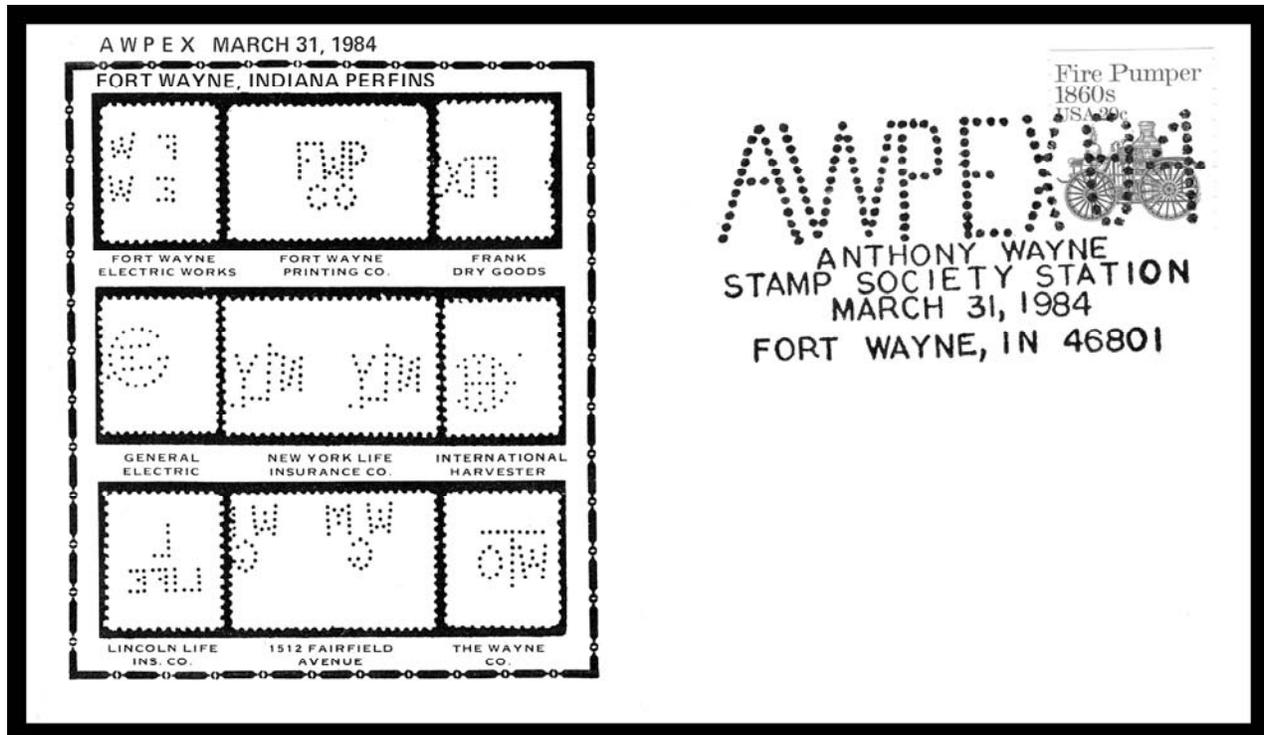


Figure 1
1984 AWPEX Cover
Postmark designed to give the illusion of a perfin

When is a perfin not a perfin II? (cont.)



Figure 2
The Perfins Club 40th Anniversary Cover
Part of the cancellation simulates a perfin

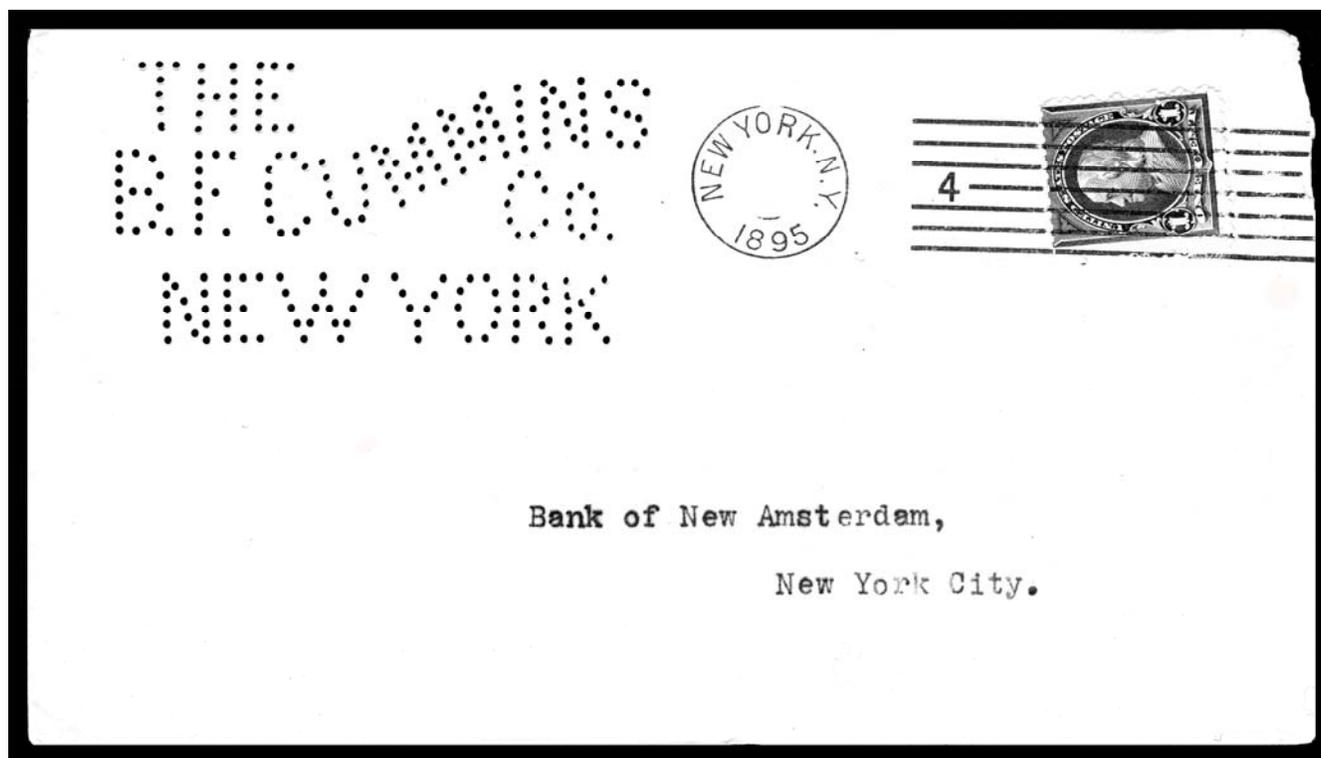


Figure 3
Cover with Perforated Corner Card
Holes completely through the envelope

When is a perfin not a perfin II? (cont.)

A 1909 perfin cover from the Chicago office of "The B F Cummins Co" with an attached perfin, pattern **B110** (BFC/Co), is shown in Figure 4 (page 121). As with the cover shown in Figure 3, the corner card is completely punched through the envelope.

By no stretch of the imagination can the four examples mentioned thus far be considered perfins. At best, their postmarks and punched patterns are imitations of perfins.

PRINTED PATTERNS IN STAMP DESIGNS

There is another stamp category that comes much nearer to a perfin classification but is not a true perfin, for it lacks punched holes. See Figures 5 and 6 on page 121.

The white "OS" dots are an integral part of the stamp design. The initials represent "Official Service." Two examples are illustrated here - one a cut square from an envelope (Figure 5) and the other a postal card (Figure 6). Both were used in 1906 from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. If one looks closely at the postal card, you will notice the postage is

underpaid by a "Halfpenny" or California was part of the Commonwealth at that time!

I suppose that these Victoria examples could be called printed perfins or pseudo perfins and might be considered the best iconic answer to the question in the title of this article.

Have any other Australian states (or other stamp issuing entities) produced stamps or stationery with printed perfins? Perhaps collectors can provide other examples that we could share. Please send a photocopy and any information you might have about then to: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231, USA or the Editor. (His contact information is on page 114.)

[Editor's Note: For those of you wondering why the title to this article includes the Roman Numeral II, we discovered this is the second article published in the *Bulletin* asking this question. The first "When is a perfin not a perfin?", written by former Perfins Club member Dr. Tony Llewellyn-Edwards, was published in the July/August 1990 *Bulletin* [43:163-165]. If any member would like a copy of this 1990 article, please contact me.]

Jerry Hejduk - 2010 Hallock Card Award

A high point during the Club's Business Meeting at the 2010 Convention was President Szymanski's presentation of the 2010 **Hallock Card Award** to Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710). This award is made periodically to an individual member of The Perfins Club in recognition of outstanding service to the Club and to perfins philately.

Jerry has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Club, both in presentation of fundamental perfin information in the *Bulletin* and especially in his attendance at various American Philatelic Society (APS) shows on behalf of The Perfins Club. One of

his primary duties at these APS shows is to staff The Perfins Club booth, where he discusses perfins and distributes perfin related material to all interested show attendees. He also presents an hour-long seminar about the basics of perfins and perfin collecting at each show. Jerry and his wife Jeanne are usually alone in their travels and they also pay their own way. So when he asks for volunteers to help staff the booth, please offer a few hours of help if you plan to attend that APS show.

Thanks, Jerry, for your service to the Club. Congratulations for this well deserved recognition!

* * * Atascadero in October * * *

Join us in Atascadero, CA, from Thursday, October 21, through Saturday, October 23, for a joint meeting and bourse of the Precancel Society and the Perfins Club. The meeting is held in the Best

Western Colony Inn, 3600 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422. Call 805-466-4449 now to reserve your hotel room.

When is a perfin not a perfin II? (cont.)



Figure 4
Early perfin cover with Perforated Corner Card



Figure 5
Cut Square with "OS"
printed in stamp to
simulate a perfin

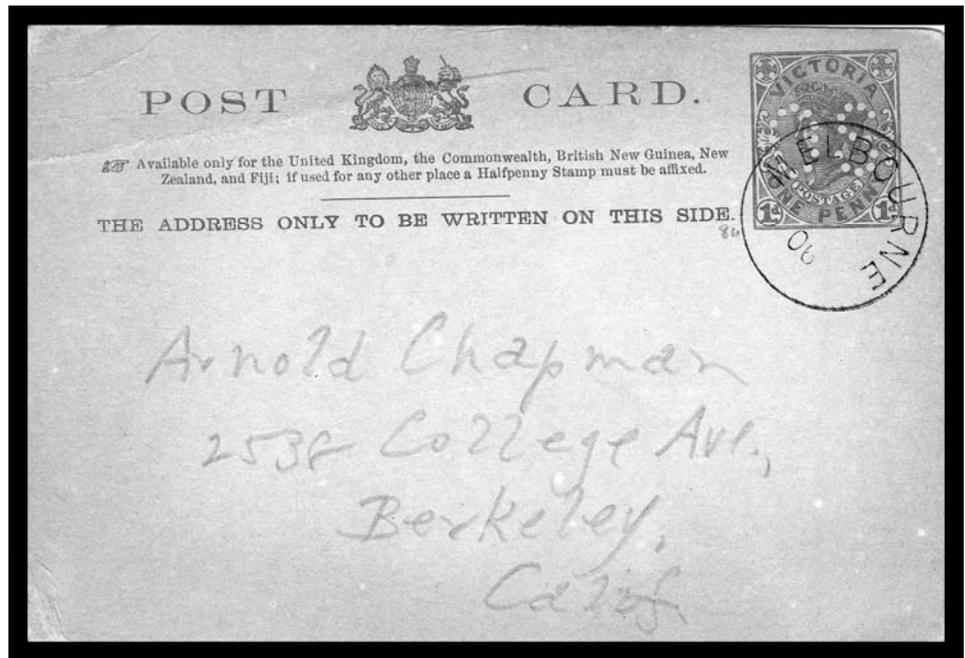


Figure 6
Postal Card with "OS" printed in
stamp to simulate a perfin

Where have the holes gone?

Jack Brandt (LM#14)

Pictured below are scans of four copies of Austria perfin pattern **H-123** (H.Z.) from my collection. You may ask: "What makes these interesting and why share them with the club?" The answer is to carefully look at the bottom leg of the Z.

The image on the left shows the complete "H.Z." pattern as it was meant to be. However, after some use (and maybe abuse), it appears that the pins in the perforating machine started breaking. What is unusual in this case is that it seems the breakage only occurs in the bottom leg of the Z.

First, the perfin became "H.Z" with no period after the Z. With the further loss of pins, additional holes are missing from the bottom leg of the Z until the perfin appears to be "H.7.", shown in the far right image. (I wonder if it ever lost the next pin and became simply "H.7"?)

Without having these four perfins side-by-side in

single place, one might be tempted to incorrectly assume the "H.7." is a new pattern. However, because I have copies of all four, we are confident that these are variations of pattern **H-123**. This is another example of where we must carefully inspect and research what we have and be careful not to jump to an incorrect conclusion.

Do other club members have similar examples of a pattern that shows progressive change due to pin breakage, etc.? If so, please forward a scan or photocopy to the Editor so we can share them with everyone.

[Editor's Note: The pattern **H-123** is from the catalog *Austria Perfins*, compiled by John J. Nussbickel, copyright 1991 by The Perfins Club. According to this catalog the user was "AG. der K.K.priv. Harlander Baumwollspinnerei & Zwirn Fabrik" located in Wein, Austria.]



Figure 1
Austria Perfin Pattern H-123
Showing progressive loss of holes in the bottom leg of the Z
(left to right)

Steve Endicott - 2010 Floyd Walker Award

The **Floyd Walker 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." Congratulations go to Steve Endicott (LM#2284) as the winner of this award for his contributions to *The Perfins Bulletin* during calendar year 2009.

Steve is a consistent contributor of well written and well researched articles to the *Bulletin*. In 2009 he presented a series of articles, "My Favorite Perfins," based on an exhibit he prepared for the 2008 Perfins Club convention. One of the highlights of this series is the installment discussing perfinned Kansas and

Nebraska overprints that appeared in the November/December 2009 issue [63:144-147]. The page from the exhibit showing perfins in the Scott #505, five-cent error, that was in the May/June 2009 issue [63:64-65] is also very interesting.

After he received this award, Steve related to the Editor that this award means a lot to him because Floyd was Steve's mentor when he first joined The Perfins Club. Floyd encouraged and assisted Steve in writing his first few articles. The result is that he now enjoys doing the research and sharing new information with other club members.

North West Pacific Islands "OS" Perfins - Follow Up

Stuart Leven (#3929)

As a collector who specialized in the North West Pacific Islands (NWPI) area for more than 35 years, I feel that I need to make some comments to Bob Schwerdt's (#505-L) article: *North West Pacific "OS" Perfins Identification Complexities* that appeared in the July/August 2010 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* [64:96-97].

I did not start collecting perfins until after my North West Pacific Islands collection was sold in October 2008. I did collect the perfined "OS" stamps but did not look at them as a perfin collector.

The identification chart in Mr. Schwerdt's article is correct if you are looking at all the stamps issued with the North West Pacific Islands overprints. However, the stamps in which the "OS" perfin occurred were greatly limited within the scope of the stamps issued.

Before suggesting a way to make it easier to sort these stamps, a few general statements are appropriate.

- The NWPI stamps with the "OS" perfin were not issued until 1919. This was after the civilian mandate government was in charge in New Guinea. I have not seen the "OS" perfin used in a revenue or at Nauru-only in the normal stamps.
- Referencing the Overprint section of the identification chart, only the type C2a (normal "S" font) and type C3b (the "P" over the "S" is to the left of the "S") overprints were used.
- I can not equate the watermark numbers provided in the chart to what I normally use. However, only two are possible:
 - Stanley Gibbons ("SG") watermark type 5 - Tudor Crown over A on the King George V

issues.

- SG watermark type 6 - Narrow Crown over A on the Kangaroo issues.
- Unused NWPI stamps with the "OS" perfin are difficult to find and should be inspected closely if found. I agree with Mr. Schwerdt that Figures 5 and 6 in the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* are probably forgeries as most of the perfined stamps catalogue at a higher price than the non-perfined ones and stamps of Australia are known with a fake "OS" perfin.
- The last correction is for Figure 2 in the article. The cancel is (GASMA)TTA, a small and difficult to locate outlying station. Many of the small station cancels are found on the perfin stamps.

[Bob Schwerdt's comments: Thank you very much for simplifying the "complexities," adding facts and making corrections. As you know, I had limited material on which to base my assumptions, and the Scott Catalog is not kind to Perfin collectors.]

In my atlas the only town I could find ending in "tta" was Popondetta, hence, my mistaken assumption. I believe your Gibbons' watermarks 5 and 6 equate to Scott's numbers 9 and 10 respectively. If I read your response correctly, I believe we can delete the following from my identification chart: A1c, B1, B4, C1, C2b, C2c, C3a, D1 and D4 (both unconfirmed), and E1 "Military."

It is always a pleasant surprise to learn that any of my articles have generated responses. I thank you again for making it easier for members to collect NWPI perfins.]

Possible NWPI Stamps with "O S" Perfin	
King George V issues w/ SG WM Type 5	Kangaroo issues w/ SG WM Type 6
1d carmine red - die I	2d grey - die I
1d carmine red - die II	2 1/2d indigo - die II
1d rosine - die I	3d greenish olive - die I
1d rosine - die II	6d ultramarine - die II
1d violet	6d greyish ultramarine - die II ?
2d orange ⁽¹⁾	9d violet - die IIB
2d rose-scarlet ⁽²⁾	1s emerald - die II
4d yellow-orange	1s pale blue green
4d violet	2s brown - die II
4d ultramarine	5s grey and yellow - die II
5d brown	10s grey and bright pink - die II ⁽³⁾
Notes:	
1. The most common perfin seen.	
2. The second most common perfin seen.	
3. Only one recorded - in QEII collection.	

A Favorite Perfin Page

Mike Falls (LM#131)

The perfins and “poached egg” test label shown on the following page were purchased from Urch Harris & Co. in 1997. While my knowledge about these items is limited, I have always enjoyed them and consider them one of my favorite perfin pages.

From what I remember, the combined lot was not expensive - about £17 total. The only information that I have about them is what the dealer, Urch Harris, provided. Most of this is shown in the text on the following page.

The test label is watermarked with the St. Edward's Crown (Scott number 308; Stanley Gibbons type 165). Urch Harris stated that the test labels were for testing machines that were going to dispense the 1957 2½d Scout Issue. In regard to the perfins, they stated that only 1200 sets were produced (10 sheets of 120). However, for some reason unknown to me, the perfins were withdrawn from sale before they were issued.

In an effort to get more information about the perfins and test label, the Editor contacted club member Alan Sandy (LM#2539) and Maurice Harp, Editor *G.B. Perfin Society Bulletin* for their help.

Alan replies that the perfins have been given the following catalog numbers: **B5616.01** for the larger one and **B5617.01** and **B5617.02** for the two smaller ones. They are listed on eBay fairly often but he does not own a set. He has always assumed they were commemoratives celebratory of the Boy Scouts.

Maurice confirms that these designs were given the catalogue numbers listed above when they first appeared in 1993. They will be included in *New Illustrated Catalogue of GB Perfins* when the section covering them is issued.

These perfins have been discussed in several articles in past issues of the *G.B. Perfin Society Bulletin*; usually focusing on the authenticity of the perfins, what the “BP” pattern represents, and questioning why there is a 40 year difference in time between the date the stamps were issued and the appearance of the perfins.

The Boy Scouts seem to have no knowledge of these perfins and they certainly were not generally available for the 1957 Jamboree.

Several suggestions have been made for the “BP”. It could be British Petroleum (the sponsor of the 1957 Jamboree), Be Prepared (the Boy Scout's motto), or Baden-Powell (the founder of the World Scout Movement). There has been a recent suggestion of the British Philatelic Agency, which is considered highly unlikely.

A used first day cover is known to exist, so it seems the perfins are not a modern production. This cover is addressed to W.O. Hawkins, who was Corporate Secretary of the J. Sloper & Co. at the time of the 1957 Jamboree. The cover may well be unique and Hawkins may have been the instigator of the whole scheme. It is interesting to note that these perfins did not appear on the market until a couple of years after Sloper went into liquidation - so they may have been found in a “bottom drawer” then. Thus, Maurice concludes that the most valid theory is that they were produced as a publicity item but were never issued.

In regard to the test label, Maurice believes the indication that it was used in conjunction with the perfins is questionable. First, test labels were mainly used to test stamp vending machines and were usually manufactured in the vertical coil format. If these particular perfins were to be dispensed as a coil, a wide format vending machine would be required. As Britain has never had wide format vending machines, a special machine would have been needed. With only 1200 sets, it would not seem worth the expense.

Second, many of the examples of these perfins shown in past issues of the *G.B. Perfin Society Bulletin* are in blocks of four - not compatible with vending machines. However, the British Post Office did produce the Jamboree stamps (without perfins) in rolls - 4800 rolls of each value. These were intended for use in a stamp affixing machine to produce First Day Covers. Thus, the “poached egg” test label may have been used for this purpose.

[Editor's Note: Many thanks to Alan and Maurice for this additional information. It certainly adds to the interest and appeal of this *Favorite Perfin Page*. If you have a favorite perfin page that you would like to share, please send it to the Editor. My contact information is on page 114.]

A Favorite Perfin Page (cont.)

GREAT BRITAIN

“ Poached Egg “

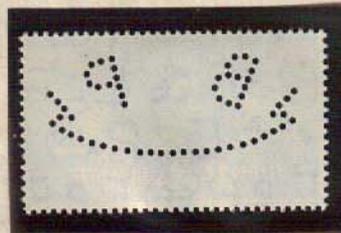
Imperf between coil testing labels

Used to test the machines for dispensing the below Scout issues.



Unissued Official Perfins

Official records indicate that 1200 sets of these perfins were made. They were to have been issued at the Scout Jamboree which took place at Sutton Coldfield from 1 August to 12 August 1957. The design of each perfin was carefully planned so that the Queen's portrait would not be punctured.



BP = British Philatelic Agency

Early "Postal Card with Paid Reply" with Perfin Added!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Here is a perfin item that I have never previously seen. When perfins were first allowed in May 1908, the then current United States "Postal Card with Paid Reply" was Scott #UY4, issued March 31, 1904. This was replaced with Scott #UY5, issued September 14, 1910.

Illustrated below is a #UY4 - a nice philatelic piece in itself. To find this postcard with a perfinned stamp added is unusual as it would had to have been sent to a foreign country to require the additional postage.

I first looked at this card with the early cancellation date of April 6, 1910, mailed to Berlin, Germany, as a possible addition to my collection of earliest U.S. perfin covers to different countries and other stamp issuing entities. But, alas, I have an earlier dated perfin cover to Berlin.

It is interesting to note that the reply card was completed but not separated and no second cancel is present. Knowing that a U.S. prepaid reply postcard was not meant to be mailed from Germany to the United States, only the full German postage would have gotten this card to the intended recipient. Clearly this was not done. This leads to two possible conclusions. Either the reply card was

filled out but not mailed or it was placed in another envelope and mailed back. We will never know.

The perfin in the "one-cent" Franklin is pattern L146 (LS/&MS) that was used by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, LS&MS. The question now is what was this U.S. railroad requesting from the Prussian State Railway? After reading the inside of the card (Figures 3 & 4 on page 127), one realizes that the card was actually sent on behalf of the "Railway Storekeepers' Ass'n." by J.P. Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer. One can surmise that Murphy was the "Storekeeper" for LS&MS and also served as an officer in this industry association. According to the completed reply (Figure 2 below), this card was asking if the recipient, Mr. Dominick, had received information about their 7th Annual Meeting and if he planned to attend.

Although the "D" rated perfin is common, the card is still interesting to me as I also collect perfin covers from the city of my birth - Cleveland, Ohio. If you look closely you will notice a Collingwood, Ohio, cancel. Collingwood was the location of a large railroad repair operation that actually became part of Cleveland proper. You may remember hearing about

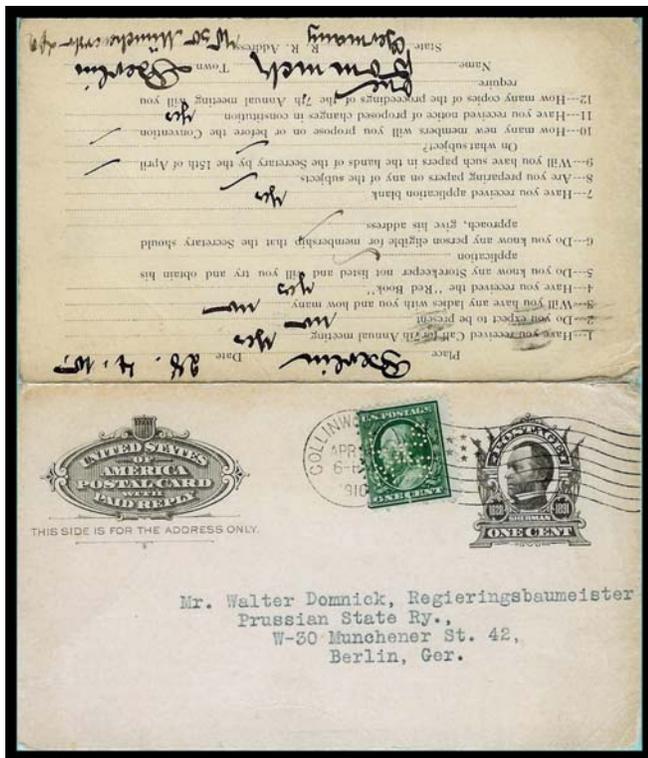


Figure 1
Address side of card with original cancellation and completed, but still attached, reply.
(Reduced to 60% of actual size.)

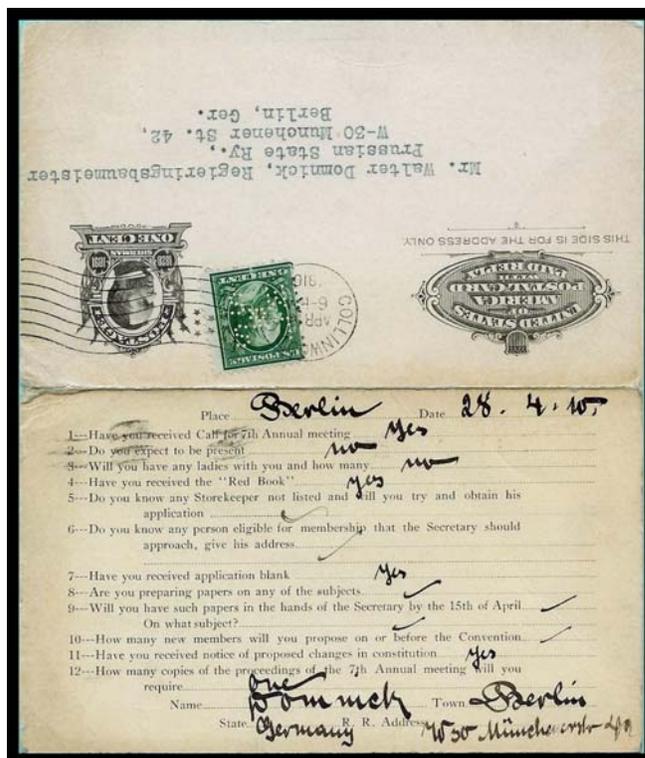


Figure 2
Address side of card showing completed reply.
(Reduced to 60% of actual size.)

Early "Postal Card with Paid Reply" with Perfin Added! (cont.)

the March 4, 1908, Collingwood Elementary School fire in which 172 children, 2 teachers and one rescuer perished in the wooden building. As a result of this tragedy, the building codes were revised so that now all exit doors only open outward!

[Editor's Note: For those of us that also collect flag

cancels, the Collingwood, Ohio flag cancel on this card is listed as a Type **A 14** with a rarity value of "12" out of a possible "100" ("100" being very rare) on page 50 of the 2008 *Standard Flag Cancel Encyclopedia*, Fourth Edition, Frederick Langford, Editor.]

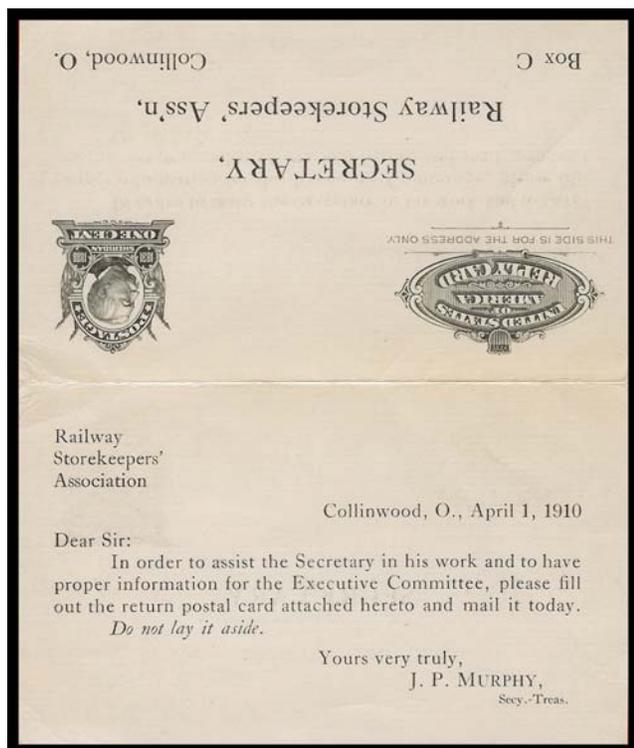


Figure 3
Inside of card showing
message to recipient.
(Reduced to 60% of actual size.)

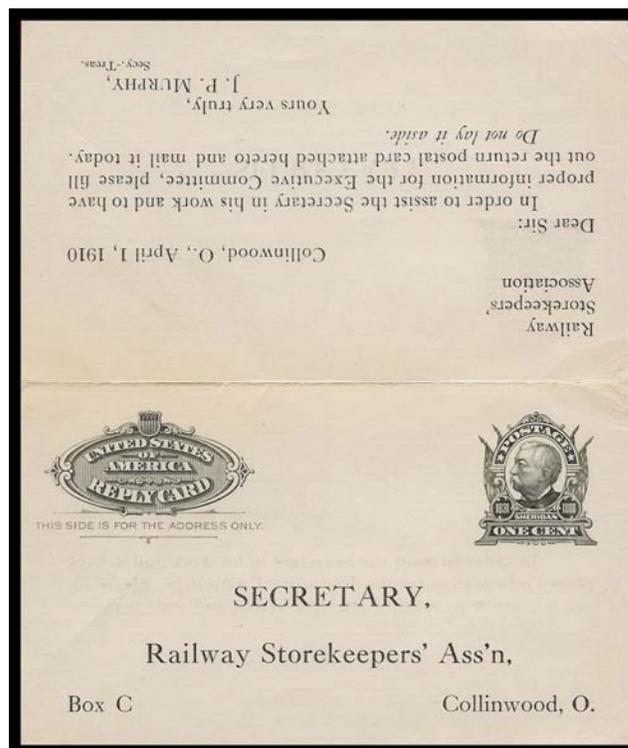


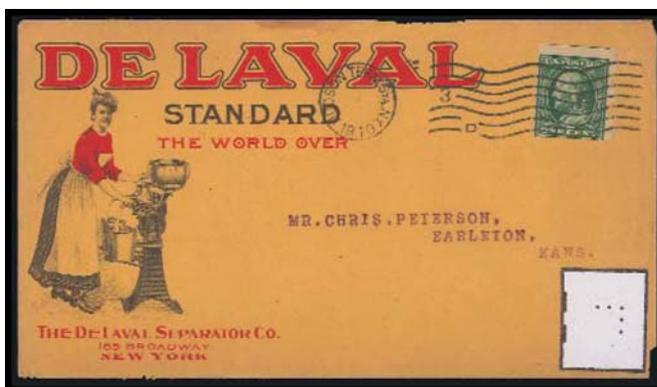
Figure 4
Inside of card showing
preaddressed return address.
(Reduced to 60% of actual size.)

Recent Auction Results

As mentioned in the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* [64:91], the **Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries Sale 990**, "The Steven R. Belasco Collection of Vending and Affixing Machine Perforations," was held on June 22, 2010. Among the 295 lots in this auction, there were 15 Schermack perfin covers and several individual Schermack perfins.

The prices realized, not including a 15% Buyer's Premium, for these 15 covers ranged from \$200 for a U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Co. cover with a **Des. 90-74** ("B" rate) perfin to a \$900 for the De Laval Separator Co. cover with **Des. 90-56** ("A" rate) perfin that is illustrated at the right.

To view the sale catalog and listing of the prices realized, go to: http://www.siegelauctions.com/dynamic/sales.php?sale_no=990.



Lot 662
Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries Sale 990
1-cent Green, Schermack Type III
Design 90-56 "A" rate perfin
(Approximately 50% of actual size.)

Red Nose King??

Jack Brandt (LM#14)

I recently bought a large lot of low quality Canadian perfins. When sorting this lot, I looked carefully to get as much value as possible. Suddenly, on a 2-cent brown stamp, there was King George VI with a bright red nose! (See Figure 1 at the right.)

Looking closely at the stamp, I realized that most of the holes in the perfin are very ragged and some of them are incomplete. After thinking about it some more, I realized that the probable explanation to this "oddity" is that two (or more) sheets of stamps were perforated at the same time and the sheet above the brown 2-cent value was the 3-cent red. As the pins in the perforating machine did not fully penetrate the brown 2-cent stamp, the result is a blind hole and the King's Red Nose.

The moral of this short story is that one should always be alert for the unusual, especially among seemingly lower quality items. This time, my reward is that I now have a possibly unique perfin to add to my collection rather than another, low rated pattern C42 (CNR) in the "duplicates" folder.

Do other members have similar examples where a common perfin has created an unusual or unique item? If so, we encourage you to share them in a future *Bulletin*.



Figure 1
Canada #232 with C42 Perfin
Note the King's Red Nose
(200% of actual size)

Examples of Perfins in Folded Paper

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Sometimes a collector spots a perfin that appears to be a new pattern, but on closer inspection it becomes apparent that the pattern was artificially generated by punching through folded paper. Allan Oleksyn (#1908) recently shared with me the 1933 5-cent Kosciuszko stamp (Scott #734) that is shown below.

Allan suspected that this unusual pattern was the result of the stamp being folded before it was perforated as pattern I36 (IF/Co), used by International Forwarding Company, Chicago, IL. I confirmed his suspicion. Figures 1 and 2 are illustrations of the complete, unfolded stamp, front and back. You will note that the crease created by

the fold is readily apparent on the front of the full stamp. Figure 3 shows the folded stamp. This is a very nice example of the problems that folded paper can cause for us.

As a sidebar, pattern S194.5 (SO) has been confirmed to be a folded copy of pattern S99 (SD). This will be documented in A&C#3. Also, several collectors believe that pattern B31.6 ([B]) is also the result of folded paper, but no confirming evidence has been found. If you have any information about pattern B31.6, please inform the U.S. Catalog Editor. My contact information is on page 114 of this *Bulletin*.



Figure 1
Front of Stamp
Note diagonal fold.



Figure 2
Back of Stamp
Note "mirror image" perfin.



Figure 3
Folded Stamp
Note perfin is part of the "F" and "o".

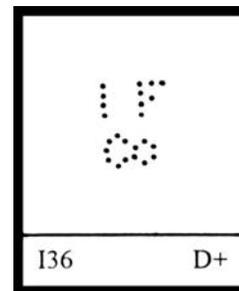


Figure 4
Pattern I36 for reference.

Answers to Jackson VII Punch

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Club members Art Mongan (LM#3443) and Tony Nobile (LM#3386) responded to my article, "Jackson VII Punch," that appeared in the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* [64:100]. In this article we presented an unusual punch of the Roman numeral "VII" in the 3-cent 1895 Andrew Jackson stamp, Scott #268. Both Art and Tony suggested that this is probably a partial punch of a pin prick type revenue perfin.

Referencing the 2007 U.S. Revenue Catalog, Art indicates the punch is most likely Revenue perfin pattern **IA0140** (IVII). This pattern, illustrated below in Figure 1, was produced by a pin prick cancelling device and was used by many companies on revenue stamps starting in 1898. Because of the size of the pattern, missing "I"s are very common.

To verify this suggestion, Art asked me to check the

height and spacing of the "II". If these measurements are 10.5 mm high with a 5.5 mm center to center spacing, the punch is almost certain a partial of Revenue perfin pattern **IA0140**. My stamp matches these specifications!

Due to the size of the Jackson postage stamp, the leading "I" would be off the stamp. So, we read it as "VII" rather than "IVII" which gives us the interesting, apparently coincidental, observation about the link to President Andrew Jackson, our seventh President.

Many thanks to Art and Tony for taking the time to contact me and helping clear up this mystery. This type of information exchange and discovery is one of the many reasons that I enjoy being a member of The Perfins Club.

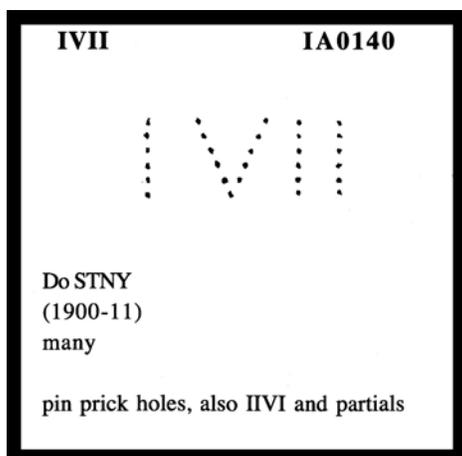


Figure 1
Revenue-Perfin pattern IA0140
(from the 2007 U.S. Revenue-Perfins Catalog)
Note the "VII" matches the punch in the Jackson stamp in Figure 2.

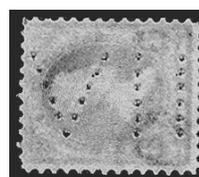


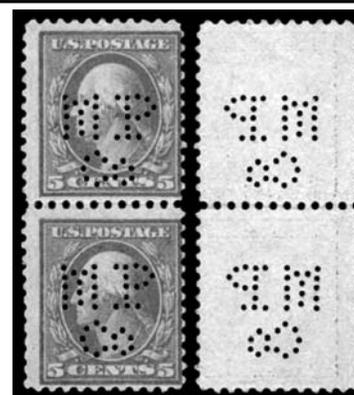
Figure 2
Back of Jackson stamp showing "VII" punch.

Interesting Auction Item

Doug Cutler (LM#126) was one of several to spot the unused pair show at right in recent eBay auction #380258559336. At first glance, one notices the rather common, D+ rated pattern **M205** used by the Moline Plow Company, Moline, IL. However upon looking more closely, one will see this perfin is in the 5-cent error, Scott #505.

Several others must have noticed this auction also as there were 24 bids. The winning price was \$355.00 plus \$3.55 shipping.

While this is not the first report of a perfinned Scott #505 stamp, the ones with pattern **M205** perfin always seem to be unused. Are there any used examples? If you have one, please forward a scan of it to the Editor and we will show it off in a *Bulletin* article. My contact information is on page 114.



5-cent error, Scott #505
with perfin pattern M205

Perfins of the Argentine Republic - Part #3

Bruce Brunell (#2831)

The following is a continuation of my articles in the May/June and July/August 2010 *Bulletins* [64:76-79, 102-107] about the perfins of the Argentine Republic.

As explained before, most of the perfins used in Argentina had to be approved by the Federal Government. So, in the following tables, the dates you see listed after the patterns are the beginning and ending authorization dates.

[Editor's note: This is the third in the series of several pages of the Argentine Republic perfins. Patterns **A1** through **A52** were presented in the May/June 2010 *Bulletin* (Part #1) and patterns **A53** through **A132** were in the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* (Part #2). This current Part #3 covers perfins used on postage stamps, patterns **A133** through **A207**. The Argentine Republic "punches" and "revenue perfins" will be presented in future *Bulletins* on a space available basis.]

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
A133	M	Miguel Munte & Hijo	Cordoba	1926-1943
A133.5	M	Museo Nacional de Belles Artes	Buenos Aires	1916-1935
A134	M	Museo Nacional de Belles Artes	Buenos Aires	1936-1950
A135	M	La Federal SRL	Buenos Aires	1924-1951
A136	MA	Antonio Munoz	Buenos Aires	1946-1960
A137	M/AA	Manufactura Algonodera Argentina	Buenos Aires	1935-1938
A137.1	M/AA	Manufactura Algonodera Argentina	Buenos Aires	1938-1982
A138	MB	???	Buenos Aires	1916-1925
A139	MB/S	Mitchell's English Bookstore	Buenos Aires	1932-1967
A140	M.B.S.	???	???	1950-1960
A141	MC	Martin & Cia	Rosario	1926-1947
A142	MC/L	Mineti & Co.	Cordoba	1941-1975
A143	ME.	Molinos y Elevadores de Granos	Buenos Aires	1915-1933
A144	M.G.C.	Martinez, Gonzales y Cia	Buenos Aires	1934-1950
A145	MG/H	Miguel Guisasola & Hijos	Tres Arroyos	1951-1960
A145.5	M/GR	Municipalidad General Roderiguez	???	1973-1976
A145.7 ¹	???	Mahanovich, Co. Argentina de Navigacion	???	1938-1951
A146	MR	La Mercantil Rosarina	Rosario	1926-1937
A147	MRL	M. Recht & Lehman, SRL	Buenos Aires	1921-1928
A148	MRP	Molinos - Rio de Plata	???	1925-1958
A149	MRP	Molinos - Rio de Plata	???	1954-1961
A149.1	MRP	Molinos - Rio de Plata	???	1954-1960
A150	MRP	Molinos - Rio de Plata	???	1960-1980
A150.5	M(s)	???	Buenos Aires	1926
A150.6	M(s)	???	Buenos Aires	???
A151	M.S.D.	Meek, Sharp & Dohne	Buenos Aires	1956-1960

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Perfins of the Argentine Republic - Part #3 (cont.)



A133 - M



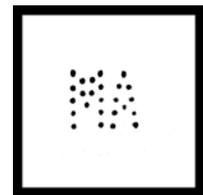
A133.5 - M



A134 - M



A135 - M



A136 - MA



A137 - M/AA



A137.1 - M/AA
(partial)



A138 - MB



A139 - MB/S



A140 - M.B.S.



A141 - MC



A142 - MC/L



A143 - ME.



A144 - M.G.C.



A145 - MG/H



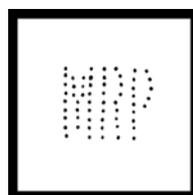
A145.5 - M/GR



A146 - MR



A147 - MRL



A148 - MRP



A149 - MRP



A149.1 - MRP



A150 - MRP



A150.5 - M(s)



A150.6 - M(s)



A151 - M.S.D

Perfins of the Argentine Republic - Part #3 (cont.)

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
A152	MyC	Muro y Cia	Buenos Aries	1921-1975
A153	M&C	Massalin y Celasco	Buenos Aries	1936-1968
A153.9	N	???	???	???
A154	NBI	Nuevo Banco Italiano	Buenos Aries	1920-1967
A155 ¹	NC	Nilic, S.A.	Buenos Aries	1915
A156	NOE	Noe, S.A. Ltda	Buenos Aries	1918-1922
A157	NLY	New York Life Insurance Co.	???	1916-1939
A158	O.G./C.	O. Gori y Cia	Buenos Aries	1940-1950
A159	P	Pond's Argentina	Buenos Aries	1948-1967
A160	PAUL	Paul y Hnos	Buenos Aries	1967-1985
A161	P.D.	Parke, Davis y Cia	Buenos Aries	1935-1946
A162	PD	Parke, Davis y Cia	Buenos Aries	1946-1960
A163	P.H	???	Buenos Aries	1918-1935
A164	PHC	Pini, Hnos y Cia	Buenos Aries	1923-1951
A165	PIC	???	Buenos Aries	1961-1968
A166	PM	???	Mendoza	1947-1954
A167	P/MA	Primera Maltera Argentina	Buenos Aries	1936-1947
A167.5	P.R	???	Buenos Aries	1916-1919
A168	Q	Cerveceria Quilmes, S.A.	Rosario	1959-1968
A169	QB	Quimica Bayer S.A.	Buenos Aries	1934-1950
A170	S	Cerveceria Schlau S.A.	Rosario	1940-1975
A171	S	Squibb Argentina	Buenos Aries	1945-1950
A171.5	S	S.A. Frigorifico Anglo	Buenos Aries	1943-1950
A172	SA/FAC	Soc. Auxiliar Fabrial Agricola y Commercial	Buenos Aries	1944-1960
A173	SA/TYM	Seguoros Sudamerica, Terrestre y Maritima	Buenos Aries	1937-1960
A174	S.D	Sharp & Dohme SRL	Buenos Aries	1945-1967
A174.5	SEA	???	Buenos Aries	1967-1980
A175	SGE	Sangrador, Gonzales Echegaray & Co.	Buenos Aries	1939-1951
A175.5 ²	???	Saint y Hnos S.A.	Buenos Aries	1933-1950
A176	SH	Sanz, Hnos y Cia	Buenos Aries	1953-1980
A177	SHC	Sagazola, Hnos y Cia	Buenos Aries	1937-1951
A178	S.M	Siam, de Tela, Ltda	Buenos Aries	1951-1960
A179.5 ³	??SO??	Standard Oil, Ltda	Buenos Aries	1934-???

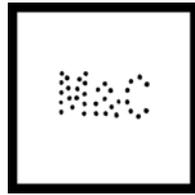
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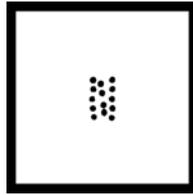
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A152 - MyC



A153 - M&C



A153.9 - N



A154 - NBI



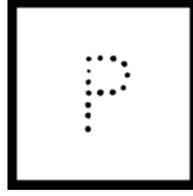
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A157 - NLY



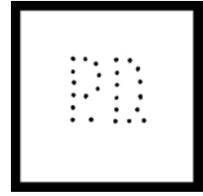
A158 - O.G./C.



A159 - P



A160 - PAUL



A161 - P.D.



A162 - PD



A163 - P.H



A164 - PHC



A165 - PIC



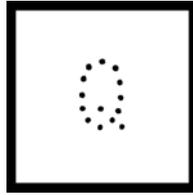
A166 - PM



A167 - P/MA



A167.5 - P.R



A168 - Q



A169 - QB



A170 - S



A171 - S



A171.5 - S



A172 - SA/FAC



A173 - SA/TYM



A174 - S.D



A174.5 - SEA



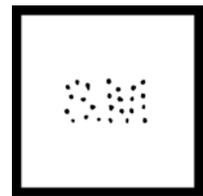
A175 - SGE



A176 - SH



A177 - SHC



A178 - S.M

Perfins of the Argentine Republic - Part #3 (cont.)

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
A179.7 ¹	St&Co.	Staudt & Cia	Rosairo	1897
A180	SU/DAM	Compania Sud-America	Buenos Aires	1930-1960
A181	SZ	Sanz, S.A.	Buenos Aires	1967-1980
A182	S.1	Swift, S.A. Ltda	Buenos Aires	1939-1967
A183	TDC	Tomas Devoto y Cia	Buenos Aires	1922-1967
A184	U	Urbín, S.A.	Buenos Aires	1953-1968
A185	US/MC	United Shoe Machinery Company	Buenos Aires	1940-1960
A186 ¹	VC	Vincente Casares	Buenos Aires	1891
A187 ²	VGC	Viuda de R. Gabardini y Cia	???	1948-1961
A188	WB/C	Wattinne, Bossut y Cia	Buenos Aires	1943-1960
A189	WHC	Weil, Hnos y Cia	Buenos Aires	1927-???
A190	WI/CO	West Indian Oil Company	Buenos Aires	1933-1950
A191 ³	WL	???	???	???
A192	Y	Yerma, S.A.	Buenos Aires	1940-1950
A193	design	Thyssen Lametal	Avellanda	1938-1950
A194 ²	3B	La Rural, S.A.	Buenos Aires	1931-1951
A195 ²	4B	Polledo & Cia	Buenos Aires	1933-1950
A196 ²	5B	Co. Gral, Electricidad	Buenos Aires	1931-1950
A197 ²	6B	Verardo & Cia	Buenos Aires	1931-1933
A198 ²	10/B	Laboratorios Suarry , S.A.	Buenos Aires	1931-1950
A199 ²	11/B	La Rural, S.A.	Buenos Aires	1931-1950
A200 ²	63/B	Albion House, S.A.	Buenos Aires	1932-1951
A201 ²	64/B	???	Buenos Aires	1932-1951
A202 ²	65/B	Federacio Agraria Argentina	Buenos Aires	1933-1951
A203 ²	66/B	Perlender & Cia	Buenos Aires	1933-1951
A206	*	???	Buenos Aires	1917
A207	design	???	Buenos Aires	1960-1962

Notes:

1. Patterns A179.7 and A186 were used also in Uruguay and possibly in Paraguay.
2. Patterns A187 and A194-A203 were made to punch vertical delivery coil stamps. They are classified as "POKO"s. These are only seen on Scott #343b-351a which are typographed instead of lithographed and have a rough impression. These stamps were issued from 1931 to 1933. So the patterns listed were in use for a very limited time, probably no later than 1935. The ending dates shown above were when the government rescinded all of the prior perfin permits and issued new ones.
3. Image for pattern A191 is not available.
4. Patterns A204 and A205 have been deleted.

Perfins of the Argentine Republic - Part #3 (cont.)



A179.7 - St&Co.



A180 - SU/DAM



A181 - SZ



A182 - S.1



A183 - TDC



A184 - U



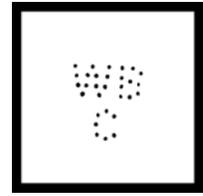
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A186 - VC



A187 - VGC



A188 - WB/C



A189 - WHC



A190 - WI/CO



A192 - Y



A193 - design



A194 - 3B



A195 - 4B



A196 - 5B



A197 - 6B



A198 - 10/B



A199 - 11/B



A200 - 63/B



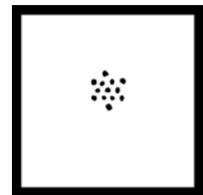
A201 - 64/B



A202 - 65/B



A203 - 66/B



A206 - *



A207 - design

New! Handbook for Perfins of Imperial Russia!

Dick Scheper (#3311)

This autumn I intend to publish my new handbook & catalogue for perfins of Imperial Russia. To let you know the extent of the material covered in this handbook, the Table of Contents is presented below:

- Preface
- Introduction to the handbook.
- General notes on perfins of Imperial Russia.

Private perfins:

- The origin of private perfins on stamps of Imperial Russia.
- Listing of private perfins on postage stamps of Imperial Russia.
- Private perfins on Russian stamps for use in the Ottoman empire.
- Listing of private perfins on Russian stamps for use in the Ottoman empire.
- Private perfins on stamps for use in the Russian post offices in China.
- Listing of private perfins on stamps for use in the Russian post offices in China.

Official perfins on postage stamps:

- Forerunners of official Russian perfins.
- The origin of official perfins on postage stamps of Imperial Russia.
- Perfins of the Moscow post offices.
- Listing of official perfins on postage stamps of Imperial Russia.

Official perfins on Imperial Russian stamps for use abroad in Sin-Kiang and the Khanate of Bukhara.

Catalogue

- Introduction to the catalogue.
- Catalogue of private and official perfins on postage stamps of Imperial Russia.

Official perfins on revenue stamps:

- Official perfins on revenue stamps of Imperial Russia.

The handbook is in English and will be published in A-4 format. All 242 illustrations of perfins in stamps and documents are in full colour.

I expect the price to be somewhere between €20 and €25, depending upon the number of the handbooks I order from the printer. Therefore, before I send the final draft to press, I would like to know how many collectors would like to order a copy. My contact information is: Dick Scheper; Hogeland 1; NL-2264 JX Leidschendam; NETHERLAND or email at: dick.scheper@planet.nl.

[Editor's Note: If you would like a copy of the Front Page of the Handbook, please contact Dick at the email address above or the Editor. His contact information is on page 114.]

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U.S. Catalog Enhancements

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

A couple of major enhancements to the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog) are nearing completion. Both of these were previewed at the 2010 Burlington Convention. These are:

Addendum

As previously announced in the May/June 2010 issue of the *Bulletin* [64:66], a revised structure to publishing Additions and Corrections to the US Perfins Catalog has been implemented. This Addendum consolidates all the information from A&C#1 and A&C#2 into a single document. In addition, information that was not previously recorded but was impacted by those A&C's (such as changes to the Index of Users at the end of the Catalog) is included.

The plan is that future A&C's will be incorporated into the Addendum. Therefore, going forward, collectors will need to check only two documents – the main US Perfins Catalog and the Addendum, regardless of how many A&C editions are published! However for those members who wish separate A&C documents, we will continue to provide those also.

During the Convention several members reviewed

the draft and provided suggested modifications and/or revisions. Thank you for taking the time to assist in this effort. After these suggestions are processed and incorporated into the document as appropriate, the first edition of the Addendum will be made available to the membership through The Perfins Club Publication Sales Manager, Dave Lightle. We expect this to be before the end of this year.

e-Catalog

Work is progressing nicely on providing the US Perfins Catalog in electronic form to members who wish to have it in this form. The format will exactly match that of the printed Catalog, except that it will also include the A&C information. It will be an electronically searchable document and will link the Catalog's Supplemental Information and A&C's to the main body of the Catalog.

A draft of the e-Catalog was previewed at the Burlington Convention. Members volunteered to help check the operations of this draft version on different computer operating systems. We expect to release the official version later this year. Thank you to the members who shared their thoughts and suggestions for an e-Catalog with me during the Convention.

Kingdom of Bavaria Perfins Catalogue Announced

The following notice is from the August 2010 issue of the *GB Perfin Society Bulletin* [367:19]. It is reprinted with permission.

After 15 years of work the *Catalogue of the Perfins of the Kingdom of Bavaria* is about to be published. The catalogue is a trilingual edition in German - English - French, with around 480 pages DIN A-4, and 100 pages in colour. It includes a detailed introduction to Bavarian perfin collecting. For each of the 650 perfin designs recorded there is a front and a rear reproduction of the design with numerous new discoveries and new identifications. Also listed is the name of the user, his branch of activity, the period of use and the perforating machine. For each perfin an inventory of the reported used stamps and

postal stationery is provided along with - if possible - a document showing the letter head. A rarity index is included for single loose perfins and for a perfin on a document. The catalogue also includes a list of names & firms, list of localities and a thematic index.

The catalogue will be published in the autumn when 100 orders have been received. Orders placed now will be charged at €9 - after publication copies will cost €8. Postage and packing will be €1 for orders in Europe and €4 for orders outside Europe. An order form for the catalogue can be obtained directly from Rainer von Scharpen, Tucholskyweg 5, D-55127 MAINZ / Germany - rainervonscharpen@t-online.de.

Member Want Ads

WANTED: 1923 2-cent Harding perfins and prepers (Scott #610, 611 & 612) AND 1931 2-cent Red Cross perfins and prepers (Scott #702). No quantity is too large and duplication is not a problem.
Contact: Larry Cohen, PO Box 356, Plymouth, NH 03264, USA; email: reb.cohen@roadrunner.com.

WANTED: Parcel post card and cover with U.S. perfin S.A.S. (pattern S39I). Possibly from Swedish American Steel Corporation, Brooklyn, New York.
Write to: Stellan Swenson, Odonbärsvägen 32, SE-293 41 OLOFSTRÖM, SWEDEN.

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WANTED: Give me your tired, unhappy perfins yearning to breathe free in another collection. They will become home safe among their friends. I welcome especially those District of Columbia and Maryland State Beverage Tax Revenues. Will pay asking price for those I need. **Contact:** Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231, USA.

Sears Punched Receipt

Dave Smith (#1514)

While going through a collection of classic precancels recently, I came across the postcard with the control punch shown below. It reminded me of the July/August *Bulletin* article, "A 'Kodak Moment' Revisited" [64:94-95], that discusses punches used by Kodak to track their film during processing.

The card was sent to a "Mrs M Farwell of Earlville (or Farlville) Ia." Reading the reverse side we discover that she had overpaid for what she had

ordered. The card is a credit for the 30 cent overpayment and was issued September 20, 1918. If she returned the card (presumably with another order), it would be credited as cash.

In checking the 1910 and 1920 census of Delaware County, Iowa, no "M Farwell" was found. Perhaps she died before using the credit.

I wonder if Sears would still honor the credit today?

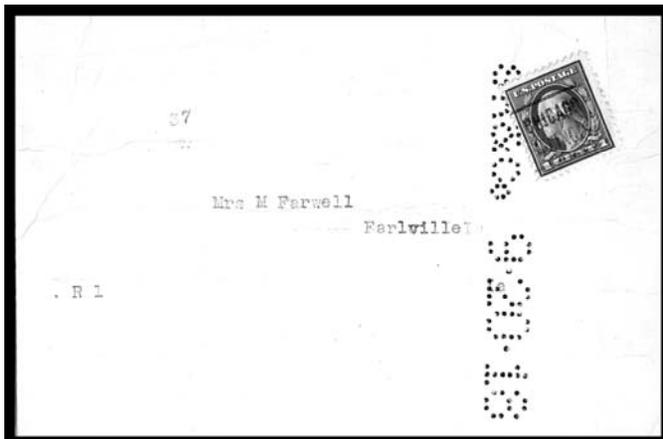


Figure 1
Front of card

The control punch reads "SR & Co 9.20.18"
The precancel is PSS Type L 8
(Approximately 57% of actual size)

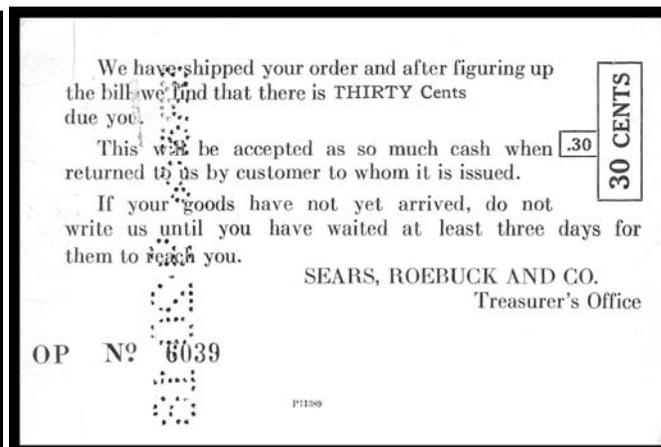


Figure 2
Back of card

Note: 30-cents cash credit due
(Approximately 57% of actual size)

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Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

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DUES: Look at your address label. If it has a red mark on the date above your name, that indicates we have not received your dues as of August 10. This will be the last issue if your dues are not paid. Please forward them to the Secretary NOW.

Prices Realized Perfins Club Auction #119 - June 30, 2010

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5	8.00	28	8.00	51	8.00	74	WD
6	19.00	29	8.00	52	17.00	75	10.00
7	WD	30	16.00	53	19.00	76	20.00
8	15.00	31	16.00	54	15.00	77	15.00
9	21.00	32	45.00	55	WD	78	25.00
10	15.00	33	10.00	56	26.00	79	30.00
11	8.00	34	WD	57	20.00	80	20.00
12	WD	35	WD	58	16.00	81	6.00
13	8.00	36	15.00	59	WD	82	WD
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18	8.00	41	21.00	64	15.00	87	8.00
19	WD	42	8.00	65	8.00	88	WD
20	30.00	43	WD	66	8.00	89	110.00
21	WD	44	45.00	67	8.00	90	110.00
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Extraordinary Realization?

Rudy Roy (#1124) recently spotted the item shown at right in eBay auction #170517834888. It was described as:

1928 Parcel Post 'Cash on Demand' Labels (6d) - Large Parcel Piece 6d Perfin B G & Co

The item received 10 bids and sold for £130.00 plus £2.25 postage!

Rudy's comment was:

I'm not sure if it was the use with a perfins stamp or just the usage that drove the price of this so high. But at over \$200 I would offer that it is an extraordinary realization for a relatively common item.

If any of our members have any thoughts as to why or can offer any explanation for the £130 selling price, please forward them to the Editor and we will include them in a future *Bulletin*. His contact information is on page 114.



eBay Auction #170517834888
Parcel Post 'Cash on Demand' Label
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