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Jerry Hejduk - New President

One of the major reports presented during the Annual Meeting at the Madison Convention was from the Presidential Search Committee. Based on their work, Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710) accepted their nomination to serve as President for calendar years 2012-2015.

Since joining the club several years ago, Jerry has devoted a considerable amount of time and effort supporting The Perfins Club and our activities. This includes his participation in the American Philatelic Society (APS) shows several times a year where he

staffs the Perfins Club Affiliate Society Booth. Also, during these shows he presents a one-hour seminar "ABCs of Collecting Perfins" that is open to all show attendees. At last year's convention, he was presented with the 2010 Hallock Card Award.

Jerry's other activities include participation in the Club's annual conventions and coordinating The Florida Precancel Club's Precancel Bourse and Perfin Exchange each February.

Congratulations, Jerry! We are looking forward to working with you.

Bulletin receives Silver Medal

Three of the American Philatelic Society (APS) 2011 World Series of Philately shows include a philatelic literature exhibition. These are:

- NAPEX 2011, McLean, VA, June 3-5, 2011,
- STAMPSHOW 2011, Columbus, OH, August 11-14, 2011, and
- CHICAGOPEX 2011, Itasca, IL, November 18-20, 2011.

These exhibits are one of the few opportunities we have to present the *Bulletin* to the public and have an expert team of APS accredited philatelic literature judges critique it. Additionally, our participation increases the awareness of The Perfins Club as the *Bulletin* entry is listed in each show's publicity and is available to the attendees to read and review.

Based on these benefits, the 2010 *Bulletin* (Volume 64) was entered in these shows. For each of the two shows that have been held to date (NAPEX 2011 and STAMPSHOW 2011), the *Bulletin* was awarded a Silver Medal - right in the middle of the five levels of medals awarded.

After CHICAGOPEX 2011 is held, we will be able to draw some firm conclusions from the judges' critiques as to what we are doing well and what changes we should consider. So far, the *Bulletin* has scored high in serving our members and informing them of our club activities. In addition, the research articles are good, including the bibliographic and reference formats.

To improve the *Bulletin*, some of the judges feel that the lines between the columns and at the top of the pages detract from the layout and suggested these be eliminated. They also suggested that repeating the article's title on the continuing page is not necessary and might confuse the reader.

As the *Bulletin* is your publication and exists to serve your needs, here is where you can help. What is your opinion of the lines between the columns and at the top of the page? Should the article's title be repeated on the continuing page? Please forward your comments to the Editor. His contact information is on page 110.

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New Members Q & A

What is/are the purpose(s) of the Perfins Club Website?

This is a very timely question, as members of The Perfins Club Board of Directors are currently in protracted discussions about the pending revision/update of the website. Initial discussions have confirmed that the Perfins Club Website has two main purposes:

1. To provide information to non-members who might be, or become, interested in joining the Club, and
2. To provide information to current members who are interested in advancing their knowledge by researching the history of perfins and their distribution.

With regard to purpose #1 above, it would be helpful if you as a new member would share your experience(s) of viewing the website.

- What information did you find helpful as a non-member or as a new member?
- Conversely, what questions did you hope to

have answered, for which there was no information or guidance?

Those of you that have yet to check out the website, you are cordially invited to “key” www.perfins.org into your browser, review what you find, and then send me your comments.

It has become abundantly clear that an increasing number of all kinds of potential stamp collectors are “surfing” the web for information about special philatelic interests. Your help by sharing your observations about increasing the value of the information presented on the website would be very much appreciated. To that end, please use the email or snail mail address below. I look forward to receiving your observations and suggestions.

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2011 Hallock Card Award

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710), Chair
Hallock Card Award Committee

The **Hallock Card Award** is made periodically to an individual member of The Perfins Club in recognition of outstanding service to the Club or to perfins philately. This year, Ken Masters (#3589), *Bulletin* Editor, was given this award.

Ken assumed the Editor’s position in January 2009 from the previous Editor, Paul Mistretta (LM#111), who had edited nearly 70 issues. Since that time he has devoted a tremendous amount of time (and effort) to maintain the *Bulletin*’s high quality and

make sure it is printed in a timely manner.

Ken’s response when notified of the award is that he is very humbled and honored to be among such prestigious company. “The only way that I could master this considerable undertaking was to build on the significant amount of help that Paul Mistretta gave me when I started, and acknowledge the considerable amount of support from the membership by their submitting interesting and important articles.”

2011 Floyd Walker Award

Ken Masters (#3589), Chair
Floyd Walker Award Committee

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 Dave Smith (#1514) as the winner of this award for his contributions to *The Perfins Bulletin* during calendar year 2010.

Over the years, Dave has contributed many well written and well researched articles to the *Bulletin*. In 2010 he presented two articles that meet the award’s criteria: “Dated Perfinned Precancels” in the May/June 2010 issue [64:67], and “James and Alexander Allen - A fascinating cover with contents” in the November/December issue [64:160-163].

Meet a Member

Paul H. Gault - #744

I was born July 28, 1937, in Sewickley, PA, a town on the Ohio River 13 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. My parents, sister, who was two years my senior, and I resided in Ambridge, PA, one of the many steel industry towns on the Ohio River. A few years later the family moved to Baden, PA, a residential community of about 5,000, and I received my elementary education there. I graduated from Ambridge High School in 1955 and then received a BS degree in Science, majoring in Chemistry, from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA, in 1959.

I continued my education by attending the University of Florida. Then, in 1961 I relocated, along with my research Professor, to The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH, where I received a Master of Science degree in Chemistry. I became employed by The Ohio State University and retired as an Administrative Associate in the Department of Chemistry in July 2001.

I was introduced to stamp collecting through my pursuit of the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge as a Boy Scout. My eighth grade school teacher wrote to the Mayor of Baden-Baden, Germany, with the hope that school children from their town would establish pen pal relationships with her students. As a result of this I became interested in the stamps of Germany.

Like other young collectors, I soon found many interests other than stamp collecting. This all changed when I found myself in bad company (two other avid stamp collectors among the graduate students at Ohio State).

I joined The Perfins Club in July 1966 and added that collecting area to my pursuit of the stamps of Germany. I volunteered to be Membership Secretary of the China Stamp Society, Inc. in 1986 and currently am their Secretary and one of their Directors.

U.S. Perfins Catalog Additions & Corrections #3 and Updated Addendum Released at Madison Convention

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

One of the highlights of the Madison Convention was the release of the recently completed Additions and Corrections #3 (A&C#3) and updated Addendum to the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog).

Those members who attended the Convention seemed to prefer the new Addendum as 12 copies of the Addendum were purchased compared to 4 copies of A&C#3. Dan Baugher (#3825) commented in a recent email that after updating the perfin ratings in his records, the Addendum "sure is easier to use."

A&C#3 is 44 pages long and contains the following:

- 230 corrections (172 to the main catalog) - the remainder to the Supplemental Information.
- 649 lines of new information (284 in main catalog).
- 42 revised ratings.
- Ratings assigned to all personal perfins.
- 851 extended usage periods.
- 38 new patterns.
- 28 corrected illustrations.
- 18 deleted patterns.

The updated Addendum is over 100 pages long. It is the consolidation into one document of all of the A&C information (A&C#1, A&C#2, and A&C#3) that has been published since the current U.S. Perfins Catalog was issued in 1998. Documentation with each entry identifies to the originating A&C. Thus, it is a very convenient source to check for changes. As an extra, the Index of User Names has also been updated in the Addendum (16 pages of information).

The revised version of the e-Catalog to include A&C#3 is not quite complete. Remember, that once a member has purchased a copy of the e-Catalog, the cost of the revised version (with A&C#3 for instance) will be the cost of the hard copy of the A&C.

To obtain your copy of these important updates, please contact Dave Lightle, Publications Sales Manager. See page 110 for his contact information. The member's cost of the A&C#3 alone is \$8.00 and the Addendum is \$16.00, including shipping.

From our Members

A few days after the July/August 2011 *Bulletin* was mailed to our members, the Editor received a couple of emails commenting on two different articles that were in that issue. It is always reassuring to receive such correspondence as it shows our members are reading and studying the information that we have presented.

Belcher Oil Company

In response to the article about the Belcher Auto Company as an alternate user for pattern **F203** [65:98-99], Fred Bimble (LM#142) writes in part:

I was born and grew up in Miami and remember the big ugly Belcher Oil tanks as you drove into downtown Miami from the north on Biscayne Boulevard. . . . While I saw no mention of Belcher Auto Co., the following (Internet link) may be of interest to those who wish to pursue your article a little further.

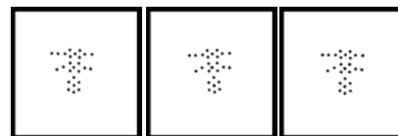
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genbel/july/flabelchers.html>

Mystery Chinese Perfin

Ron Whyte (#2586) reports that he shared the possible new Chinese perfin that Bob Szymanski (LM#145) discusses on page 90 of the July/August *Bulletin* [65:90] with a couple of his neighbors that are native to China. After some discussion between themselves, they think that the perfin design could be (or looks like) the Cantonese word (character) for PLANT, as shown below. The fact that Cantonese is spoken in the Szechwan Province where these stamps were cancelled, lends credibility to their thoughts. So, maybe Bob has three PLANTS for his Chinese perfins collection. We wonder if they will ever bear fruit?



**Cantonese
Character for
PLANT**
(From Ron's
friends.)



**Mystery Chinese Perfins
From July/August *Bulletin*.**
(Perfins are actual size.)
(Background reduced in size
for space considerations.)

Club Library Relocated

The Perfins Club Librarian, Doug Cutler (LM#126), has recently moved from the Detroit, MI, area to sunny southern California. His new address is: Doug Cutler, 5943 Gullstrand Street, San Diego, CA 92122-3819. His email, sobearcat@hotmail.com, does not change, and his phone number remains (246) 212-0821.

By the time you receive this *Bulletin*, Doug should be settled in his new home and the Club Library should be fully functional again. If you have any questions or feel that your request to borrow material might have been misplaced, please contact Doug.

Private Auction #31

In October 2011, Bob Szymanski (LM#145) will be conducting another private auction, Private Auction #31. This auction will consist of:

- the balance of Joe Dooley's massive Great Britain perfin collection,
- Joe's other foreign perfin collections,
- George Haas' foreign perfin collection,
- Crystal Kelly's foreign perfin collection, and
- John Lyding's foreign perfin collection.

For those of you that collect U.S., there will be a selection of U.S. perfined precancels.

If you are already on Bob's email 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 his auction list in the past and would like one, please contact Bob at 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371, USA or email perfinman@comcast.net.

!! 2012 Convention - August 6-11 - Albuquerque, NM !!
!!! Start Making Plans to Attend Now !!!

2011 Annual Convention in Middleton, WI

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

If you like to visit places that you may never have been to before, if you like good eateries, if you like great companionship and especially if you want to see the greatest amount of perfin material ever assembled in one place, and you were not in attendance at the convention, you missed it! With 30 members signing in and an additional 10 spouses, it seemed like everyone had a great time. But fear not, next year you will again have an opportunity to come to our annual convention in Albuquerque, NM!!! Just watch for further information in the *Bulletin* in the coming year.

This year the Annual Meeting was called to order on Wednesday afternoon, August 3. After a round of self introductions, Dan Baugher (#3825) gave a short and rosy Treasurer's report with an indication that there was no need for any annual increase in the membership dues. The moneys received from the sales circuits, the club and private auction donations, and sustaining and contributing member donations more than offset any shortfall in club expenses that are not covered by the dues. Also, Ken Masters (#3589) is doing a marvelous job not only in providing us a great *Bulletin* but in his continual and successful efforts to keep its costs down.

This year the **Hallock Card Award** was given to our Editor, Ken Masters. Ken received the nomination from several of members and was the unanimous choice for the tremendous amount of great work on the *Bulletin*. Although Ken was not able to attend the convention this year, he is richly deserving as he does a fantastic job in this most important position.

The **Floyd Walker Award** was presented to Dave Smith (#1514) for his wonderfully written contributions to the *Bulletin* in 2010. Thank you, Dave, and keep up the great effort!

U.S. Catalog Chairman, Steve Endicott (LM#2284), made a short presentation of the now available A&C

#3 pages that bring U.S. Catalog information up to date. With what must be the result of a tremendous amount of time and effort, Steve also presented the club with an Addendum - a compilation of all of the A&C#1, #2 & #3 information linked together and presented in a unified manner. Work involving the proofing of the electronic version of the U.S. Catalog (e-Catalog) to include the A&C#3 information is underway. Please contact Dave Lightle to order either the printed A&C pages or the Addendum. (See page 112 for detailed information about these new publications.)

The new German Perfins Catalog will be available shortly. A method of obtaining the printing rights was discussed and approved and has been presented to the German editor for finalization. This looks to be an exciting and comprehensive new catalog incorporating all of the previous German Perfins Catalog addenda in proper sequence. We have already taken some orders. Watch for its availability and cost in the next *Bulletin*.

We have a new President! Beginning in January, 2012, the new club President will be Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710). Jerry is an extremely well qualified and willing nominee, presented by the Nominating committee of Bob Schwerdt (#505L), Kurt Ottenheimer (LM#86) and Doug Turner (LM#2549). Jerry is extremely active, working tirelessly on behalf of the club by attending Perfin and Precancel meetings, conventions and APS shows - and all this at his own time and expense. I know Jerry well and am confident that The Perfins Club will be in good hands! Congratulations, Jerry!

Finally, we remembered our members who passed away since our last Convention. They are Jerry Kendall, John Munro-Cape, Nancy McGuiness, Nial Yager, Don Anderson, John Nunes, Dan Rozmin, Jerry Gold, Don Haynes, Bill Kirkpatrick, Darryl MacDonald and Frank Skibbie.

* * * Atascadero in October * * *

Join us in Atascadero, CA, from Thursday, October 20, through Saturday, October 22, for a joint meeting and bourse of the Precancel Society and the Perfins Club. As usual, 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.

The Perfins Club 2011 Convention Photo



Front Row (left to right): T.G. Rehkop, Paul Gault, Duane Spidle, Steve Endicott, Virginia Randall, Katie Foster, Sue-Ellen Szymanski, Diane Eastman.

Row 2 from front (left to right): Dick Laetsch, Lynda Hendren, Gary Hendren, Bill Cummings, John Randall, John Foster, Dennis Ewert, Doug Turner.

Row 3 from front (left to right): Ed Linn (blue shirt), Jackie Linn, Jerry Hejduk, Rose Smith, Dave Smith, Loren Neuharth (yellow shirt).

Back Row (left to right): Ted Schlitt (red shirt), Bob Szymanski, Larry Patterson, Mike Hynes, Dan Baugher, Jim Hirstein.

Also attending but not pictured: Bob Bartlow, Wil Bobbin, Doug Cutler, William Derrick, Dan Fellows, Rick Podwell, Jim Opp, Arnold Selengut, Jim Williams

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 our the Secretary, Ken Rehfeld, by September 20, 2011.

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. Our contact information is on page 110

Expand Your U. S. Perfins Collecting Interests!

Jack Brandt (LM#14)

Unlike other philatelists, most perfin collectors initially concentrate on the back of the stamp. After all, traditionally most perfins catalogs only illustrate the pattern in black and white without regard to the particular stamp that has been punched. However, there comes a time when we turn the stamp over and a whole new world of possibilities opens up to us.

The “New Members Q & A” column in the last (July/August 2011) *Bulletin* [65:88-89] introduced this idea where an extensive, but partial, list of ways to collect perfins was presented. As a follow up to that article, several specific examples of a few ways to expand your U.S. perfins collection are shown below and on page 117. These general ideas are equally applicable to non-U.S. perfins.

Olympics

Stamps that commemorate the Olympic games are one of the most popular areas of topical philately. Nearly every country in the world issues stamps to commemorate these international sporting events. The first U.S. Olympic stamp is Scott #716, issued for the 1932 Winter Olympics. This was followed by Scott #718 & #719 for the 10th Olympic Games held in Los Angeles, CA, from July 30 to August 14, 1932.

For perfin collectors who also have an interest in the Olympics, a specialty collection of perfined Olympic stamps would seem to be a natural expansion. The collection could be face different perfined stamps, a single issue with multiple perfins, or some combination of these options. The perfined 5-cent Scott #719, issued for the 1 ounce Air Mail Rate, shown in Figure 1 is an attractive example that fits this topical collection.



Figure 1
Scott #719
with C51,
'C(BT)o' perfin.

Red Cross

Another area popular with the general topical stamp collectors is Red Cross stamps and other philatelic items associated with their local and international Red Cross. Three examples of perfined Red Cross stamps are shown below in Figures 2, 3, and 4. Note that Figure 4 is not a stamp that honors the Red Cross, but shows part of a slogan cancel encouraging financial support of the Red Cross.



Figure 2
Scott #702
with C132,
'CFNB' perfin.



Figure 3
Scott #1238
with I5A,
'Map (I)' perfin.



Figure 4
Scott #811
with W76,
'WEED' perfin.
Note cancel urging support
of the Red Cross.

Christmas Stamps

Stamps commemorating the Christmas season hold a special appeal to many U.S. philatelists. However, because many perfin users had replaced or were in the process of replacing postage stamps with postal meters by the time the U.S. issued their first Christmas stamp in 1962, finding them perfined is somewhat challenging.

For a perfined example of one of the four 1963 U.S. Christmas stamps, see Figure 5. This perfin is also interesting in that the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U. S. Perfins Catalog), including A&C#1, #2 & #3 shows the last date of usage for pattern I43.7B-19 is 1954. Based on the fact that the stamp was not issued until 1963, the U.S. Catalog Chairman indicates that this pattern's date of usage will be extended appropriately in A&C#4.



Figure 5
Scott #1255
with I43.7B-19,
'IHC' perfin.
1963 stamp extends this
pattern's date of usage shown
in the U.S. Perfins Catalog.

Commemoratives

So far, we have shown stamps that commemorate a specific event or subject. Others, simply collect any and all perfined commemorative stamps. The challenge here is to find commemorative stamps, particularly the larger sized ones, perfined with commercial, not personal, patterns. This is because most businesses used regular, definitive stamps on

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their mail and did not “bother” with the larger commemorative stamps that did not easily fit their perforating machine.

This larger size stamp usually leads to a second partial or complete perfin in the commemorative stamp from the multi-head perforator. The second perfin can be useful in demonstrating the small variations between the perforator heads of a single machine and helps prevent inadvertently assigning an additional pattern number when it is not appropriate.

Two examples of such perfinned, large size commemorative stamps are shown in Figures 6 and 7. Note that because of the vertical format of Scott #854 (Figure 7), the sheet of stamps was rotated 90° in the perforator before it was punched.



Figure 6
Scott #651
with S195-20,
'SO' perfin.



Figure 7
Scott #854
with C142,
'C/GW' perfin.

Special Purpose Postage Stamps

Over the years, the U.S. has issued several postage stamps for special purposes. Among these are those for Air Mail (or Air Post), Special Handling, Parcel Post, and Special Delivery. Each of these different types have been perfinned and offer another area of specialization. Numerous articles and checklists have been published in past *Bulletins* discussing these issues. To illustrate this category, an Air Mail stamp and a Special Handling stamp are shown below in Figures 8 and 9.



Figure 8
Scott #C2
with M106B,
'MET/LIFE' perfin.



Figure 9
Scott #QE4
with L190.5,
'L(&T)' perfin.

Coils and Imperforate Stamps

There is an ongoing debate among perfin collectors if coils and imperforate stamps should be considered definitive stamps or if they deserve a separate collecting category. This question is strong enough for coils that individual checklists have been developed and the Supplemental Information in the U. S. Perfins Catalog indicates which patterns have been found in coils. Pictured below in Figures 10 & 11 is an example of a perfinned coil and imperforate stamp.



Figure 10
Scott #603
with A239,
'A/S' perfin.



Figure 11
Scott #344
with E63,
'E[LA]C' perfin.

What not to do

Sometimes in their zeal to fit a particular perfin in a “regular size, definitive” space in their album, the collector will trim a large stamp to fit the space. This is not a good idea as it destroys the collectability of the stamp for future generations. Two such cut stamps are shown in Figures 12 and 13. While the centering of the perfins is nearly perfect, the stamps are worthless!



Figure 12
Cut Scott #C19
with A270-18,
'ATF/Co.' perfin.



Figure 13
Cut Scott #776
with L100,
'L(INZ)' perfin.

Conclusion

We have purposely not included specific stamp issues, such as the Black Hardings, 1909 Lincolns, etc., or definitive issues (1902 issue, Washington Bicentennial, etc.) as most of these have been discussed extensively in past *Bulletins*. However, we do hope that what we have shown will give you some new ideas to increase your enjoyment of this great hobby! Why not share your specialty area with your fellow club members? Just contact the Editor (information on page 110) and he will work with you to develop an article for a future *Bulletin*.

Mailometer Type V Found with Control Perfin!

Curt McCoy (#3962)

Finding U.S. stamps with private Vending and Affixing Machine Perforations that also have control perfins is difficult. The most common are those with the Schermack perforations that are listed in the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog).

Until recently the only known control perfin in a stamp with Mailometer Vending and Affixing Machine Perforations was **Des. 90-25** (missing pins 7 & 9) in a Mailometer Type I, Scott #344. The user listed for this pattern in the U.S. Perfins Catalog is the "Third National Bank, St. Louis, MO."

In the spring of 2010 another collector spotted the perforated Mailometer stamp shown in Figure 1 in a



Figure 1
Perforated
Mailometer Stamp
as found.
(Actual size.)

lot of miscellaneous stamps offered on eBay. The purchaser subsequently submitted the stamp to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APEX) for their examination and opinion concerning its validity.

It turns out that the stamp is a Scott #384 with Mailometer Type V perforations, very rare in its own right, with perfin **Des. 90-21** (missing pins 5 & 6). The U.S. Perfins Catalog lists the verified user of this pattern as "Chalmers Motor Co., Detroit, MI." As stated in the APEX certificate, shown in Figure 2, the stamp is "genuine in all respects."

We congratulate the purchaser on his "one of a kind find." It just goes to show, that even after a 100 years, new items keep coming to the surface.

[Editor's note and background information from *Guide to United States Vending and Affixing Machine Perforations 1907 - 1927* by Stephen R. Belasco:

The Mailometer Company, Detroit, MI, was formed in mid-1909. This is the same company that made and sold the Schermack mailing machine, which produced the stamps with the familiar rectangular perforations. However, after Joseph Schermack left the company, it took the new name.

Under the new management, the company developed several different large hole perforation patterns for use in their machines. Their hope

was to convince the U.S. Postal Service to sell nationally coil stamps that could be used in their machines.

Their different patterns have been designated Type I through Type V, with the difference being the size of and/or spacing of the large perforations. The most common seems to be the Type IV (5 holes, 2.2 mm in diameter spaced 1.1 mm apart) used in St. Louis, MO. The Type V (continuous holes, 1.8 mm diameter spaced 1.35 mm apart) was only used commercially for two months in 1911 in Detroit, MI.

The Perfins Bulletin extends our deepest thanks to the owner of this truly rare and unique stamp for allowing us to share it with our members.]

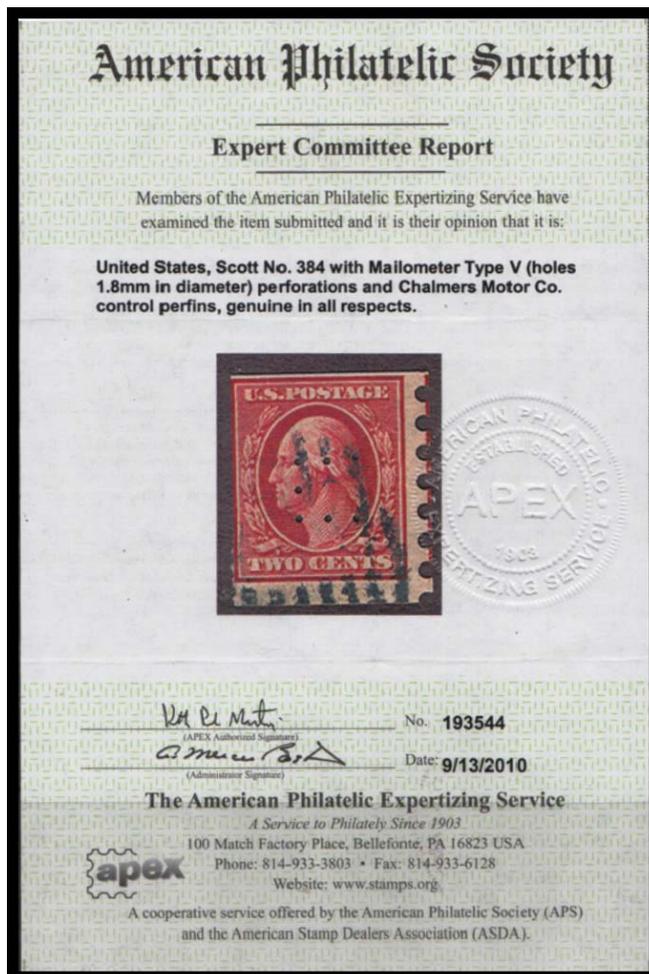


Figure 2
American Philatelic Society's Expert Committee Report
stating that the stamp is a genuine in all respects.
(Approximately 60% of actual size.)

When Are Too Many, Too Many?

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

You never know what you can find if you only take the time to look.

I walked into Lincoln Stamp & Coin in Worcester, MA, a short while back. Although my eyesight has seen better days, I noticed a postcard on a desk about 5 feet away and pointed to it. Bob, the proprietor and a good friend of mine, asked me what I was pointing at and I said that there was probably a perfin on that card because I could read "Frank Tourist Co." in the return address.

"How can you see a perfin at far away?" he said. "You can't even follow your golf ball!" I just knew that this company had used perfins as I had a few similar looking postcards. Bob handed me a pile of 15 cards - all from Frank Tourist Co., all with perfins, and all addressed to the same Miss Elizabeth Neylon in Fitchburg, MA. After agreeing on a price for the whole lot, he asked me, "What in heaven's name can you do with 15 postcards that are all the same?" My flippant answer was that I would write an article and make mention of his store. Bob specifically asked me to also make mention that he does not have any more perfins so that he would be spared the dozens of perfin collectors who would otherwise call him after reading this article. Done.

Once home, I looked at the cards and wondered what I could possibly write to make for some interesting reading. I had previously written about the Hamburg-American Line and the Holland American Lines for the *Bulletin* [60:123-129], so I did not want to merely repeat myself with a different company name. Think!

I looked at my postcards with perfins and, remembering I had six other Frank Tourist Co. postcards, I added those to my stack. That made 21 postcards, all advertising the Eighth Annual Mediterranean Cruise of the S.S. SCYTHIA leaving New York on January 28, 1930. Because the stock market crash intervened between the mailing of the postcards and the proposed cruise embarkation date, I wonder if there ever was such a cruise.

The Internet, usually a great source for information, was not much help this time. I did learn that the S.S. SCYTHIA was a British ship built and launched in 1921 for the Cunard Lines, their first new ship after WWI.⁽¹⁾ She was also the 2nd longest in service for Cunard Lines, filling various capacities until 1958

when she was sold for scrap.^(1,2) Ah! I have a few of the British perfins from the Cunard Lines (Figure 1) as well as the successor company the Cunard-White Lines. I was warming up now.



Figure 1
British stamps with
Cunard Steam Ship Company, Ltd. perfins.
(Actual size.)

During the period from February 11 to March 23, 1929, Miss Neylon received 15 postcards promoting this cruise. Wow, talk about high pressure advertising! The other copies I possessed are all postmarked between these dates as well. So, Frank Tourist Co. must have been really trying to book this 66 day cruise early.

Several cards are without dated postmarks which stands to reason as these are precancelled perfins or "prepers." I picked up the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) to check the pattern, **F200** (FTC), and confirmed my recollection that this is a C rated perfin. Naturally, my next thought was that when our U.S. Catalog Chairman, Steve Endicott (LM#2284), reads this article he will probably call me and say that with 21 more copies this perfin might have to be rerated to a D+! If that is the case, I would just like to think of it as a C-. That just sounds better!

Looking at the facing (information) page of the catalog listing for the dates of usage, I noted that these postcards fall right in the middle of the usage period. So, there is nothing of interest there. But wait a minute! There in no "PC" which would indicate that perfin **F200** is found in a precancel. The last Additions & Corrections (A&C#2) to the 1998 U.S.

When Are Too Many, Too Many? (cont.)

Perfins Catalog was published in 2006 and there is a new *Catalog of Perfinned Precancelled of the United States*, written by member John Randall (#1336), that was published in 2009. So, I checked this later reference. What! It is not listed! How lucky can a guy get! This is a hitherto unknown preper!

I believe that I have said this before but it bears repeating. I find that a person's own collection is their best source for new finds! Figure 2 shows one

of these cards with a preper that I have had for years and just now noticed that it is not listed.

Although as a stamp collector, the picture side of a postcard is usually nowhere near as interesting as the reverse stamp/message side; I discovered quite a bit about the trip that I did not find on the Internet. The postcards were all sent from New York, NY, purportedly upon reception of a cable transmission indicating the ship was in the port shown on the

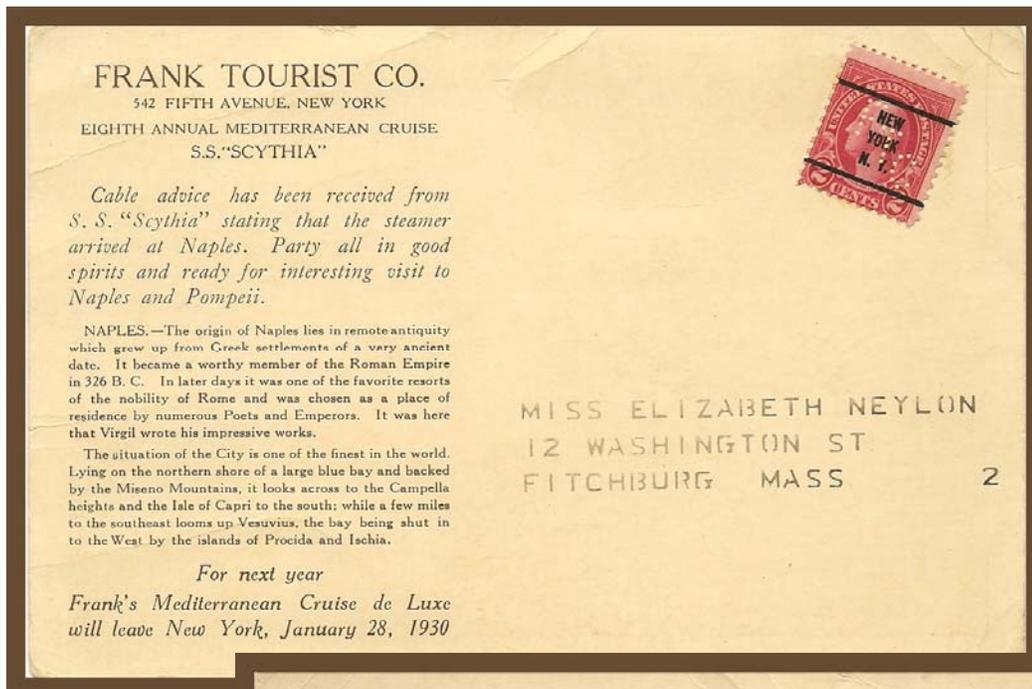
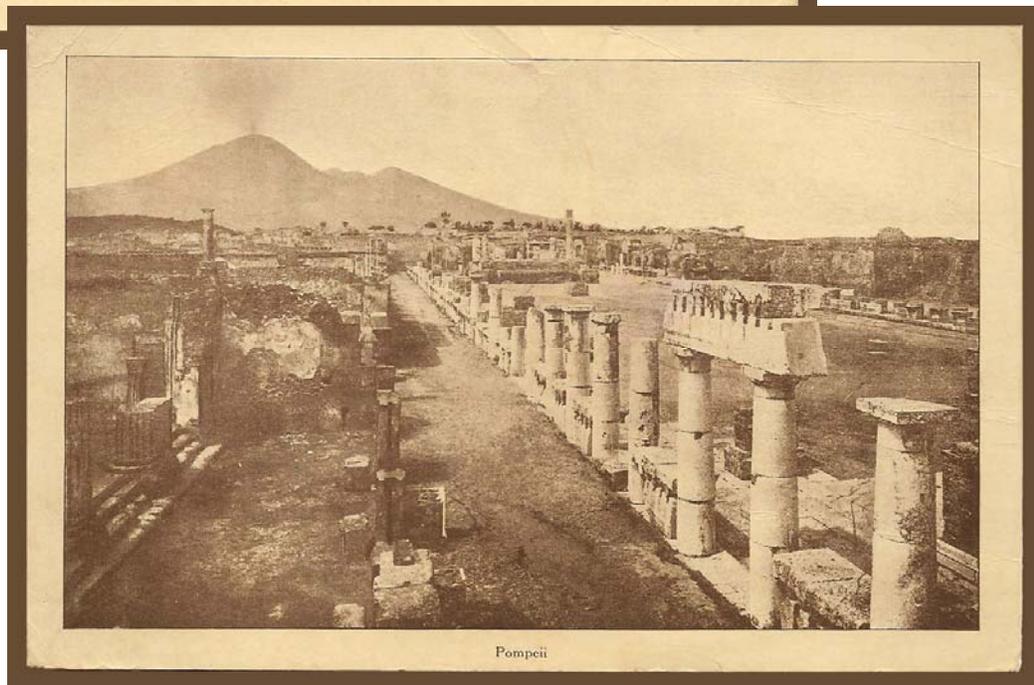


Figure 2
Frank Tourist Co. postcard
franked with "unlisted"
perfinned precancel.
F200 perfin.
(80% of actual size.)



When Are Too Many, Too Many? (cont.)

postcard at said time. As I had 16 different postcard locations, I can come quite close to an itinerary that even today sounds like a wonderful high seas adventure.

Picture this - a leisurely cruise across the Atlantic with stops at the following cities:

- February 11 Gilbralter
- February 18 Palermo, Sicily
- February 19 Tunis
- February 20 Malta
- February 21 Syracuse, Sicily
- February 25 Cairo
- March 14 (AM) Constantinople, Athens
- March 14 (PM) Athens
- March 16 Kotor/Dubrovnik
- March 18 Venice
- March 20 Messina
- March 21 Pompeii
- March 23 Monte Carlo

Other cards indicated stops at Funchal, Madeira; Algiers; and Seville, but, as they are stamped with prepers and have no date, I could only guess that they would have been either toward the beginning or the end of the voyage. After all these destinations, a leisurely cruise back to New York! One can dream while collecting stamps!

I would like to hear from anyone who might possess one of these cards with a different destination from the 1929 cruise mailed out as a prospectus for the coming year's cruise. My contact information is: Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371; email perfinman@comcast.net. Who knows, you may even have a copy with the hitherto unknown preper!

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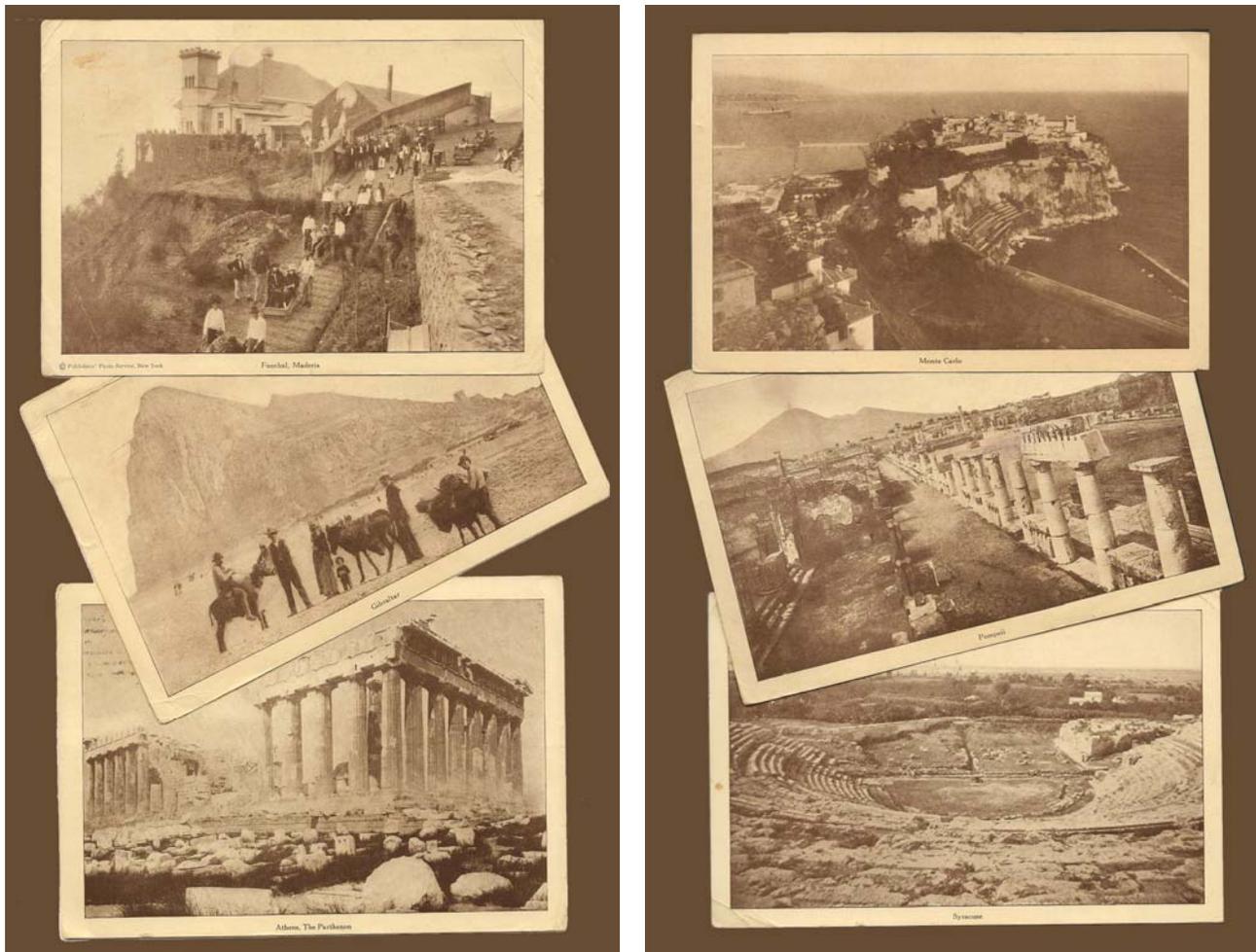


Figure 3
A few of the Frank Tourist Co. postcards promoting this cruise.
(Approximately 45% of actual size.)

Century Manufacturing Company – Pattern C4

John Welsch (#3832) & Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Illustrated in Figure 1 below is the front and back of a cover from John Welsch’s collection franked with perfin C4 in a 1-cent Washington stamp. For many years and several U.S. perfin catalogs, the user of C4 has been claimed (but not verified) to be “Mutual Rubber Refining Company, East St. Louis, IL.” However, the corner card on this cover shows the user is “Century Mfg. Co., East St. Louis, IL.”

This envelope is a third class advertisement mailing. The cancel is a Columbia Machine cancel for 3rd class mail, rated “uncommon” in Hanmer’s reference.¹

Third class mail was used for unsealed circular advertising. The flap on this envelope was not sealed and John found advertising materials inside. (Figures 3, 4, & 5; page 123.) These documents tie Century Rubber Roofing to Century Manufacturing Company. An Internet search ties Mutual Carriage & Harness Manufacturing Company to Century Manufacturing.⁽²⁾ Finally, a cover with perfin C4 has been seen with the identification of Mutual Rubber Roofing Company. (Figure 6, page 123.) All these companies reference the same headquarters of East St. Louis, IL.

From this, we deduce that Century Manufacturing Company is the primary user and that it was a large retail seller (or reseller?) of various items, including roofing products, house paint, buggies, wagons, stoves, sewing machines, pianos and organs. Therefore, the primary user of pattern C4 has been changed to “Century Manufacturing Company, East St. Louis, IL” in A&C#3 of the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. In addition, a note has been added to the Supplemental Information listing these various subsidiaries and additional users.

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Figure 1
Front and back of Century Mfg. Co., East St. Louis, IL, cover with C4 perfin. Provides evidence of correct primary user for perfin C4. (65 % of actual size.)

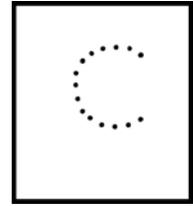


Figure 2
1-cent stamp cropped from Century Mfg. Co. cover. C4 perfin electronically lifted from stamp. (Actual size.)



Century Manufacturing Company – Pattern C4 (cont.)



Figure 3
Century Manufacturing Company "Rubber Roofing"
advertising material, found in cover.
(65% of actual size.)



Figure 4
Century Manufacturing Company "Ready Mixed
Paint" advertising material, found in cover.
(65% of actual size.)

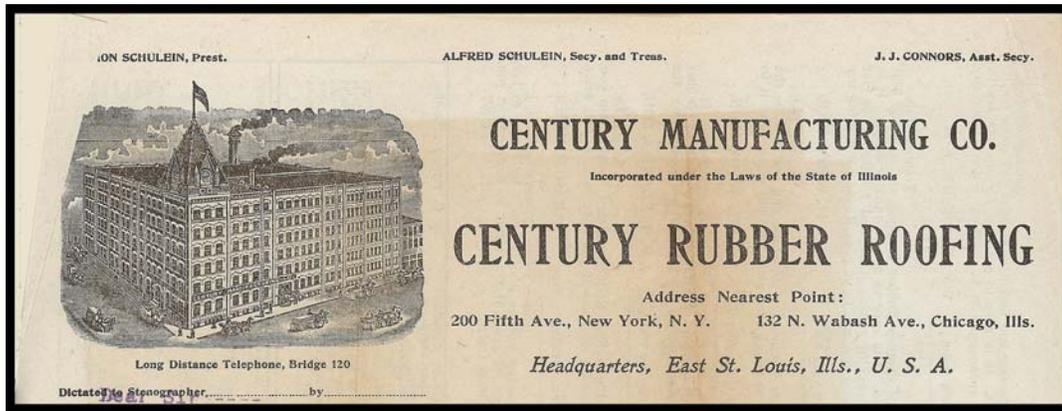


Figure 5
Letterhead connecting Century Manufacturing Company to Century
Rubber Roofing, found in cover.
(65% of actual size.)

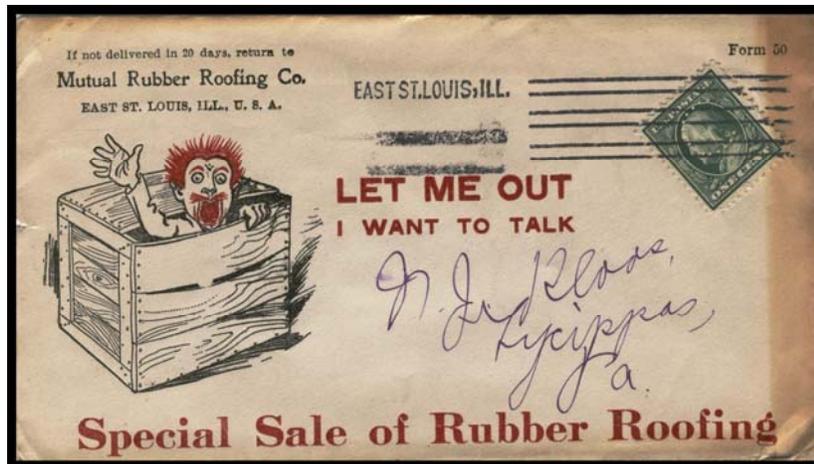


Figure 6
Mutual Rubber Roofing Co., East
St. Louis, IL, cover showing
alternate user of perfin C4.
(65% of actual size.)

Perfin F95 and Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co.

Ken Masters (#3589)

A few months ago I was fortunate enough to acquire a medium size railroad perfins collection that also includes a significant number of perfined railroad covers. While examining these covers and comparing the user shown in the corner card with the information given for that perfin in the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog), including A&C#1 and #2, I discovered several new, alternate users. This article is the first in a planned series that will discuss these new finds.

The first feature that I noticed about the cover pictured in Figure 1 is the “Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co., Quanah, Texas” user shown in the corner card. I was fairly certain that this railroad is not listed in the U.S. Perfins Catalog. After some study, I determined that the perfin in the 6-cent Roosevelt stamp is a split **F95**. (Insert on Figure 1.) The verified user for this pattern is the “Saint Louis-San Francisco Railway” and there is no mention of the “Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co.” in the U.S. Perfins Catalog.

A scan of this cover along with the supporting Internet information that is presented below was sent to the U.S. Catalog Chairman for his consideration. Based on this, he agrees. The “Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co.” is listed as a new, alternate user for pattern **F95** in the recently released A&C#3 to the U.S. Perfins Catalog.

One of the subjects that is extensively documented on the Internet is U.S. railroads. Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway, Quanah, TX (QA&P), is no exception. QA&P was formed as the Acme, Red River and Northern Railway on May 3, 1902.^(1,2) On January 28, 1909, it assumed the Quanah, Acme & Pacific name and operated under that name until 1981. The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway (Frisco) assumed control of QA&P in 1911, thus the connection to perfin **F95**. It was merged into the Burlington Northern Railroad (BN) in 1981 following Frisco’s merger into BN the previous year.

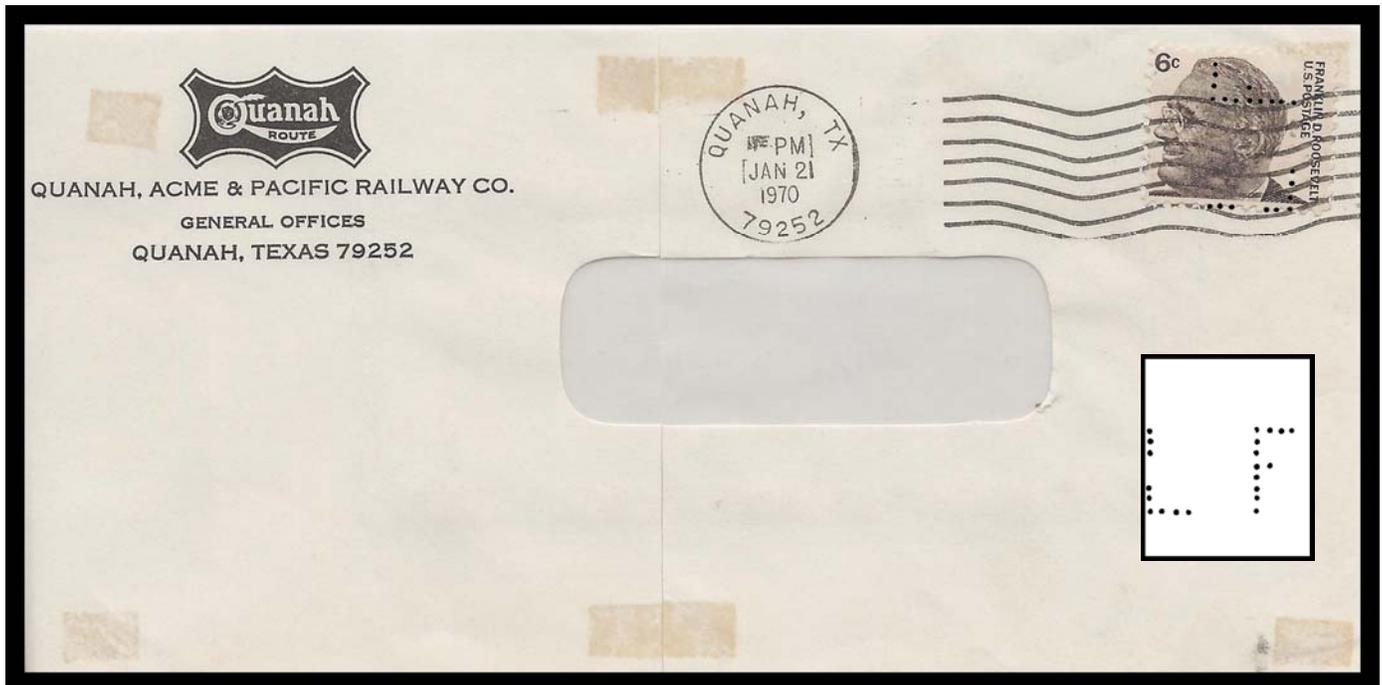


Figure 1
Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co cover.
Franked with perfined 6-cent Roosevelt stamp (perfin electronically darkened).
Inset shows that the split perfin is pattern F95 (FL).
Note cover has been vertically cut and mounted with transparent tape.
(Actual size.)

Perfin F95 and Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co. (cont.)

Quanah, TX, is located about 200 miles northwest of Fort Worth, TX, and a few miles from the Texas-Oklahoma state line.⁽³⁾ Nearby Acme is the site of one of the largest plaster production areas in the U.S.⁽⁴⁾ For many years, Acme's huge gypsum deposit was mined and converted to plaster and cement products which were shipped by rail nationwide.

QA&P was formed by Samuel Lazarus, owner of the Acme Plaster Company, to service that market. The 117-mile freight railroad eventually operated between Red River and Floydada, TX, with intermediate freight stops in Carnes, Quanah, Acme, Lazare, Swearingen, Paducah, Narcissio, Summit (Motley County), Russellville, Roaring Springs, MacBain, Dougherty, and Boothe Spur (Matador).⁽⁴⁾ (Figure 2.)

In the 1930's, the QA&P won important regulatory and legal decisions to allow it to participate in transcontinental movements with the Frisco on the east and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (Santa Fe) on the west.⁽²⁾ Thus, from the late 1930's until the fall of 1973 impressive through trains passed over QA&P rails. This arrangement ended when the Frisco and the Santa Fe agreed to divert this business to another gateway. This spelled doom for the QA&P. The line from Floydada to Paducah was abandoned in 1979, and the QA&P as a corporate entity perished shortly after the Frisco became part of the BN. However, the QA&P heritage survives; every day, someone stops at the

depot museum in Quanah and learns about the short line railroad and its interesting history.⁽⁴⁾

I feel that I would be remiss if I did not mention the condition of the cover and the treatment it has received over the years. First, the back of the cover has been removed and only the front survived. Then, somewhere along the line, a previous owner vertically cut this front and reduced its size - apparently to allow it to be mounted horizontally across a page. But, perhaps the most egregious act was using some type of transparent tape on the back of the cut pieces to "mount" them to the page. Of course, the tape bled through leaving the permanent, tell-tail stains. On the other hand, the cut is precise allowing the two pieces to fit together nearly perfectly and the corner card, postmark, and perfined stamp are not damaged. So, while the "important" information was not lost, the cover's value has been nearly destroyed. Its only real interest is because it identifies the QA&P as an alternate user of perfin **F95**. Otherwise, it would go in the "giveaway" box.

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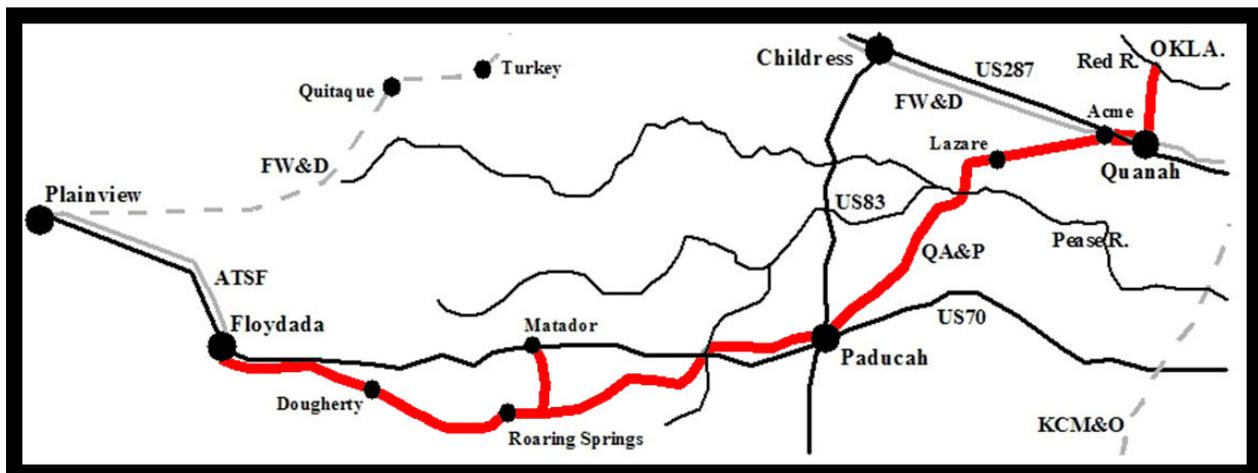


Figure 2

Map showing Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co.'s (QA&P) Route.⁽⁴⁾
Connection on the East at Quanah and Acme to the Frisco via the FW&D (Fort Worth & Denver City).
Connection on the West at Floydada to the ATSF (Santa Fe).

Finds in the 50¢ Box

Christina Howland-Stitt (#3662)

Like many stamp collectors, one of my favorite stops when I am at our local stamp show and bourse is the box labeled "Covers - 50¢ each" that several of the dealers conveniently place on their tables. What fun it is searching through hundreds of covers trying to find that gem (at least to me) that everyone else has overlooked. This article presents a couple of the successes in my quest that I have enjoyed over the past few months.

S154 in Scott #2442

The cover shown in Figure 1 below is one of the first that I have seen franked with a contemporary perfined stamp (Scott #2442). As I could not quite identify the perfin, I sent a scan of the cover to the Editor for his assistance.

The Editor determined that the perfin is pattern **S154** (SIU), not the similar **S154.5**. (Figure 2.) The current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) lists the user of this *F* rated pattern as "The State University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA." So far, not much of real interest from this standpoint. Is there anything else?

Looking closer, we determined that the cover was mailed by an individual who lived in "Coralville, IA" and it bears a "Cedar Rapids, IA" postmark. After consulting a map, we found that Coralville is a suburb

of Iowa City, and that Cedar Rapids is about 25 miles north of Iowa City and Coralville. So, the stamp did not get too far from its perforator. Was (is?) this person a student or employee of the University? Probably, but we will never know.

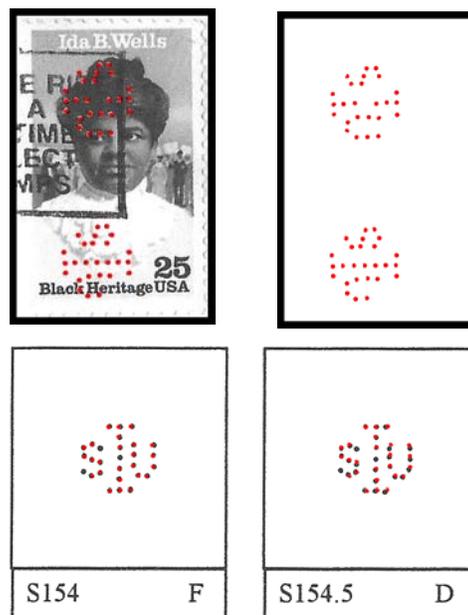


Figure 2
Electronic comparison of top perfin in stamp with patterns S154 and S154.5.
Verifies perfin is pattern S154.
(Actual size.)

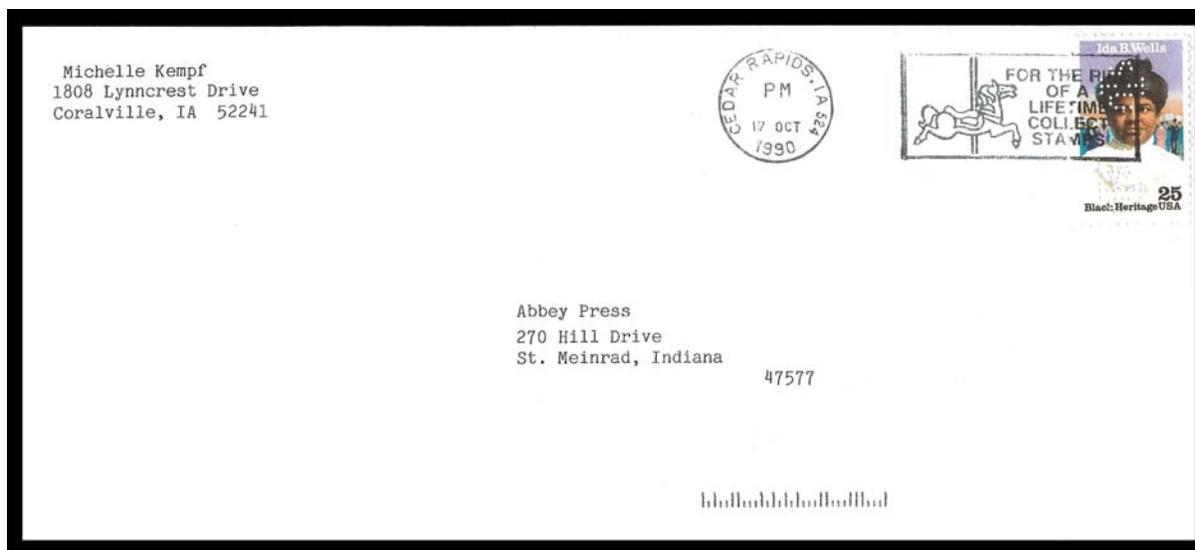


Figure 1
Cover franked with perfined Scott #2442 stamp.
Verified user of perfin S154 is "The State University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA."
October 17, 1990, postmark date extends the usage period of S154.
Note the slogan cancel promoting stamp collecting.
(65% of actual size.)

Finds in the 50¢ Box (cont.)

We then looked a little closer at the postmark date - October 17, 1990. The U.S. Perfins Catalog, including A&C#1 and #2, shows the dates of usage for **S154** between 1938 and 1984. As this stamp, Scott #2442, was not issued by the U.S. Post Office until February 1, 1990, this clearly extends the dates of usage to 1990. This information was forwarded to the U.S. Catalog Chairman and he agrees. However, as A&C#3 was already complete when we sent this to him, this extended usage period for **S154** will be included in the next A&C (A&C#4).

There a couple of other attractive features about this cover.

- The first is the slogan cancel, including the carousel horse, that the U.S. Postal Service used to promote stamp collecting. It reads: "FOR THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME COLLECT STAMPS."
- Then there is the fact that stamp is part of the "Black Heritage Series," and also a commemorative. Both of these are collectable in their own right in a specialty, topical collection.

So, when I take all of these positives associated with this cover into account, I believe I really have found an *F* rated "gem!"

G86 - User "Greg. C. Wright & Sons"

When I first found the cover shown in Figure 3, I could not quite make out the perfin. However, as it was only 50¢, I purchased it and took it home.

After some study and rotating the cover to the right where the stamp is at the bottom right corner, I decided it might be *C+* rated pattern **G86** (GGW/&S) with a couple of missing holes. If I was correct, a nice addition to my collection. To verify my identification, I sent a scan of this cover to the Editor for his assistance. He confirmed that this is a **G86**.

We also noticed that the U.S. Perfins Catalog lists the verified user of **G86** as "Gregory G. Wright & Sons, Cincinnati, OH." The corner card on this cover shows the user is "Greg. G. Wright & Sons." Does this qualify as an additional user? A scan of this cover was forwarded to the U.S. Catalog Chairman for his review. He reports that, in this case, "Greg." is considered an abbreviation of "Gregory." The convention (which admittedly has been broken many times) is to avoid abbreviations in listing user names. Therefore, this will not be listed as an additional user in the next A&C.

In any case, a *C+* rated perfined cover for 50¢. Seems like a bargain to me. Please do not tell the dealer or he will raise his prices.

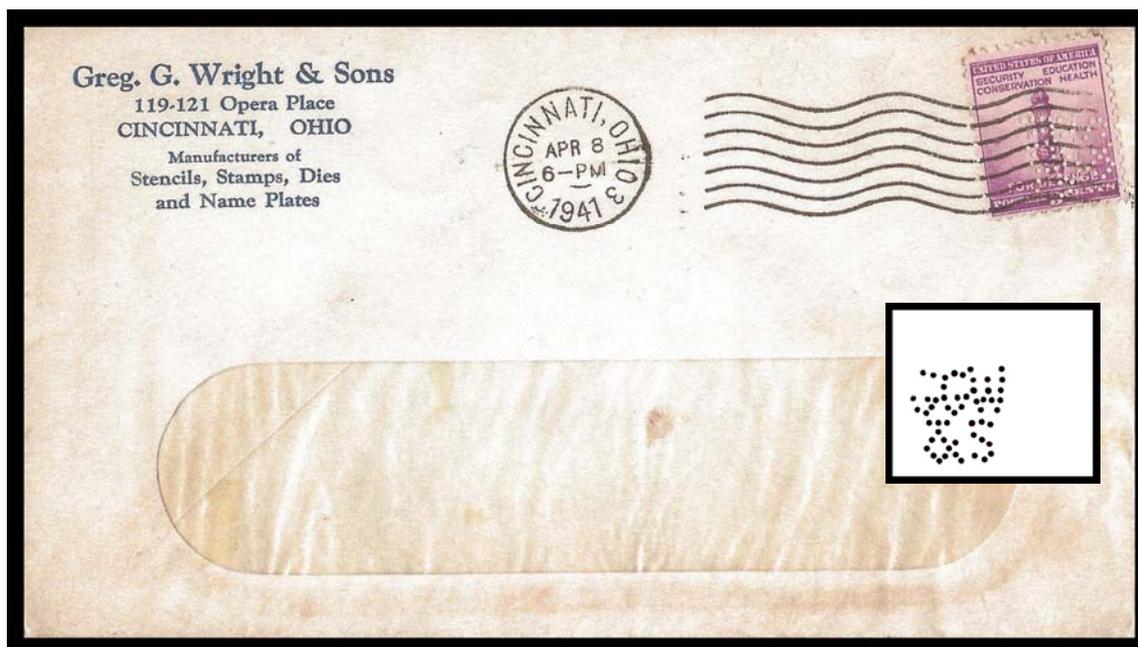


Figure 3
Greg. G. Wright & Sons cover found in a 50¢ box.
Franked with 3-cent National Defense Issue perfined stamp.
Inset shows the perfin is *C+* rated pattern G86 with 2 missing holes.
(Cover 90% of actual size; Perfin actual size.)

Sometimes there's more than meets the eye!

Rudy Roy (#1124)

Illustrated below are the front and reverse sides of a picture postcard with a perfins stamp that I recently acquired on eBay. Fortunately the seller showed scans of both the front and the back.

Except that the stamp is also a plate number single, and was forwarded to an address in Canada, it appears to be nothing more than an example of someone 'borrowing' postage from a company to mail a picture postcard. The flag cancel is only of minor interest to a flag cancel collector as it is one of the most common used in West Virginia.⁽¹⁾

Perfins pattern **B160** (BM/C) has a confirmed identification of having been used by the "Berger Manufacturing Co., New York, NY."

As the old saw states "the devil is in the details!"

Because the message may not be completely legible, it is quoted below:

"Just inspected this building & find that Berger's Metal Joists & Studs were used for floor & partitions with good results. Better get dope from the manufacturer."

There is a manuscript date of 4-12-13 and the initials 'HMN.'

On first glance this could easily be passed off as an example of a purloined perfinned stamp. The illustrated building, in Clarksburg, WV, has no apparent connection to the Berger firm. The postmark shows the card was mailed from Clarksburg, too.

There is no printed message on the reverse, which most often commercial advertising picture postcards had, just a handwritten message. But then, on reading this message, everything gets tied together, and a legitimate use of the perfins, probably from a Berger salesman to a client, is established.

According to several Internet sources,^(2,3,4) the Goff Building was completed in 1910. It is still in existence today, virtually unchanged both outside and inside, and remains the premier office address in Clarksburg.

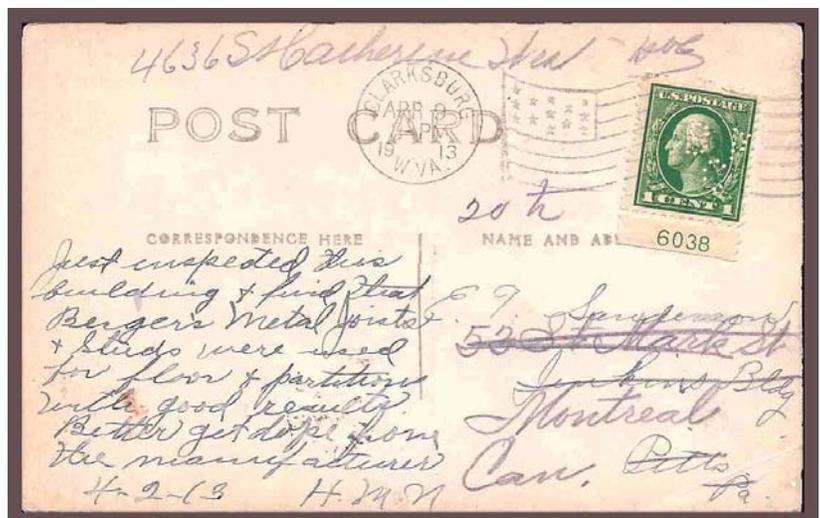
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Front and Back of postcard picturing the Goff Building, Clarksburg, WV. Franked with 1-cent Washington stamp perfined with pattern B160. Message on card establishes legitimate use of the perfins.

(75% of actual size.)



Canada's Railway Perfins in U.S. Postage

Allan Oleksyn (#1908)

During the last year two new perfin patterns have surfaced in U.S. postage stamps: "Canadian National Railways" pattern **C233.3** (CNR) and "Canadian Pacific Railway Company" pattern **C281.3** (CPR). These new finds have sparked my interest in the use of railway perfins in U.S. and Canadian postage stamps. I am not a railway perfins expert; I simply hope to raise some interest, ask several questions, and perhaps answer a few regarding this interesting collecting specialty.

Question #1: Why are Canadian Railway perfins found in U.S. postage and vice versa?

Historically Canada and the U.S. were, and continue to be, very closely linked regarding trade and commerce. The U.S. industrial heartland was in constant need of raw materials to fuel her factories, while Canada had vast reserves of materials, lumber, agricultural products, etc. Conversely, Canada provided a ready market for American manufactured goods.

Canadian and American railways provided the transportation link for the movement of goods north and south. To facilitate these business operations, Canadian railways established branch offices in the U.S., while the U.S. railways did the same in Canada. Thus, when these companies wished to mail correspondence from one of these branch offices or along their routes, they had to use the local postage.

For example, while a Canadian railway was operating in the U.S., they had to use U.S. postage. They would purchase sheets of U. S. stamps, take them to the location of their perforator, perforate the stamps with their perfin pattern, and then distribute them to their various U.S. branch offices. Also, when a Canadian railway company included stamped, self-addressed envelopes in their correspondence to U.S. customers, perfined U.S. stamps were often used on these return envelopes.

Questions #2: Which Canadian perfins are used in U.S. postage stamps?

Table 1 on page 130 presents a list of Canadian perfins known to have been used in U.S. stamps. When considering this list, some open questions remain.

- The current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog), including A&C #1, #2, and #3, indicates the user of patterns **C279** and

C280 (CPR) is "Canadian Pacific Railway Company." However, these patterns are not found in the Fourth Edition of the *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials* (Canadian Perfins Handbook). Thus, they are not included in Table 1.

- U.S. pattern **C233.5** (CN/R.Y.) looks like it could stand for "Canadian National Railway" or "Canadian Northern Railway." However, no information is available as to the user of this perfin and it does not appear in the Canadian Perfins Handbook. It is not included in Table 1.
- In Table 1 we have indicated that the "Grand Trunk Railway" Canadian pattern **G14** (GTR) is equivalent to U.S. pattern **G180**. However, it is noted that the U.S. Perfins Catalog does not include an entry in the Supplemental Information that confirms **G180** has been found in Canadian stamps. The U.S. Catalog Chairman is considering including such a note in the next A&C (A&C#4) to this catalog.

The Canadian Perfins Handbook Editor and/or the U.S. Catalog Chairman would greatly appreciate receiving any answers that you can provide to some or all of these questions. Please send your comments to the *Bulletin* Editor (contact information on page 110) and he will forward them to the appropriate person.

Question #3: Are there any U.S. railway perfins found in Canadian postage stamps?

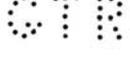
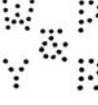
Absolutely! A detailed listing of such U. S. perfins that fit this category is shown in Table 2 on page 131.

If the readers of this article, particularly railway perfin specialists, find that I have made errors or omissions, please notify the *Bulletin* Editor. Any such corrections will be noted and shared in future issues of the *Bulletin*. This way, we will all be better informed on the topic and be wiser perfin collectors.

[Editor's Note: In addition to the perfins listed in this article, other Canadian perfins have been used in U.S. postage and vice versa. However, as the theme of this article is limited to railway perfins and these other perfins were used by non-railway companies, they are not listed. A future article discussing these other perfins would be most welcome if someone would like to develop it.]

Canada's Railway Perfins in U.S. Postage (cont.)

Table 1
Canadian Railway Perfins found in U.S. Postage

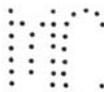
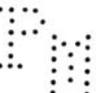
Perfin Illustration	Company Name & Location	Canada Perfin Number & Rating Years of Use	U.S. Perfin Number & Rating Years of Use
	Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company Lethbridge, AB.	A5 C Rate 1903 - 1911	A233 A Rate 1917
	Canadian National Railways Montreal, P.Q.	C44 F Rate 1911-1930	C232.5 B Rate 1918 - 1923
	Canadian National Railways Winnipeg, MB.	C45 I Rate 1923 - Present	C233.3 ⁽³⁾ A Rate 1954
	Canadian National Railways Montreal, P.Q.	C46 I Rate 1922 - 1973	C233 ⁽⁴⁾ E Rate 1926 - 1954
	Canadian Pacific Railway Company Montreal, P.Q.	C51 I Rate 1932 - 1977	C277 A Rate 1938
	Canadian Pacific Railway Company Vancouver, B.C.	C53 H Rate 1911 - 1967	C281.3 ⁽³⁾ A Rate 1954
	Grand Trunk Railway Montreal, P.Q. Detroit, MI	G14 G Rate 1903 - 1923	G180 B+ Rate 1917 - 1918
	White Pass and Yukon Route Railway Vancouver, B.C. Skagway, AK	W11 C Rate 1903 - 1922	W171 B Rate 1902 - 1918

Notes:

1. Information for Canadian perfins based on the *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials*, Fourth Edition, J.C. Johnson and G. Thomasson, Editors, plus updates to 2009.
2. Information for U.S. perfins based on the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, 1998 Edition, John Randall, Editor, plus Additions & Corrections #1, #2, and #3.
3. U.S. patterns **C233.3** and **C281.3** are newly discovered patterns and are included in the recently released A&C#3 of the U.S. Perfins Catalog.
4. A&C#3 also includes a note in the Supplemental Information for U.S. pattern **C233** stating that this pattern was used in various U.S. branches.

Canada's Railway Perfins in U.S. Postage (cont.)

Table 2
U.S. Railway Perfins found in Canadian Postage

Perfin Illustration	Company Name & Location	U.S. Perfin Number & Rating Years of Use	Canada Perfin Number & Rating Years of Use
	Great Northern Railway St. Paul, MN	G131 E Rate 1962 - 1965	G9 C Rate 1955 - 1969
	Great Northern Railway St. Paul, MN	G132 D Rate 1908 - 1922	G10 F Rate 1911 - 1964
	Michigan Central Railroad Co. New York, NY Chicago, IL	M48 D Rate 1926 - 1940	M2 C Rate 1928 - 1932
	Michigan Central Railroad Co. New York, NY Chicago, IL	M90 E Rate 1902 - 1926	M7 E Rate 1911 - 1931
	New York Central System New York, NY	N182 F Rate 1912 - 1958	N28 E Rate 1911 - 1955
	New York Central System New York, NY	N182A E Rate 1902 - 1965	N29 B Rate 1911 - 1922
	Pere Marquette Railway Co. Detroit, MI	P132 E Rate 1908 - 1923	P11 D Rate 1903 - 1922
	Southern Pacific Company Los Angeles, CA	S213B D+ Rate 1917 - 1926	S15 A Rate 1922 - 1928
	Southern Pacific Company San Francisco, CA	S215A D+ Rate 1926 - 1932	S16 A Rate ???
	Southern Pacific Lines San Francisco, CA	S216 F Rate 1922 - 1963	S14 A Rate 1932

Notes:

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Perfins Club Auction #122 Closes October 31, 2011

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Abbreviations used:

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

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

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

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	A112 in 504	B	26	US	H108 in 720	C+	52	US	M289.5 in 510	B
2	US	A221-1C in 804	B+	27	US	H113 in 462	B	53	US	M301A in 405 (SE)	B
3	US	A234 in 378	B	28	US	H126 in 406	B	54	US	M311 in 562	C+
4	US	B13 in 332	B+	29	US	I26.5 in 543	C+	55	US	M311 in C19	C+
5	US	B137.5 in 509	B+	30	US	I108 in 429	C+	56	US	N62 in 811	C+
6	US	C171 in 406	B	31	US	J2 in 462 (SE)	C+	57	US	N73 in 502	B
7	US	C230 in 377	C+	32	US	J3 in 406	B	58	US	N127 in 555	C+
8	US	C252A in 632	C+	33	US	J48 in 376	C+	59	US	N205.1 in 720	C+
9	US	C265 in 567	C+	34	US	J50 in 406	B	60	US	O19 in 408	B
10	US	C268 in 406	B	35	US	J133 in 530	C+			(sm tear)	
11	US	C326 in 1035	C+	36	US	J137 in 426	C+	61	US	O94 in 720	C+
12	US	C335 in 829	C+	37	US	J141.5 in 506 (SE)	C+	62	US	P46.5 in 506	B
13	US	C348 in 499	B	38	US	K37 in 634	B	63	US	P69 in 529 (SE)	B
14	US	C354 in 378	C+	39	US	K41 in 445	C+	64	US	P76 in 554	B
15	US	D63 in 465	C+	40	US	K70 in 463	B	65	US	P120 in 720	C+
16	US	D72A in 332	B+	41	US	L13.5 in 425	B+	66	US	P157 in 331	B
17	US	D100 in 367	C+	42	US	L42 in 406 (SE)	B	67	US	P189 in 510	C+
18	US	D102 in 595	C+	43	US	L97 in 636	C+	68	US	P238 in 562	C+
		(clip. perf. at rt.)		44	US	L145.5 in 1122	C+	69	US	R21 in C9	C+
19	US	E8 in 377	C+	45	US	L161.5 in 638	C+	70	US	R93 in E11	C+
20	US	E10 in 634	C+	46	US	L172 in 406	B	71	US	S2.1A in 807	B
21	US	G13 in 557	C+	47	US	L185A in 530	C+	72	US	S2.1A in 693	B
22	US	G81 in 468	C+	48	US	M66 in 375	B	73	US	S69 in 319	C+
23	US	G110A in 468	B	49	US	M187A in 562	B	74	US	S83 in 720	C+
24	US	G205 in 636	B	50	US	M213 in 465	C+	75	US	S86 in 709	C+
25	US	H10 in 378	C+	51	US	M248 in 501	C+	76	US	S139 in 470 (SE)	B

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77	US	S229 in 375	B	91	Argentina	Mix 200
78	US	S254 in 720	C+	92	Bohemia & Moravia	Mix - 190 Different Stamps - 41 Different Designs
79	US	S286 in 375	B	93	Cuba	Mix - 49 Different Stamps - 9 Different Designs
80	US	T44 in 720	C+	94	US	Mix - 200 PREPERS
81	US	T46 in 720	C+	95	US	Mix - 1000 "culls"
82	US	T75 in 406	B	96	Germany	109 ADD
83	US	W7.2 in 720	C+	97	US	Cover - N204 - Rated C
84	US	W81 in 416	C+	98	US	2 Covers - Both with R126 in 901 - Rated E
85	US	W81 in 514	C+			
86	US	W108 in C7	C+			
87	US	W210 in 425 (SE)	B			
88	US	Num. 2 in 377	C+			
89	US	Num. 24 in 636	C+			
90	US	Des. 40 in 568	C+			

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Dave Lightle, Publications Sales Manager, recently advised the *Bulletin* Editor that he has three copies of the "Perfins in Belgium Precancels" catalogue available at a Perfins Club member's price of \$22.00 on a first come basis. For any member who has not obtained their copy of this publication, this

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Perfins of Yugoslavia Catalog

We were recently notified that a new perfins catalog, *Perfins of the former Yugoslavia from the beginning of the k.u.k.-period to the World War II*, is nearing completion. According to the catalog's Editor, Alfred Kruse, this is the first time that the postal perfins from the former Yugoslavia have been presented in a single publication.

He realizes that many unanswered questions about users and usage periods of the perfins of Yugoslavia remain. Thus, he requests that collectors who acquire this catalog to please forward him the answers to these questions as well as information about additional, undiscovered patterns. This new, additional information which will then be published in a supplement at a future date.

This new publication contains 92 pages (format 170 x

240mm, softcover) with over 500 illustrations in color. The subscription price is €24.80 (later €29.80) plus shipping (€3.50 to the U.S) when purchased directly from Mr. Kruse. His contact information is: Alfred Kruse, Im Deepen Bund 7, 28876 Oyten, GERMANY; email: kruse-bremen@t-online.de.

As an alternative, Dave Lightle, Publications Sales Manager, has ordered a few copies of this new catalog. North American members might want to contact Dave first to take advantage of possible savings in the total cost as a result of this combined order.

If you are interested in seeing some sample pages of this new catalog, please contact the *Bulletin* Editor and he will forward you what Mr. Kruse provided. Contact information for Dave and the Editor is on page 110.

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Straits Settlements Perfins Album

Perfins Club members Bob Burney (#3954) and Ken Masters (#3589) recently created a specialized stamp album to archive their personal collection of Straits Settlements perfinned stamps. The album is based on the perfin patterns and other information that is contained in the *Perfins of Malaysia*, second edition by Mervyn Lavender, with the expressed permission of the catalogue's author. Every perfin shown in Lavender's catalogue is included in the album.

The beauty of producing perfin albums is that one can "break the mold." For each particular perfin, Lavender's catalogue provides a comprehensive list of known stamp issues that have been found with that particular perfin. During the initial development of this album, it quickly became obvious that it is not practical to provide an individual "mounting box" for each of these known stamp issues. Therefore, the number of "mounting boxes" provided for each pattern is based on the perfin's rarity rating and the number of listed stamp issues. In those instances where the number of "mounting boxes" is not sufficient, a special quadrille blank page is included

so the collector can print a blank page and insert it in the proper location.

The album is arranged in sections based on the issue dates of the particular stamp issues. Thus, there are specific sections for:

- 19th Century British Queens,
- 20th Century British Kings,
- British Military Administration (BMA),
- Commemoratives,
- Federated Malay States, and
- Individual Malaysian States.

This allows the collector to customize their album to match their particular collecting interest.

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