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It's Convention Time!!

2011 Program

Monday - August 1

8 a.m. - Dealer set-up Ballroom A-E
10 a.m. - Registration and Bourse Opens
10 p.m. - Bourse Closes

Tuesday - August 2

8 a.m. - Registration/Bourse Opens
7 p.m. - Reception

Wednesday - August 3

8 a.m. - Registration/Bourse Opens
10 a.m. - First PSS Business Meeting
11 a.m. - PSS & Perfins Convention Photos
2 p.m. - Perfins Club Business Meeting
4 p.m. - Meet with Ralph Kimball

Thursday - August 4

8 a.m. - Registration/Bourse Opens
10 a.m. - Second PSS Business Meeting
TBD - Ladies Movie Afternoon
2 p.m. - Auction (Donations and Consignment Lots needed)

Friday - August 5

8 a.m. - Registration/Bourse Opens
8:30 a.m. - Ladies Breakfast and Books
1 p.m. - Catalog committee meeting

Saturday - August 6

9 a.m. - Bourse
6 p.m. - Cash Bar & Banquet

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Visitor's information will be available at the registration desk.

Please share the times of the Ladies Movie Afternoon and Ladies Breakfast and Books with your "Collector Companion" so everyone has a chance to enjoy them.

For further information, please contact this year's Convention Chairman, Eugene Byers, 2209 Jessamine Rd, Bloomington, IL 61704; email ehbyers.bloom.il@gmail.com.

Presidential Election

As has been discussed in the past several *Bulletins*, Bob Szymanski's current term as President expires at the end of 2011. For several reasons, Bob has determined that he will not serve another term. Thus, a new President to serve from 2012-2015 will be elected this year.

The Presidential Search Committee - Chairman, Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231; assisted by Kurt Ottenheimer, 462 W. Walnut,

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Meet a Member

Leo Galloway - LM#6

At age 90 I can reflect back on a full life. I was born and raised a “country boy” in central Nebraska. When I was 4 years old, my interest in nature surfaced, causing panic in the Galloway household. Why worry, I was safe sitting on the back of a hill watching two pheasants fight.

I do not remember why or how I became interested in stamp collecting, but I had begun a general worldwide collection by the time I entered high school. (I graduated from Fullerton, NE H.S.) My collecting was interrupted when I enlisted in the Army Air Corps. I was stationed at Macon, GA, when Pearl Harbor was hit. They changed my uniform as the Army Air Corps evolved into the U.S. Air Force. I spent the entire World War II as an instructor in a training command, teaching instrument flying procedures on a ground trainer.

After discharge, the GI bill permitted me to get my BS in Education at what is now the University of Nebraska at Kearney, NE. Bird watching was one of my favorite courses. Subsequently I have amassed an impressive North American bird list. I taught one year of high school, which I found was one year too much. Study for a masters degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln went sour so I asked for recall to active duty.

During the next ten years of service I married that cute gal I had met in college. We have had a terrific 57 years in spite of (or because of) no children. Once again I became interested in my stamps. I learned of perfins while a member of the West Palm Beach, FL, stamp club. I started accumulating perfins as Perfin Club LM#6. Although I was not an active collector, I

learned a great deal about perfins from the *Bulletin*.

Upon finishing life in the military, I obtained a Master’s Degree at the University of Oklahoma and taught biology at Amarillo, Texas, Junior College. Most of our vacation time was spent camping and birding. After 3 years we both enrolled in doctoral programs at Texas Tech University. My PhD research was the study of the desert species of two plant groups (genera) in the “four o’clock” family. After publishing my results I was invited to submit material on these two genera for the multi-volume *Flora of North America*.

We finally settled down in St. Joseph, MO, with me teaching biology and my wife teaching English at Missouri Western State University. While teaching, I let one of our reference librarians con me into getting a bicycle. The following year the librarian and I spent 66 nights camping while biking the 4,400 miles from coast to coast. I was addicted to long distance riding. Longer trips included the Natchez Trace, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and rides across a number of the states. Of course stamps were put in storage again. At 89 we had to sell our camper and after logging a bit over 144,000 miles on the bike, I had to hang it up because of all the infirmities that catch up with us elder seniors. So here it is back to stamps!

[Editor’s note: The above information is an update of “Thumb-Nail Sketch 84” published in the December 1967 *Bulletin* {20:2}. Based on Leo’s original membership number, #353, shown in this Thumb-Nail Sketch, he is one of the early members of The Perfins Club. Why not send your ‘bio’ to the Editor so we can learn a little more about you in a future *Bulletin*? My contact information is on page 86.]

Volunteers Wanted for the Columbus APS Show

The next American Philatelic Society (APS) stamp show at which the Perfins Club will be staffing an Affiliate Society Booth will be held in Columbus, OH, Thursday, August 11 through Sunday, August 14, 2011. That is the week following The Perfins Club Annual Convention in Middleton, WI. If there

are Club members planning to attend the Columbus show and have a couple of hours to volunteer staffing the Perfins Club Booth, please contact Jerry Hejduk at P. O. Box 490450, Leesburg, FL 34749-0450, by email at flprepers@comcast.net or by telephone at (352) 326-2117.

New Members Q & A

I understand that the answer to "How do you collect perfin?" is "Any way you want to"; but can you provide a little insight into some of the ways club members collect them?

There being few, if any, rules about what and how to collect perfins, we asked Bob Szymanski (LM#145) to share his experience over the last decade as to what Perfins Club members have been collecting. What follows is an overview of his observations.

- **Collect the whole world:** 1) One perfin from every stamp issuing entity; 2) One perfin on each stamp of any stamp issuing entity; 3) One of each stamp from each country; 4) One of each pattern and issue from each country; and 5) One of each pattern, issue, and position of the perfin from each country. Or, collect a defined part of the world using each of the above categories.
- **Commercial perfins, official perfins or both:** one continent; one country; all countries; one province, state or territory; one location controlled by one country; one location controlled by more than one country; or one location controlled by one or more countries and independent.
- **Commercial perfins:** one city, one company, one product, or one name.
- **Topical:** one type of user (railroads), one stamp (apple green), one series of stamps (Washington Bicentennials), one denomination, one person (Lincoln), one gender; one ethnic group, one

color, one date; or one group of anything (animals, butterflies, Boy Scouts, etc.).

- **Calendar Collection:** Specific date, location, or other variable including, but not limited to, your birth date and anniversary thereof.
- **Revenue Stamps, Personal Punches, Overprints, Commemoratives, Illegal perfins, Coils, Booklet Panes, Plate # Singles, Pairs, Strips** (3 or more stamps), **Blocks** (4 or more stamps), or **Plate # Blocks** are all possibilities.

The presentation above is not meant to be an all-inclusive list but rather a good sample of what is possible to collect.

In addition, most collectors have found it helpful to build a checklist similar to the one for Apple Greens (Scott #513) found on page 89 of this issue of the *Bulletin*. Such a checklist is invaluable on those many occasions in your stamp room, or away at a stamp show, when you quickly want to know what you have, or don't have, in your special collection.

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 Auction #31

In September or October 2011, Bob Szymanski (LM#145) will be conducting another private auction. For newer members or those who have not participated in past private auctions, a short explanation is in order.

Over the past 10 years, Bob has auctioned over 30 members' collections - some for members who have decided for some reason or another to quit collecting or for estates of deceased members. Although some collections have brought several thousand dollars, others have reached into the \$100,000 range - all for what have been termed "damaged" stamps!

Stamps have been offered in individual lots, groups and collections. There have been presales of U.S.

perfinned stamps from want lists as well. Most often, there is something for everyone! If you care to participate in future auctions, just drop Bob an email (perfinman@comcast.net) or letter (10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371, USA) and you will receive future auction lists.

Presently, the upcoming Private Auction #31 will contain the balance of Joe Dooley's massive Great Britain perfin collection, and some U.S. and possibly foreign lots depending on circumstances prior to the auction. So, help our members and their heirs, while helping your collection and the Perfin Club as well because with every auction a minimum of 5% is donated to the club.

New Members Q & A (cont.)

Known Perfin Patterns In Apple Greens (Scott 513)

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

Perfin Pattern	Perfin Precancel		Precancel Type, Position	Perfin Pattern	Perfin Precancel		Precancel Type, Position
	State	City			State	City	
A056.5	IL	Peoria	202, I	M123	IL	Chicago	L4, N, I
A229				M164			
A263	NY	Brooklyn	219, N	M184			
B092				N043			
B112				N072	IL	Chicago	L4, I
B116-21	IL	Chicago	L4,I	N149			
B161	MA	Boston	203, I	O012			
B215	RI	Providence	207, N, I	O99.5	IL	Chicago	224, N, I; L4, N, I
C030	MD	Baltimore	217, N				
C242	CO	Denver	204, N; 232, N	P056.20	MO	Kansas City	205, N, Dbl
C253				P115	NY	NYC	L5.6, N
C290	NY	NYC	L5.5, I L5.6, N	P116	NY	NYC	L5.6, N
				P174A	WI	Janesville	204, N
D119	NY	NYC	204, N	R002	IL	Chicago	224, N, I; L4, N
E059	CA	San Francisco	L3, N	R021	CA	San Francisco	L3, N
E122	IL	Quincy	201, N, I	S081	MN	Minneapolis	205, N; L17, N
E124				S359	IL	Chicago	L4, I
F066				W021			
F074				W084			
F090				W111			
F161				W199-25			
F170				Number 06			
F172							
G152	MA	Taunton (On Cover)	549, N				
G172							
H032							
I43.7H-8	CA	Los Angeles	205, N				
I091.1							
M039							
M095	IL	Quincy	201, N				
M096	MN	Minneapolis	205, N				
M106A							
M106B							

Notes:

1. A "Perfin Precancel" is not known for the indicated Perfin Pattern where no State and City is listed.
2. Precancel Types are in accordance with *The Precancel Stamp Society's Town and Type Catalog of the United States and Territories, Seventh Edition*.
3. For the Precancel Position, N is "Normal"; I is "Inverted"; and Dbl is "Double."
4. Checklist last updated on June 1, 2011.

New Chinese Perfin Found?

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

China has been in the news almost constantly in the past few years and shall remain so for the foreseeable future. Try buying some clothes or a light bulb or a pair of shoes that do not have a "Made in China" label.

However, this is not the norm when you look at a perfin mixture. As there are only 35 or so different perfin patterns found on Chinese stamps out of more than 50,000 patterns known world wide, it was with no great anticipation that I purchased a lot of 2000+ perfins from an old time collector who had thoughtfully put them aside over 70 years of collecting. I attempted to recruit him for The Perfins Club, assuring him that many of our collectors were as old as he was and he would have a lot of fun learning something new. But, no dice! He thought he was too old at 85 to start collecting something new.

Changing tactics, I asked him that since he was not going to collect the perfins why didn't he just send them to me and I would make him an offer. A week later, he did. I received them, looked them over and made an offer. He agreed and two happy collectors consummated the deal.

Out of the 2000+ perfins there were four nice items. The easy one was the Italian advertising stamp shown at the right. This is now the second one that I own. It is nicer than the first because Bob Schwerdt (#505L) informed me that it was not a listed denomination for this perfin. (Bob seems to have a list for almost everything).

However, Bob was not able to provide any further insight about three Chinese perfins shown below. The perfins are in nice commemorative stamps and are perfectly punched patterns. The conundrum is that the perfins are not listed in the Chinese perfin literature



anywhere! After more than a month of sending scans and awaiting for some response - nothing has been determined.

The most interesting call I received was from Doug Turner (LM#2549), our Past Vice-President. One of Doug's fellow members of the Ventura, CA Stamp Club recently cornered him and excitedly asked if he knew anything about the pattern of the three Chinese perfins. Doug replied that he had never seen them before and asked the member where he got the pictures. "Some guy in Massachusetts!" "Is his name Szymanski?" Doug asked. "Yeah, that's him." was the reply. Isn't it amazing how philatelic information travels?

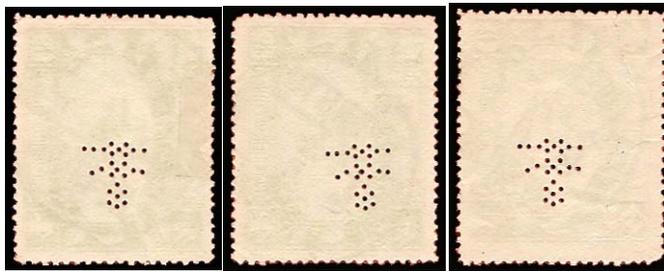
Well, all I have so far are my own observations. These three perfins have the same pattern, whatever it is. They are all of the same issue. They all have exactly the same cancel of Chengtu in Szechwan Province. In addition, all three cancels have the same angle of strike. This leads me to believe that the stamps were probably aligned on one envelope and cancelled by a postal clerk one after another.

Having a unique perfin is good. Having two of the same pattern gives a better indication of the validity of the perfin. So what does three of the same pattern tell us? I would say that it was quite a good indication of the validity of the perfins especially when they came from one old time collector's collection where they resided patiently for the better part of 70 years!

Ideas are welcome! Does any one have thoughts about the perfin? Is it a Chinese character of some type? I would appreciate receiving any information from anyone. My contact information is: Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371, USA; email: perfinman@comcast.net.



Face of Chinese stamps with unknown perfin.
Same cancel on all three stamps.



Back of Chinese stamps with unknown perfin.
Perfin is identical in all three stamps.

Authorized Use by an Inmate?

By Rudy Roy (#1124)

When I first saw the cover shown below (Figure 1) it seemed fairly ordinary, though it was also an air mail cover. Just a somewhat late use of perfins paying for air mail to Brazil in 1981. (The cover is overpaid by 5 cents, as the air mail rate to South America at that time was 35 cents per ½ ounce.)

However, on closer examination it took on a bit more significance. The return address is that of the Cook County Department of Corrections (CCDOC)! The street address - 2700 S Calif(ornia) - is that of the Cook County Jail (even today). And the sender is an inmate! [Author's note: I have erased the sender's and addressee's names on the scan, but they are complete on the cover].

Most jails' policies forbid inmates to possess or receive sundry items from family or friends, such as postage stamps, although some will allow clothing gifts. The principal reason for restricting access to stamps is that drugs can be concealed easily on stamps, especially water activated stamps. Many allow inmates to have a deposit account from which they can purchase sundry items, such as postage stamps, from the jail's commissary. It appears that this letter was franked with stamps bought from the jail, but in this instance, with the jail's perfins, Cook County Illinois pattern **C85**!

What I first saw as a rather mundane cover with very

common perfins turned out to be what I consider an exceptional use, and the first one I have ever seen.

End Note: I found this cover on eBay, listed by someone in Brazil, last November. I bid and won it, and the cover was mailed to me on November 19, 2010. When it did not arrive in early December, I was not concerned, as very slow mail delivery from Brazil is mostly the norm. I got busy and completely forgot about the cover! Most likely in late December or early January I just wrote it off as lost. Then on February 25, 2011, in my mail is a envelope from Brazil! Not having any outstanding eBay bids with any sellers in Brazil, I had no clue what it contained. On opening I find my inmate cover! Unfortunately, the time eBay allows you to send "feedback" on a purchase is 60 days, so I could no longer do that. I was able, after some digging, to contact the seller through eBay and let him know that my lot had finally arrived.

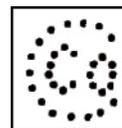
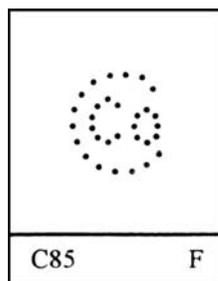


Figure 2
Perfin from Inmate
mailed cover and
image of Pattern
C85 from *Catalog
of United States
Perfins.*"

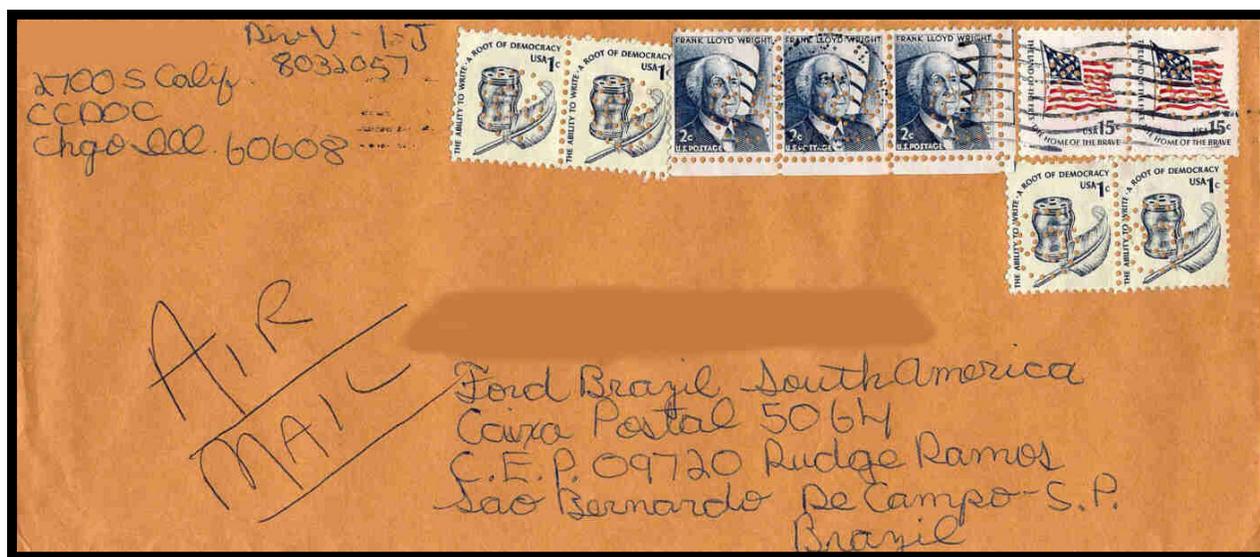


Figure 1
Cover mailed by Inmate of Cook County Jail.
Franked with stamps with Cook County perfin C85.
Postmarked April 21, 1981.

Canadian Pattern C3 Identified

Curzon Brothers (International Tailors)

(Reprinted from the February 2011 *BNA Perforator*)

At last the identity of the C3 pattern in the Johnson & Tommason Canadian perfins handbook is confirmed thanks to the efforts of Ron Whyte. He reports "I was looking at my British perfin collection and noticed the similarity between GB C0460.06 and Canada C3. When I placed my British stamp above the C3 pattern as depicted in the Canada perfins handbook, the pattern was a perfect fit. Using my copy of the Tomkins *Catalogue of Identified G.B. Perfins* I read that C0460.06 was produced by a perforator owned by Curzon Brothers (International Tailors) of London and Paris.

"The firm's name encouraged me to look in the *Timbres Perforés* handbook for French perfins, where I found pattern CB28 also a perfect match. I contacted Bob Szymanski, President of the U.S Perfins Club, who kindly provided me with an image of one of his CB28 perfins with a Paris cancel. He contacted Robert Dedecker, editor of the French handbook, where CB28 was listed as being from Dole, in the French Jura. Robert Dedecker agreed that this was an error and that CB28 should be identified as coming from a firm in Paris.

"After receiving additional input from Jack Brandt and Jon Johnson in Calgary and Ken Masters in Kansas City, the picture was complete. Curzon of Paris and London owned a perforator which they apparently used to perforate stamps from France, Britain, and Canada; the latter have been found with Montreal cancels. This was truly an international effort to discover an international pattern cut and perforated by an international tailor."



Canada C3 on 106
(from S. Koning).



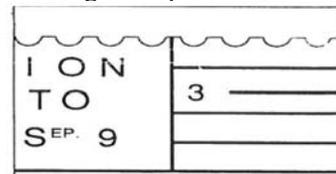
G.B. C04060.06 on 128
(from S. Koning).



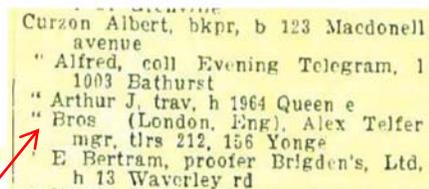
France CB28 on 162
(from B. Szymanski).

In fact this pattern has also been found with Toronto cancels. The May 1990 issue of the *Perforator* has an article by the late Jack Benningen outlining the efforts he, along with Bob Traquair and Don Fraser, had made to identify the C3 pattern from Toronto Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) slogan cancels.⁽¹⁾

It started with this partial cancel on a #106. 1922 was a year when the Admirals issues changed colours and also when the CNE ended on September 9th. Unfortunately the font used in the slogan cancel from the *Proulx Slogan Handbook* for that year did not match. Bob rechecked his C3 perfins and found a #106 with a cancel showing a September 8th CNE closing. The Proulx listing had a 1913 CNE slogan that matched the perfin cancel exactly.



The article left off with Bob Traquair having identified all of the companies operating in Toronto with the initials "CB" and the sleuths looking for a cover to confirm the user. Advances in the internet and associated technologies have now made this relatively easy. The 1912 Toronto City Directory is available on line through Archive.org. Here is a copy of an entry on Page 590.⁽²⁾



The 4th line clearly identifies Curzon Brothers and their location at 156 Yonge Street. The work of the 3 study group members was certainly on the right track and Curzon Brothers were indeed "international" with offices in London, Paris, Montreal and Toronto.

References:

1. "The BNA Perforator"; (Volume 11, Number 1, Whole Number 66); <http://bnatopics.org/hhlibrary/newsletters/n-perf.htm>.
2. "1912 Toronto City Directory"; <http://www.archive.org/stream/torontodirec191200miduoft#page/n0/mode/2up>.

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Additional Moline Plow Co. Users - M204 and M205

Ken Masters (#3589)

Because of the way they chose to organize and operate their business, the "Moline Plow Co." provides an opportunity to build an intriguing specialty perfin cover collection. Some of their covers are especially attractive with the red "Flying Dutchman" logo, either as part of the corner card or as an advertising collar around the stamp.

The current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) associates four patterns (M204, M205, M207, and M207.5) with some variation of Moline Plow Co. Also, the user of pattern C205 was positively identified as "California Moline Plow Co." in the January/February 2011 *Bulletin* [65:23].

Much of the historical information about Moline Plow Company was discussed in the article "Additional User for Pattern M207.5" published in the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* [64:98]. Summarizing the high points from that article:

- Moline Plow Company was originally incorporated in 1870 in Moline, IL.
- Rather than selling their products using traveling salesmen, the company established fourteen branch houses in various cities - thirteen in the U.S. and one in Canada.

So, in addition to the multiple patterns, the multiple branches provide a large array of material for the specialty collection.

Over the past several months, I have been fortunate to find two more "Moline Plow Co." covers for my collection. Both of these document an additional alternate user - one for pattern M204 and the second for M205.

Before we look at the two covers (pages 94 and 95), it may be helpful to consider the differences between patterns M204 and M205. As with many perfins, these two are very similar in appearance. Referring to the left and middle image in Figure 1 below, the layout of the patterns and number of holes in each letter are the same. The only real differences, albeit slight, are the height and shape of the C and o, the spacing of the holes on the bottom horizontal bar of the P, and the width of the letter M.

Because of these similarities, when the perfin is on a cover it can be very difficult and frustrating to accurately identify. In an attempt to more clearly highlight the differences between these two patterns, pattern M205 (in red) has been electronically superimposed over M204 (Figure 1, right image). From this comparison, the differences are fairly obvious. Thus, when you are faced with trying to distinguish between M204 and M205, perhaps consulting this comparison will help speed the process and lessen your frustration.

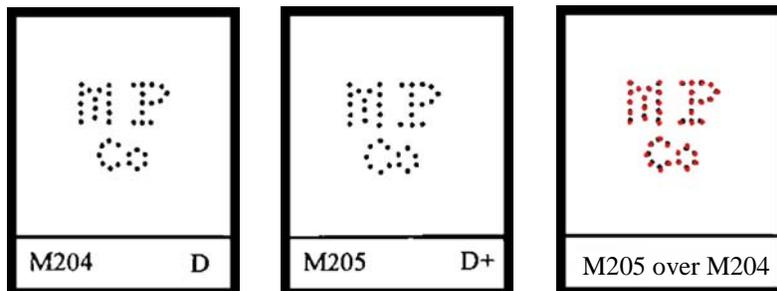


Figure 1

Electronic comparison of patterns M205 (in red) and M204.
(Patterns M204 and M205 for reference.)

"Whatisit?"

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Shown at the right are the front and back illustrations of an apparent number 7 as a perfin in a 1-cent Franklin coil, perforation 10 (Scott #597) stamp. Also of interest is the Indianapolis, Indiana, precancel. Does anyone have any information about this item? If so, please send it to me or the Editor and we will share it in a future *Bulletin*. Our contact information is on page 86.



Do you have any information about this apparent perforated precancel?

Additional Moline Plow Co. Users - M204 and M205 (cont.)

M204 - Eastern Moline Plow Co.

The cover illustrated in Figure 2 has several positive features and only one negative (the very rough opening on the left). The most striking is the “Flying Dutchman” logo as part of the corner card. If you recall, his right hand is holding an ear of corn and that is his pipe stem sticking out of the left pocket of his pantaloons.

The cover is franked with a perforated 12, 2-cent Washington stamp and is postmarked December 26, 1913. Based on the postmark, the stamp is a common Scott #406 as that was the only 2-cent Washington available then. Adding to the interest is the partial plate number (appears to be 6517) in the top selvage of the stamp.

The perfin is either **M204** or **M205**. The user

“Eastern Moline Plow Co., Bloomington, IL” is not one of the several users listed for either of these patterns in the U.S. Perfins Catalog, including A&C#1 and #2. So, it seems we have found a new alternate user for one of these patterns.

Because of the light cancellation and the almost perfectly punched holes, a visual inspection seems to say the perfin is pattern **M204**. This identification is confirmed by the electronic comparison shown in Figure 3.

This information was forwarded to the U.S. Catalog Chairman and he agrees. “Eastern Moline Plow Co., Bloomington, IL” will be listed as an additional alternate user for **M204** in the U.S. Perfins Catalog’s A&C#3.

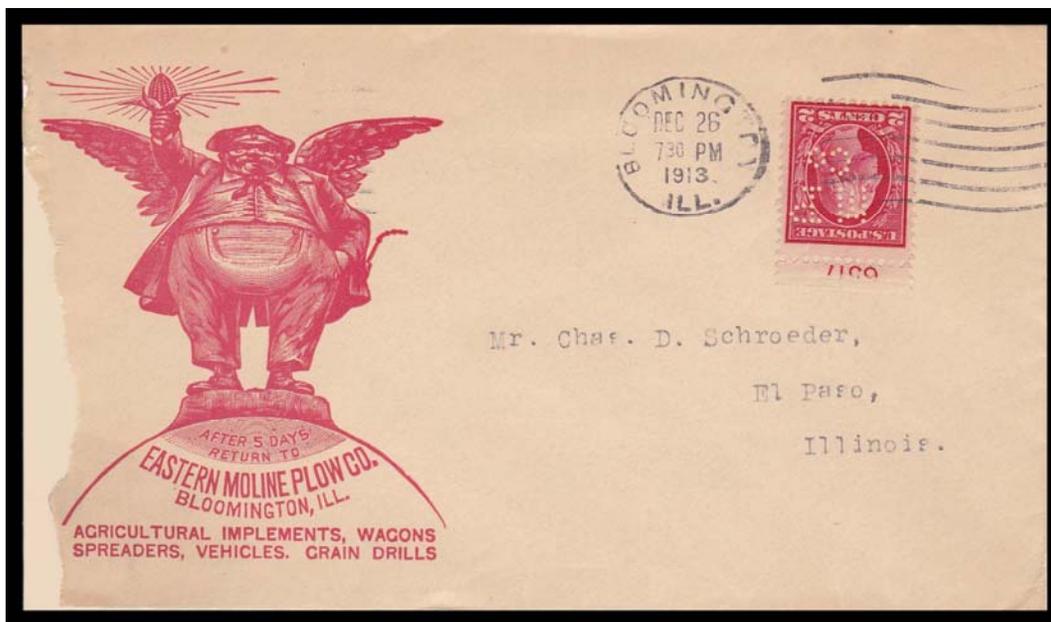


Figure 2

Eastern Moline Plow Co., Bloomington, IL, cover.
Stamp is perfinned with M204.

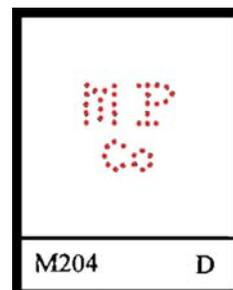
(85% of actual size.)

Figure 3

Stamp lifted from cover.
Note partial plate number.

Perfin electronically
compared to U.S. Perfins
Catalog image confirms
M204 identification!

(Actual size.)



Additional Moline Plow Co. Users - M204 and M205 (cont.)

M205 - Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Company

The cover illustrated in Figure 4 is another one from the "Moline Plow Co." family, being franked with stamps perforated with either pattern M204 or M205. However, before identifying the perfin, some additional history associated with the cover seems appropriate.

Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Company was formed in 1929 by the merger of Moline Implement Company, Moline, IL; Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company, Minneapolis, MN; and Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company, Hopkins, MN.⁽¹⁾ (Moline Implement Company was originally Moline Plow Co. The name was changed in the 1920's.) While the corporate headquarters was at the Hopkins, MN, facility, they maintained operations at all three plants.⁽²⁾ White Motor Company purchased Minneapolis-Moline in 1963 and AGCO Corporation purchased White Tractors in 1991.

Based on the cover's 1935 postmark, it seems that the Moline, IL, plant continued to perforate their stamps after the merger. However, as there are a number of missing holes, it appears that the perforator was getting worn and several pins had broken. It is these missing holes that make it challenging to identify the perfin.

The perfin in the 30-cent American Bison stamps is the better of the two. Figure 5 shows the perfin in red after

electronically lifting it from the cover. By superimposing that image over M204 and M205, it is clear the perfin is M205. The U.S. Catalog Chairman agrees. Thus, "Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co., Moline, IL" will be listed as an additional alternate user for M205 in the U.S. Perfins Catalog's A&C#3.

A final comment about the cover's postage and markings. The typed notation at the top of the cover instructs the U.S.P.S. to collect \$90.00 upon its delivery. The hand written note at the bottom indicates that an additional 22 cents M. O. (money order) Fee was also collected. After consulting with Rudy Roy (#1124), he determined that as of July 1, 1932, the "Collection and Indemnity fee" for an item between \$50 and \$100 was 32 cents.⁽³⁾ Thus, we have 3 cents for the 1st class letter and 32 cents for the C.O.D. fee, resulting in the total 35 cents postage.

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Figure 4
Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement, Moline, IL, cover.

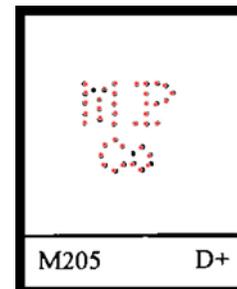
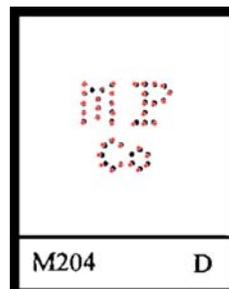
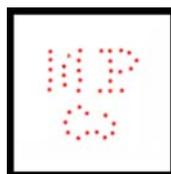
C.O.D. cover franked with 35 cents total postage - 32 cents C.O.D. and 3 cents 1s class postage.

Stamps perforated with M205.

(53% of actual size.)

Figure 5
Perfin from 30-cent stamp on cover electronically compared to M204 and M205.

Perfin is pattern M205!
(Actual size.)



The Berlin Police (Perfin POL) Connections

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

A recent acquisition of many hundreds of **POL** perfins, mostly of the German capital city, suggested that assembling a page of the various Berlin postmarks might be an interesting project.

My earliest information shows three types of **POL** perfins from Berlin: **B12**, **B13** and **B13a**. The first two types do not have periods, but **B13a** shows a period and a missing hole in the "O." Both of the **B13** and **B13a** dies were evidently in the same multiple-head machine as Figure 1 at right indicates.

The recent supplement to the new German Perfin Catalog planned a different grouping of these **POL**'s, but some adjustments are still needed. You may recall that the earlier arrangement was according to the height of letters: A = all letters equal in height, B = letters "O" and "L" differ in height, C = "O" and "L" are the same height, but shorter than the "P."

I have used examples of **B12**, **B13** and **B13a** **POL** perfins to illustrate this article.

This first group of postmarks (Figure 2 below) seems



Figure 1
Strip of three Berlin **POL** perfins.
Type **B13a**, **B13**, **B13a** (top to bottom).

to be geographic locations and district numbers of the post offices.



Figure 2
Berlin postmarks showing what appears to be post office geographic locations or district numbers.

The Berlin Police (Perfin POL) Connections (cont.)

The top and bottom inscriptions of the circular date cancels reveal additional information: possibly suburbs or well-known areas associated with the capital city. (See Figures 3 and 4 below.)

Some of the postmarks are faulty or incomplete; any corrections will be appreciated. I suppose many

other Berlin **POL** postmarks exist - not in my collection, however.

Examining the postmarks of newly acquired perfin can be as much fun as studying the perfin themselves, and perhaps a trifle easier!



Figure 3
Top Inscriptions of Circular Date Cancels provides Additional Locations



Figure 4
Bottom Inscriptions of Circular Date Cancels provides Additional Locations

U.S. Pattern F203 - Alternate User and More!

Paul Gault (#744) & Ken Masters (#3589)

Sometimes the longer a person studies a cover, the more interesting it becomes. Such is the case with the advertising cover from Paul Gault's collection that is featured in this article. (See Figure 1 below.)

The initial question when one looks at this cover is: "Why does Belcher Auto Co.'s, return address of Miami, Fla., not match the Akron, Ohio, postmark?" As the perfin in the 2-cent Washington stamp is incomplete with several missing and/or partially punched holes, it, by itself, is not a lot of help. Maybe the *Firestone Tires* inscription to the left of the stamp is a clue.

The current edition of *The Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) lists "The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, OH" as the user of patterns **F203** and **F203A**. Looking very closely at the perfin under magnification, it appears it is **F203**. Also, the September 25, 1914, postmark date is clearly within the reported "dates of usage" for **F203** and much too early for **F203A**. Thus, it seems that we have a new alternate user, "Belcher Auto Co., Miami, FL," for **F203**.

To verify this possibility, the cover was forwarded to the U.S. Catalog Chairman for his review and opinion. He agrees, especially based on the 1914 postmark. "Belcher Auto Co., Miami, FL" will be listed as an alternate user for **F203** in A&C#3 of the U.S. Perfins Catalog.

Now, the unanswered question expands to: "What is the connection between Belcher Auto Co. and Firestone Tire & Rubber Company?" Perhaps Belcher was a Miami dealer or distributor for Firestone. Maybe one of our members can answer this question. Or possibly someone could conduct some "on-the-ground" searching locally in Miami. (Internet research was no help.) Please forward any information you have or that you find to the Editor and we will share it in a future *Bulletin*. See page 86 for his contact information.

When thinking more about this cover and the Akron, OH postmark, we wonder if it is part of a reciprocal advertising promotion between Firestone and its distributors. If so, there should be other similar (identical?) covers yet to be found by some fortunate collector.

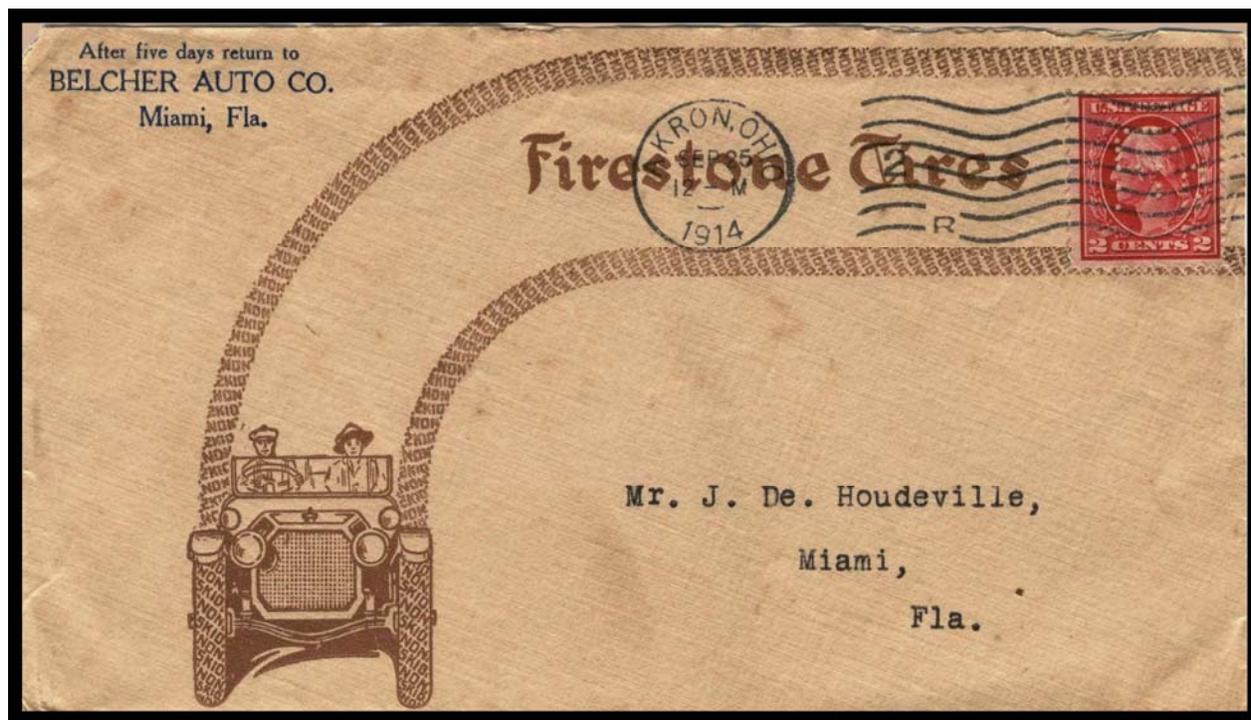


Figure 1
Multi-faceted perfinned advertising cover.
"Belcher Auto Co., Miami, FL" alternate user of perfin F203.

U.S. Pattern F203 - Alternate User and More!

What about the “More!”? When looking at the art work on the cover, you will notice a couple enjoying a pleasant drive in their automobile is depicted. Maybe they had just purchased it from Belcher Auto Co. With the *Firestone Tires* inscription, it is certain the auto is fitted with Firestone tires!

Now look a little closer at the tread on the tires. The artist has cleverly used the words “NON SKID” for the tread design. (Left image, Figure 2.) Even more clever, the tire tracks behind the automobile are a mirror image of

“NON SKID” at a more shallow angle than the tire tread. (Right image, Figure 2.) This is exactly how the tracks would appear as a result of the tire deformation when it meets the ground. Even the shape of the tracks is “true to life” as the automobile made a 90 degree turn in its journey.

The final curious feature of this cover is the “right hand” position of the automobile’s driver - opposite of what we would see in the U.S. today. Internet research revealed some interesting historical information on this subject.

In the United States, the original 13 states drove on the left-hand side of the road. However, in the late



Tread Track
Figure 2
“NON SKID” tire tread
and tracks.
(300% of actual size.)

1700’s, a shift from driving on the left to the right took place when teamsters started using large freight wagons pulled by several pairs of horses.⁽¹⁾ The wagons had no driver’s seat, so the driver sat on the left rear horse and held the whip in his right hand. Seated in this vulnerable position, the driver preferred to meet or be overtaken by another wagon on his left to keep clear of the other wagon’s wheels. They accomplished this by driving on the right side of the road. This practice of driving on the right side of the road soon became law.

Early American motor vehicles were produced with a “right hand drive.” The intent was to position the driver on the curb side of the road to avoid damage from walls, hedges, gutters, and other obstacles. This design was changed in the early years of the 20th Century when it was determined it is better (safer) to have the driving seat positioned near the center of the road to help driver see oncoming traffic. Ford changed to “left hand drive” in 1908 and Cadillac in 1916.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our great hobby is studying perfinned covers and discovering their subtle and intriguing features. We hope what we found with this one will encourage you to look at your collection more closely and maybe share in a future *Bulletin* what you find.

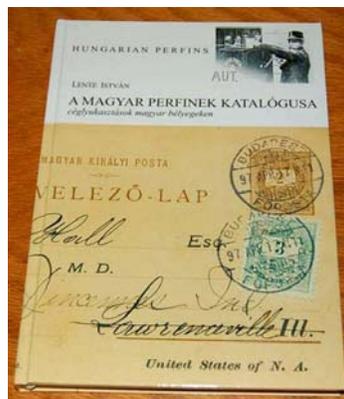
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Hungarian Perfins Catalogue - UPDATE 2011

The Hungarian Perfin Catalogue was issued in 2007, which can be found in The Perfins Club Library. Now an update of the catalogue has been prepared with the name “UPDATE 2011.” This update is available only on the Internet on the home page of MAFFIT (Magyar Filatéliai Tudományos Társaság - Hungarian Philatelic Scientific Society): <http://www.mafitt.hu/org/perfinklub>. For more information, please contact the author István Lente at i.lente@upcmail.hu.

[Editor’s Note: This website is attractively constructed and easy to navigate. The “UPDATE 2011” section includes a link to the first pages of the 2007 Catalogue. Under this link is a detailed description of the layout of the catalogue in the English language.]



Front page of
Hungarian Perfin Catalogue.



Hungarian Perfin
Club Logo.

Identifying Stamps Issued by Railways

Part 2 (English Language) — Also Non-Rail Transportation

Stephen J. Tauber (#2949)

Part 1 of this two part series, May/June 2011 *Bulletin* [65:75–77], covered foreign-language railway stamps. This article covers stamps issued by railways in English-speaking countries and briefly covers stamps issued by companies using other modes of transport.

Not everything is always obvious even on stamps issued by English-using railways. Stamps which were issued by United States railways tend to use the word Railroad (Figure 1), as did the Kahului Railroad in the

Republic of Hawai'i.⁽¹⁾ By contrast, the word Railway appears on the stamps of most railways in the British Isles (Figures 2 and 3), New Zealand (Figure 4), and Australia (Figure 5). Elsmore has catalogued perfins from 23 companies and from Queensland Government Railways itself in Australian and New Zealand railway stamps.⁽²⁾

Abbreviated forms are sometimes used, to wit, Ry., R.y, Rly., Raily., or their plurals, and Rail also appears by itself (Figure 6). Some stamps do not use railroad or railway in any form. On its recent stamps Victoria Railways hides behind the initials VR (Figure 7), and TGR designates Tasmania Government Railway.



Figure 1

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. Suburban Parcel Delivery Stamp. (60% of actual size.)



Figure 2

North Eastern Railway. Parcel Stamp. (85% of actual size.)



Figure 3

Donegal Railway Company. Letter Stamp. £/s./d. Period.



Figure 5

New South Wales Government Railways. Parcel Stamp. £/s./d. Period. (85% of actual size.)



Figure 4

New Zealand Railway. Issued at Auckland.



Figure 6

Western Australia Government Railways. Parcel Stamp. Decimal Period.



Figure 7

Victoria Railways. Parcel Stamp. Issued at Wangaratta. (85% of actual size.)

Abbreviations identify the railway on some British railway stamps (Figure 8), including:

- B. & E. R.
- C. & H. of H. T. Co.
- D. U. T. Co.
- G. N. S. R.
- L. N. E. R.
- P. M. T.
- S. D. R.

Some United States railways omit any form of railroad on their stamps, e.g., Reading Company (Figure 9, page 101) and Southern Pacific Company. Stamps of British railways include ones with the inscriptions Cheshire Lines Committee, Western S. M. T.,



Figure 8

London and North Eastern Railway. Parcel Stamp. Issued at Waverley Station, Edinburgh. (80% of actual size.)

Identifying Stamps Issued by Railways (cont.)

and Metn. and G.C. Joint Committee (Figure 10). Variations of joint committee refer to multiple railways administered jointly. Stamps also exist inscribed NGR, RR, and SAS (Figure 11). By carefully



Figure 9
Reading Company.
Package Stamp.



Figure 10
Metropolitan and Great
Central Joint Committee.
Newspaper Stamp.



Figure 11
South African
Railways.
Package Stamp.

reading the tiny white lettering on a background of pale color or vice versa, one can see Natal Government Railway, Rhodesia Railway, or South Africa Railways and Zuid-Afrikanse Spoorwegen alternating. Stamps have been listed on eBay with ZR for Zambia Railways (successor to Rhodesia Railway).

Ewen illustrates a stamp inscribed Courant Parcel; citing an 1897 catalogue by Morley, he reports that this stamp was issued by a company delivering parcels over railway lines.⁽³⁾ He cites three additional such services which operated over Scottish railways. Ewen also lists stamps of tramway and carrier companies (his term). Some are identifiable by their names, e.g. “Manchester Carriage & Tramway Company” or “Potteries Electric Traction Co., Ltd.” Jackson similarly lists stamps from the Castlederg & Victoria Bridge Tramway Company⁽⁴⁾ and other tramway companies. **Obiter dictum:** The Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway stamp reported (with perfin ‘WHS/ & S’) as a mystery in the September 1999 *Bulletin*⁽⁵⁾ is illustrated by Ewen. He also illustrates the Midland Great Western Railway stamp with the perfin ‘M/GWR’, just as shown by Schwerdt in the March/April 2011 *Bulletin* [65:50].

Mosher lists stamps issued by express companies in North America; some of these operated over railway lines.⁽⁶⁾ Andrews’ Express, for example, operated over the Eastern Railroad; Cole’s Electric Express Co. operated by street railway in Bridgeport, CT; and White’s Railroad Express operated just between Boston and Stoneham, MA, a distance of seven miles. The

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad operated its own Express Department; it issued distinct stamps for use on empty containers and on newspapers or magazines. Dominion Express Co. operated over Canadian Pacific Railway lines, and Vickers’ Express operated over Northern Railway and Toronto Grey & Bruce Railway lines. Their service areas suggest that additional express companies also operated over railway lines.

Numerous express company stamps depicted trains or had inscriptions such as Mich. Central R. R., Cincinnati & Chicago Route, by first train leaving, or special express train. Some express companies clearly operated other than over railway lines, such as Autocar Service Co. and Auto Special Delivery (illustrated with trucks). Stamps of the American District Telegraph Company show foot runners. British Columbia Express Company used an illustration of stage and horses, and the name says it all for Motorcycle Parcel Transport Service.

A large number of railways issued their own stamps. Jackson lists 132 railways which issued *letter* stamps.⁽⁷⁾ Ewen lists 95 British railways which issued *newspaper* and *parcel* stamps.⁽⁸⁾ Barr lists parcel stamps for 168 railways: 161 of them in what was Germany at the relevant time (including nine state railways), two in Upper Silesia prior to its plebiscite, one in the Saar under French administration after World War I, and four in Austria.⁽⁹⁾ One German railway became a Danish railway with the boundary shift in 1920. Erler and Jünke list newspaper stamps from 22 German street railways.⁽¹⁰⁾ The catalogue *Danmarks Jernbanefrimærker*, published on June 2, 2011, lists 105 private railways, which, with the state railway, have issued more than 7,600 distinct stamps.⁽¹¹⁾ Mosher’s catalogue of express companies lists twelve operated by a railway or its subsidiary;⁽¹²⁾ this author owns stamps from three railways not listed by Mosher. Some number of private railways issued stamps in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and perhaps elsewhere.

Part 1 listed 15 national railways which issued stamps. To these must be added British Railways,⁽¹³⁾ the (imperial) state railway of Austria,⁽¹⁴⁾ and the state railways of Bulgaria and Katanga.⁽¹⁵⁾ The colonial government railways of the Cape Province and of Transvaal also issued stamps.⁽¹⁶⁾ The government railways of all six of Australia’s states have issued stamps. Doing the arithmetic, and taking into account British railways which issued both letter stamps and newspaper or parcel stamps, leads to an estimate of some 550 railways which issued their own stamps.

Identifying Stamps Issued by Railways (cont.)

After having seen a sufficiently large number of stamps issued by railway companies, one recognizes a range of styles used by many of them. For one thing, in later years a small number of formats were repeated extensively for multiple railways of the British Isles (Compare Figure 12 below and Figure 3 on page 100.), and there is similar repetition for railways of Germany.



Figure 12
Great Eastern Railway.
Letter Stamp.

Often a locomotive is prominently incorporated into the design (Cf. Fig. 4, page 100, and Figs. 7, 9, and 12 of Part 1). However, locomotives also appear on regular, semipostal, parcel post, and even airmail (Peru Scott #C13) stamps. Much more likely to signify a railway's issue is the winged wheel (Cf. Figs. 1-4, 6, and 13 of Part 1).

How else do people, goods, and mail travel? Bus companies, airlines, and ship lines have all issued stamps for carrying letters, newspapers, and/or packages. This author recalls no such stamps perfined nor reports thereof. Some of these stamps were, nevertheless, used extensively enough to make it plausible that some of them may have been perfined. If a catalogue is devised for perfins in railway stamps, its structure should allow for expansion to include these other stamps as well.

Bus company stamps go back to when omnibuses were drawn by horses (Figure 13) and are still being used on modern motor coaches (Figure 14). In addition, some



Figure 13
New Berlin Omnibus and
Package Transport
Corporation.



Figure 14
Møns Busses.



railways have provided delivery by motor vehicle (Figure 15). Stamps were issued by ship lines

Figure 15
Horsens Private Railways.
Motorized Routes.

serving British waters (Figure 16), Scandinavia (Figure 17), and elsewhere. At least four ship lines serving the



Figure 16
The North of Scotland &
Orkney & Shetland Steam
Navigation Company.
Newspaper Stamp.
(85% of actual size.)



Figure 17
Horsens Steamship
Company.
Freight Stamp.
(85% of actual size.)

Danish West Indies issued stamps.⁽¹⁷⁾ Stamps were issued, for example, by pioneer airlines for mail carried in the Canadian arctic (Figure 18) and by major airlines serving South America with flights to North America and Europe (Figure 19).

In addition to these *transportation* companies many private mail services and express companies issued their own stamps. Mosher lists stamps from 553 express companies in the United States and Canada. Scott lists 154 so-called local carriers which issued stamps and/or stamped stationery.⁽¹⁸⁾ Some duplication



Figure 18
Jack V. Elliot Red Lake Aerial Mail.

exists among these lists. Müller lists 341 19th century private mail services in Germany,⁽¹⁹⁾ including multiple services operated in different cities



Figure 19
Colombian-German Air Transport
Company (SCADTA).
Domestic Airmail Stamp.
Overprinted with 'EU' for Sale in the
United States for Colombia-bound
Mail. Postmarked in Barranquilla
December 7, 1925.

Identifying Stamps Issued by Railways (cont.)

by the same company (Figures 20 and 21). At least one German private mail stamp is known with a perfin (Figure 22). (This is also worth considering when laying out the railway perfin catalogue.)



Figure 20
Hammonia Letter and
Circular Transport.
Hamburg.



Figure 21
Hammonia Letter
Transport.
Chemnitz.



Figure 22
Berlin Package Transport
Corporation.
Commemorative stamp
1896, perfin 'A.Z.', tied to
piece.
(85% of actual size.)

Christensen and Ringström list 20 private mail services in Denmark.⁽²⁰⁾ Private mail services are also known to have issued stamps in Australia, Canada, Colombia, Morocco, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. A number of resort hotels also issued stamps to pay the fee for carrying guests' mail to or from the nearest post office in Austria, Hungary (Romania after the 1919 boundary change), and Switzerland, but it seems improbable that any of the hotel stamps would have been perfined.

Addendum to Part 1: Barr shows several German railway stamps identified only by abbreviations:⁽²¹⁾ J.K.B. (not identified), Kgb. Kl. Fr. Kr. (Königsberger Kleinbahn und Wehlau-Friedländer Kreisbahnen), and O.E.G. (Oberrheinische Eisenbahn-Gesellschaft? Ostdeutsche Eisenbahn-Gesellschaft?).

Corrections to either Part 1 or 2 and augmenting information would be welcome. The author can be reached at ejt-sjt@rcn.com.

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Perfin Cover Realizes Nearly \$5,500!!

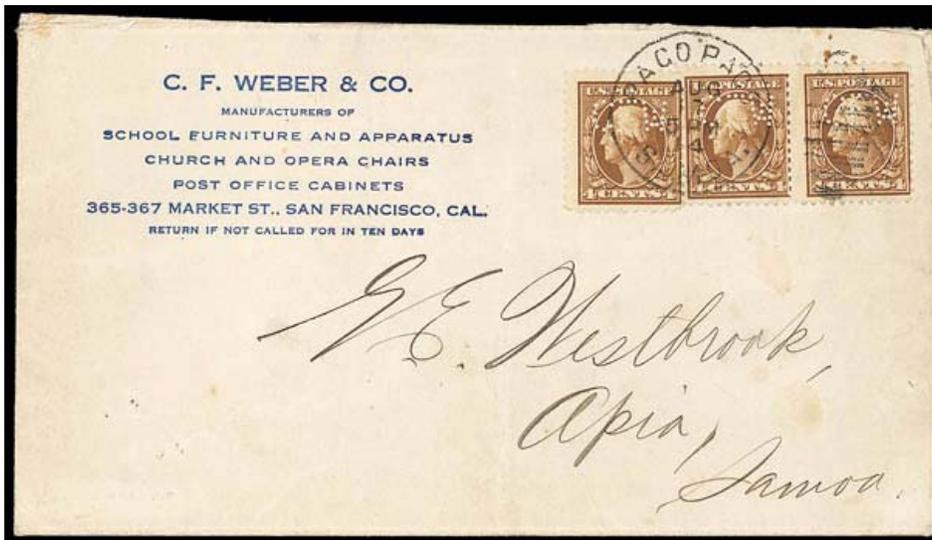
Chris Rueger (#1834) spotted the perfinned cover shown below in Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, Inc. (www.rumseyauctions.com) Auction #44 which closed May 1, 2011. The item, Lot #2419, was described as:

Pago Pago, Samoa, Aug 17, 14. Duplex postmark tying U.S. 1911, 4¢ brown, pair and single with "CFW" perfins, on matching C.F. Weber & Co. merchant corner card cover to Apia, Samoa, reverse with backflap slits and two German "Kaiserliches Gouvernement von Samoa" Official seals sealing, additional purple manuscript "Unter Kriegsrecht geöffnet" (Opened Under Martial Law) notation below, "Apia, 20.8.14" cds alongside; cover with central fold and filing pinhole, otherwise Very Fine, one of nine German Provisional Censor

usages known, with this commercial usage originating from San Francisco.

Shortly after the start of World War I, the Imperial German Governor issued regulations regarding the postal service to and from the Colony of Samoa. On August 20th the last known incoming mail arrived at Apia and since this mail violated a part of the newly enforced postal regulations, the German Postal Authorities decided to institute censorship procedures. It is very likely that these letters were the last items of mailed handled by the Imperial German Post Office in Samoa before the occupation of the Colony by New Zealand forces on August 29, 1914.

The lot opened at \$1,250 and realized \$4,750 + 15% commission (\$5462.50). Chris asks: Is this the highest price known for a perfin cover?



Front and back of cover from San Francisco to Apia, Samoa. Postmarked August 17, 1914.

Franked with three 4-cent Washington stamps.

Each stamp perfinned with B-rated pattern C136 (CFW).

Realized \$4750 + 15% in May 1, 2011 auction.

(Image not actual size.)



Call for Research - Patterns H185 and H185.5

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Here is an identification question about U.S. patterns **H185** and **H185.5**, both of which have been seen in commercial and revenue stamps. Although there are several subtle differences, the most apparent distinction between the two patterns as illustrated in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) is the shape of the ampersand (which is 0.5 mm larger, horizontally and vertically, on **H185**) and the additional hole in the ampersand on **H185**. (See Figure 1 at the right.)

The pattern **H185** has been reported in stamps from 1936-38; the pattern **H185.5** has been reported in 1908 issue stamps. In A&C#3 that will be released in August at the Madison Convention, the usage period of **H185** has been extended to 1936-40 and the usage period of **H185.5** has been extended to 1902-38.

Now, here is the question: I have two copies that I believe are **H185.5** - the ampersand is definitely the correct, smaller size. One is in a 1902 stamp, the other in a 1908 stamp. However, both copies have the "extra" hole in the ampersand as shown in the illustration of **H185**. So, which pattern are they?

My hypothesis is that the illustration of **H185.5** in

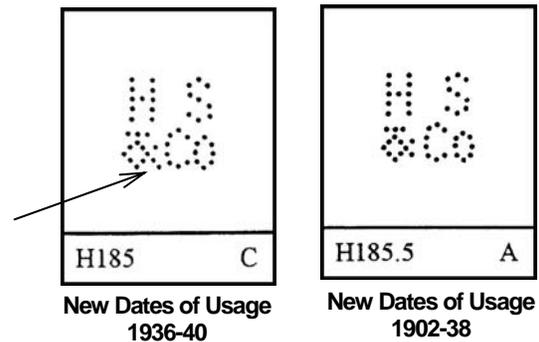


Figure 1

Image of H185 and H185.5 from U.S. Perfins Catalog.

Note: Ampersand in H185 is larger and has an additional hole when compared to H185.5

the U.S. Perfins Catalog is in error - from a copy with a missing hole. Therefore, the illustration of pattern **H185.5** should be corrected.

Please check these two patterns in your commercial and revenue collections. Please report copies that you have of each pattern with and without the extra hole at the bottom of the ampersand. (Actual size photocopies or scans of the stamps are preferred.) If the stamps don't have the extra hole, do you see any evidence of a dimple or Chad? My contact information is on page 86. Thank you for your help.

Why so few perfins in Scott #312 and #313?

Ken Masters (#3589)

An updated checklist of U.S. perfins in the 1902 definitive series stamps was issued by the U.S. Catalog Chairman, Steve Endicott (LM#2284), at the 2010 Annual Convention. The checklist documents the existence of 1,180 patterns known in the fourteen different denominations. This results in at least 2,800 unique combinations of denominations and patterns. However, there are only five patterns known in the \$2.00 stamp (Scott #312) and only two in the \$5.00 stamp (Scott #313)! Why so few?

At a recent meeting of one of our local Kansas City stamp clubs (Midwest Philatelic Society), the program was about the U.S. 1902 definitive series. The member giving this program had spent a considerable amount of time researching these attractive stamps. His primary reference was *The United States Postage Stamps of the 20th Century*,

Volume 1, by Beverly S. King & Max G. Johl. Part of his discussion included the reason that each particular denomination was required.

When he came to the two dollar stamp, the "light bulb went on." The main use for both the two dollar and five dollar stamps was for settling certain accounts between individual Post Offices and the Department in Washington D.C. As there was no postal rate at the time that required these high dollar amounts, very few were sold for postage.

Based on this information, it is not surprising that only a few perfins are known in these two stamps. I am happy to have my question answered and can rest easier knowing the reason that those two spaces in my collection will continue to remain "open" for a long time to come.

Member Want Ads

WANTED: German "POL" perfin with proper police town postmark. I shall send want list. Name price or what is wanted in exchange. **Contact:** Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231, USA.

WANTED: Exhibitor needs Perfin examples of Scott #C23 (eagle) and #1060 (Nebraska Territory) on and off cover. **Contact:** David Bize, 18226 Gardenview, Sun City West, AZ 85375-5300, USA.

WANTED: Moline Plow Company perfined covers for a specialty collection and possible exhibit. I am particularly interested in Missouri usages. Patterns **C205, M204, M205, M207 and M207.5.** Send scan or photocopy along with price desired. **Contact:** Ken Masters, 7909 N. Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64118-1449, USA; email: KRMasters@aol.com.

WANTED: Perfins in Scott #859 (Washington Irving), #1330 (Davy Crockett), #1548 (Sleepy Hollow), and #1940 (Christmas '81 Teddy Bear on Sled). Any/all perfins wanted, on or off cover. (Also seeking Precancels, EFO's, Aux. markings, etc., etc.) **Contact:** Gary Denis, P.O. Box 766, Patuxent River, MD 20670-2766, USA; email: garycdenis@comcast.net.

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Auction #121 Closing Date: The Perfins Club Auction #121 was published on pages 80 and 81 in the last (May/June 2011) *Bulletin*. Unfortunately, your Editor made an error in listing the auction's closing date. So, rather than confuse the issue any more, Auction #121 will close August 31, 2011. If you have not submitted your bids, you still have time.

After this current Auction #121, we anticipate returning to our regular schedule of a new club auction in each *Bulletin*, depending upon availability of material. Please send your auction lots to Club Auction Chairman, Joe Giampietro. His contact information is on page 86.

Non-Perfin Catalog Cross-Reference Help: Near the bottom of page 59 in the May/June 2011 *Bulletin* we discussed a way that our members could help each other cross-reference the catalog number from one major stamp catalog to another, primarily to "Scott's." Those who have the resources and are willing to participate in this project were asked to advise the Editor what major stamp catalogs they could cross-reference.

To date, members have indicated they could help in the following areas with stamps issued prior to the mid 1990's:

1. Stanley Gibbons - Great Britain
2. Stanley Gibbons - Part 17 (China, etc.)
3. Yang's PRC
4. Facit Special Scandinavia countries
5. Australia 7 Seas, including Commonwealth
6. Yvert & Tellier

If you need assistance in any of the areas listed above, please send your requests to the Editor. If you would be willing to assist with catalogs covering areas other than those listed, please advise me also. My contact information is on page 86.

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If you have not sent them to the Secretary, Ken Rehfeld, please do so immediately.
See page 107 for details.

Membership Roster Update

As a way to assist and promote contact between members, The Perfins Club has a long standing practice of publishing a current "Membership Roster" every two years. Therefore, we plan to publish the 2011-2012 Roster in the upcoming November/December 2011 *Bulletin*. If any of your information needs to be updated, especially your email address if you have one, please forward the corrections to the Secretary very soon.

The Roster will be published as Supplemental Pages

to the *Bulletin* and located in the center of the issue to facilitate easy removal. It **will not** be distributed to any non-member, including philatelic libraries, other publications, etc. that might receive complimentary copies of the *Bulletin* or in promotional copies that we distribute to prospective members. However, if you prefer that your name and/or other information **not** be included in the published Membership Roster, please advise the Secretary or the Editor.

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