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New Year's Greetings!!



The President's Perspective on the Health of the Club

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

As a member volunteer worker who has become President of the Club, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts of the volunteers before me. In particular, I would like to thank Bob Szymanski (LM#145) for his nine years of service as President, and his extra efforts in providing me guidance about the particulars (and peculiarities) of the administrative aspects of this Club.

As I start my three-year term as President, I am pleased to note that the Club is financially sound, and all of the Board of Directors and committee chair positions are occupied by capable, hard working members. Recently, Doug Turner (LM#2549) was selected for a three-year term (January 2012 through December 2014) for the Director-at-Large vacancy created by my election as President.

As you may know, at last year's Annual Meeting, the Board directed that our Club's website www.perfins.org be revised and brought up to date. The website provides members with reference material that the Club has published (all *Bulletins* from 1945 through 2008) and links to other websites and clubs' published materials. It also provides information about Club activities to non-members who would like to learn more about collecting perfins. With regard to aiding both members and non-members, we solicit other member comments and suggestions for

additional items to include on our website.

In continuing efforts to attract new members, the Club has staffed a Society Booth at the two major American Philatelic Society Stamp Shows and sponsored a seminar on the "ABCs of Collecting Perfins." For current members looking for collectable material, the Club sponsors tables at the two major perfin/precancel shows. This year, the Club's Annual Meeting will be in Albuquerque, NM, in August, and the Florida Precancel Club's Precancel Bourse and Perfins Exchange in February will again be in Tampa, FL. For those of you unable to travel, please be reminded that the Club has stamp circuit books and covers available. If you are looking for specialty items, place an ad in the *Bulletin*; with 500 +/- members, one of them may well have what you are looking for.

Over the three years of my first (and only) term, I would like to have the Club undertake a project to publish an updated hard copy U.S. Perfins Catalog to replace Randall's 1998 edition. Further, I trust that the Club will continue to remain in such sound financial condition that several members will volunteer to be elected as an officer.

One final note, if you have some extra philatelic time to spare, please let me know, as we can always use more volunteer help.

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e-Catalog, version #3 - Now Available

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

I am pleased to announce that version #3 of the e-Catalog, the electronic form of the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) is now available. This electronic version includes the A&C#3 additions and corrections and behind-the-scenes technical improvements. Please order your copy of the e-Catalog, version 3, from Dave Lightle, Publications Sales Manager. (See page 2 for his contact information.)

If you have already purchased the e-Catalog, version #2, then you are entitled to purchase version #3 for the

same price as a paper version of A&C#3, which is \$8.00. If you are a new subscriber to the e-Catalog system, the price is \$53.00 (\$45.00 for the basic e-Catalog system plus \$8.00 for the inclusion of A&C#3).

The e-Catalog is very convenient for searching words, phrases, and such, which are tedious to do from paper documents. It is also convenient that the e-Catalog incorporates all A&C additions and corrections into their appropriated places within the original 1998 edition of the U.S. Perfins Catalog.

Private Auctions

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

If you have not as yet participated in the Private Auctions, you may want to give Bob Szymanski a call or email. Bob's contact information is on the inside cover (page 2) under "Immediate Past President."

Monthly auctions will be held in each of the first five months of 2012. You will have an opportunity to bid on material from the collections of Bob Schwerdt (#505-L), Steve Koning (#2662), and Pat Callis (#2383). These collections contain their United States and world-wide collections, which are among some of the best known!

Although some lots are large collections, many are individual lots of better material, specialty collections or small lots of perfins for the collector who would like to be able to find treasures during the winter. Would you like an opportunity to own a 5-cent "red" Washington error perfined? Would you like the opportunity of owning one of the several "unique" A rated U.S. perfins? Are you looking for Kansas and Nebraska overprints?

I promise something of interest for everyone. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Bulletin receives Vermeil Medal

Ken Masters (#3589)

We recently learned that *The Perfins Bulletin* was one of eight philatelic journals that were awarded a Vermeil Medal at CHICAGOPEX 2011, held in Itasca, IL, November 18-20, 2011. This is the last of the three American Philatelic Society's 2011 World Series of Philately shows that includes philatelic literature exhibits.

As previously reported in the September/October 2011 *Bulletin* [65:109], a Silver Medal was received at these other two shows; NAPEX 2011 and STAMPSHOW 2011. The Vermeil Medal represents one higher level in the philatelic award system.

The literature judge who evaluated the *Bulletin* at CHICAGOPEX 2011 had only positive comments on his critique. He was impressed by the "social research" that we have used to prove additional users (of specific perfin patterns) and especially

appreciated our discussion of fake perfins. He also stated that the *Bulletin* is "very readable and easy to understand."

Your Editor is sincerely honored and humbled by this latest award. However, each one of you shares in this honor. Your ongoing support by forwarding me important and interesting original material about perfins is essential to our ability to maintain a quality publication that serves your needs. Also, I greatly appreciate your responses to my request for your thoughts and comments concerning possible changes in the *Bulletin* format and layout. As a result of these, I believe we have significantly improved the appearance and readability of the *Bulletin*. Thank you for your past input and I look forward to more in the future.

Perfins Online

Chris Rueger (#1834)

Here is some good news for the New Year and the winter season when you have more time for your collecting interests. For the convenience of our members, listed below are some online links, where you can visit different perfin collections. It is always interesting to see how collections are presented and to learn more about what other collectors show. Most of them are from exhibitors and have already won prizes.

Many of us do not have the opportunity to visit a major stamp show very often, and when we do we are lucky see a perfin collection. Here you can study “at home” how other people collect perfins. From these, you may get some ideas of how to arrange and describe your collection, whether it is a Type, Country, or Thematic collection.

Have fun with the following:

- Open www.aape.org
 - go to “Exhibits online”
 - ca. 80 titles down (out of about 100) you will find:
 - *Focus on the Holes – Tasmania’s Private Perfins*, (1 frame, 16 pages) Exhibitor: David McNamee

Now, back at the main menu:

- go to “Links”
- Under “Exhibits On-Line”: go to
- “Exponet – 250+ Exhibits online”

- English menu
- “click on this flag button to continue with Exponet”
- Near bottom of the page, click on “Alphabetical Index ‘A to Z’ – Enter”
- Click on “P”
- Now you will find 8 perfin exhibits.

(Note: Two of the perfin exhibits displayed on this web site, “Perfins of Austrian Levant” and “Perfins used on TGM 1920 Emission,” were developed by club member, Vladimir Münzberger (#3490). The “Perfins of Austrian Levant” exhibit is also shown on the club website, www.perfins.org.

A second way to reach “Exponet” is:

- Open www.japhila.cz
 - You are now at “Exponet – Virtual Philatelic Exhibitions.”
 - Click on the appropriate flag at the top of the page.
 - Click on “Exponet” link on the right side of page.
 - Follow the steps provided above to view the 8 perfin exhibits.

A third way is:

- Open www.bdph.de - the website for “Bund Deutscher Philatelisten”
 - go to “Exponate online” link
- (Note: Most of this site is in German only.)

U.S. Perfins Catalog – Advisory Committee

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

When I assumed the role of U.S. Perfins Catalog Chairman, I recognized that I would need assistance and guidance. I felt it would not be correct for me to make difficult and far-reaching decisions on my own, but that independent input from others is required. Therefore, I asked four prominent perfins collectors to join me by serving in the capacity of an Advisory Committee. These four accomplished collectors, Bruce Brunell (#2831), Pat Callis (#2383), John Randall (#1336), and Bob Schwerdt

(#505-L), all who have an enormous wealth of knowledge about perfins, serve on this committee.

When difficult questions are presented to me, I share them with the Advisory Committee, along with a recommendation of how I might proceed. Their responses have been insightful and have resulted in improved decisions for our *Catalog of United States Perfins*. I want to thank them for their support and I want to thank all our members who send in new information about perfins.

Thanks for the Donation!

Around the end of November, the Editor received a mailing from Club member John Welsch (#3822) that contained about \$8.50 in unused U.S. postage to help offset some of the Club’s mailing expenses.

We will certainly be putting this to good use in the near future. Thanks John for your thoughtfulness and interest in helping reduce the Club’s expenses in these times of increasing postal rates.

North Carolina Air Mail Week Perfinned Cover

John Hart (#3411)

I was very happy when a member of my local stamp club told me at a recent meeting that he had a cover with a perfin, then sold it to me for \$2.00. I suspected that it is an illegal use and this is my first cover that fits that description!

The internet was very instructive about the cover. It commemorates the October 11-16, 1937, North Carolina Air Mail Week (not to be confused with the 1938 National Air Mail Week). This was an event arranged to promote the advantages of air mail service in North Carolina. An October 12, 1937, "Plane Schedule" for the event shows six special air mail routes, all in North Carolina, were planned for that day.⁽¹⁾ A note on this schedule states that the planes used for this event were furnished by Gulf Oil Co. and Eastern Air Lines.

Currently, many non-perfinned North Carolina Air Mail Week commemorative covers are found on the various online auction sites. From viewing these offerings, I have determined that the stamped left hand corner was similar for all covers but differed in the city name on the rocker under the picture of the Wright Memorial. Mine has Elizabeth City in that

rocker (which matches the postmark cancellation), but I saw examples from Kitty Hawk, Wilmington, Marion, Asheboro, and Warrenton.

Now for the interesting part. The addressee is Willard Baugh, Mason City, Iowa. Again I turned to the Internet. After a "Google" search on his name and city, I was directed to the "Genweb" website.⁽²⁾ That site reports that Willard Baugh lived between 1894 and 1974. He was a private in the U.S. Army from 7/24/18 to 1/29/19. However, most important for this article, the city directory says that he was a "caller" for "C.M. & St. Paul Railway," thus clarifying his access to the particular perfin used on this cover. [Author's note: For those who are not familiar with it, Genweb is a large site of volunteers working to provide free internet websites for genealogical research.]

I mean no harm to Mr. Baugh or his memory but am happy to have this item in my collection!

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North Carolina Air Mail Week Commemorative Flight Cover
with an apparent illegal usage of F rated perfin S287.5 (Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company)
in a 3-cent Susan B. Anthony (Scott #784) stamp.
(Perfin electronically lightened to enhance its readability.)
(Actual size.)

Two new users + new information for a third

Patterns F68.5, C282.5, and S118

Doug Turner (LM#2549)

I recently took the opportunity to identify the perfins that are on a group of covers that I had acquired over the past couple of years. As a result, I discovered the users for two previously unidentified B+ rated perfins, new and additional information about the user of a third perfin, and confirmed the users for several other patterns.

This article is the first in a series that reports this new information. Most of the Internet research, which adds some interesting history about these covers, was done by the Editor. The U.S. Catalog Chairman agrees with these identifications and they will be included in the next A&C to the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog).

Pattern F68.5 - The S. R. Feil Company, Cleveland, OH

To date, no user (or other information) has been identified in the U.S. Perfins Catalog for B+ rated pattern **F68.5** [FEIL]. The unused stamped self-addressed reply type post card shown below in Figure 1 clearly changes that.

The 1-cent parcel post stamp on this post card is clearly perfinned with pattern **F68.5**. The card is addressed to "Sidney R. Feil, President - The S. R. Feil Company, Cleveland, Ohio." Looking at the message side (back) of the card, it appears the card is

intended for a customer to place a re-order for "SAL-VET," presumably a product sold by the company.

Internet research yielded some limited information about the company. Lot #29 in the *Veterinary Collectables Auction 9-2011* that closed September 10, 2011, is for a "Sal-Vet Worm Destroyer Round Wooden Canister." The lot's description states that "Sal-Vet was the trade name for veterinary remedies produced by the S. R. Feil Company of Cleveland, Ohio."⁽¹⁾ Another small

reference was found for the S. R. Feil Company in the December 1900 issue of the advertising trade publication, *The Billboard*.⁽²⁾

The U.S. Catalog Chairman agrees that this information identifies the user of pattern **F68.5** is "The S. R. Feil Company, Cleveland, OH," and will include this listing in the U.S. Perfins Catalog next A&C.

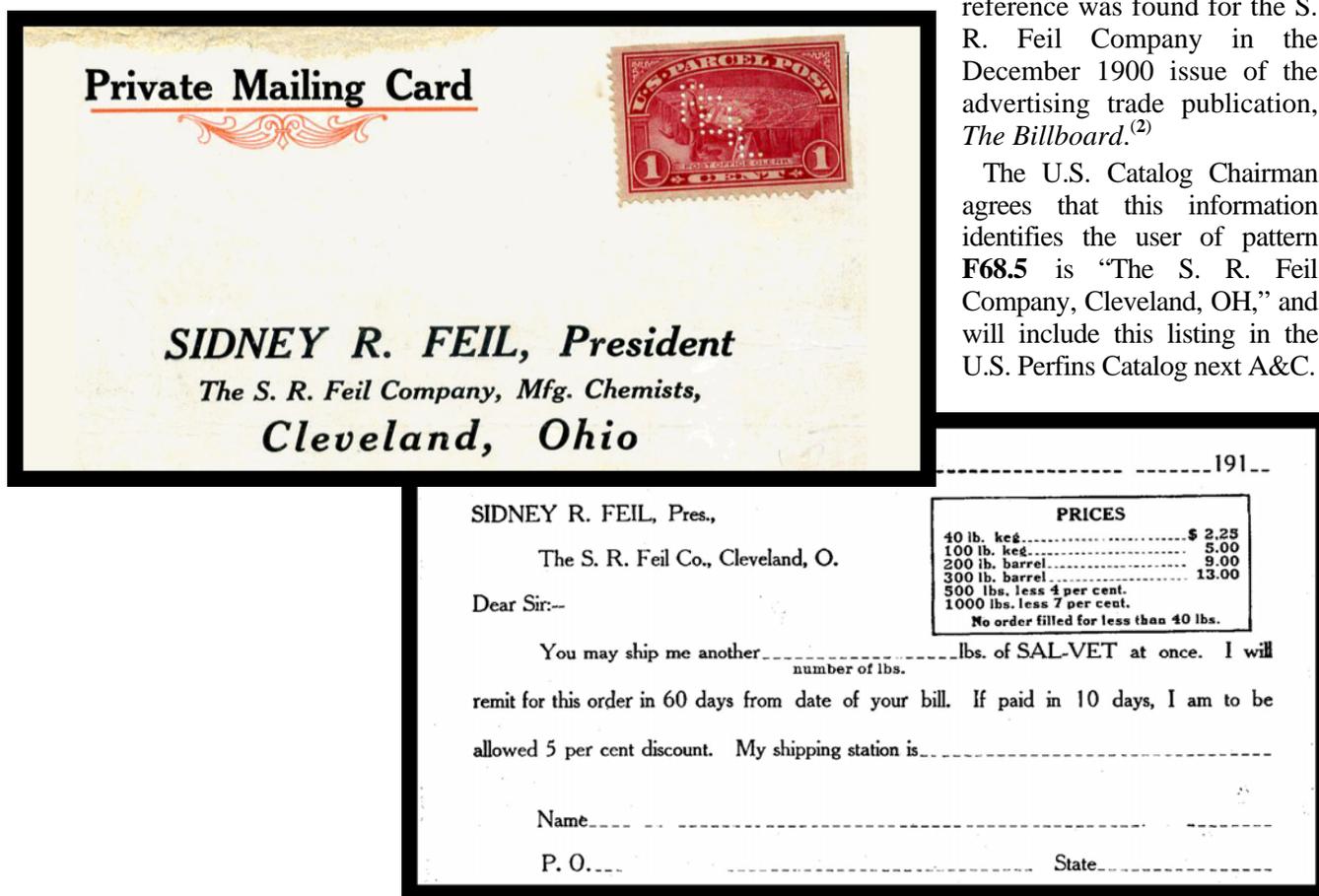


Figure 1
The S. R. Feil Company, Cleveland, OH, unused reply post card.
Franked with 1-cent parcel post (Scott #Q1) with B+ rated perfin F68.5.
(Approximately 85% of actual size.)

Pattern C282.5 - Clay, Robinson & Co., South Omaha, NE

A livestock commission agent is one who arranges the sale of a rancher's or farmer's livestock. The livestock would be shipped to the stockyard and consigned to the commission agent. The agent would then sell the cattle, sheep, etc., to the highest bidder and remit the proceeds as instructed by the rancher or farmer.

In 1886, John Clay, along with Charles H. Robinson, Sr. and William H. Forrest formed Clay, Robinson & Company. The company grew to be the largest livestock commission agency in the U.S with offices in all of the major stockyards. By 1913, Clay, Robinson & Co. had some \$120 million in annual sales and purchases and owned 15 banks.⁽³⁾

The front and back of a commercial post card from "Clay, Robinson & Company, Stock Yards, Neb." are shown in Figure 2. Based on the message, the card is written documentation of a sale that they handled in their role as commission agent.

The card is franked with a perfined one-cent Franklin stamp. Looking closely at the perfin, you will see that it is a perfect copy of previously unidentified B+ rated pattern C282.5 [C(R)].

Determining the location of this user presents an interesting problem. The return address on message side of the post card says "Stock Yards, Neb.," while the postmark reads "STOCK YARDS NEBRASKA." However, the only Nebraska location listed on the face of the post card is "South Omaha, Neb."

The flag cancel seems to provide the answer. According to Frederick Langford's current *Flag Cancel Encyclopedia*, the flag cancellation used on this post card replaced an earlier "South Omaha, Nebr." flag cancel that was used at the same location.⁽⁴⁾ Finally, independent Internet research indicates that the actual location was "South Omaha, NE."⁽⁵⁾

Based on all of this information, the U.S. Catalog Chairman concludes that "Clay, Robinson & Co., South Omaha, NE," was the user of pattern C282.5 and will be included as such in the next A&C to the U.S. Perfins Catalog. Also, the "Stock Yards, NE," postmark will be added to the Catalog's Supplemental Information for C282.5.

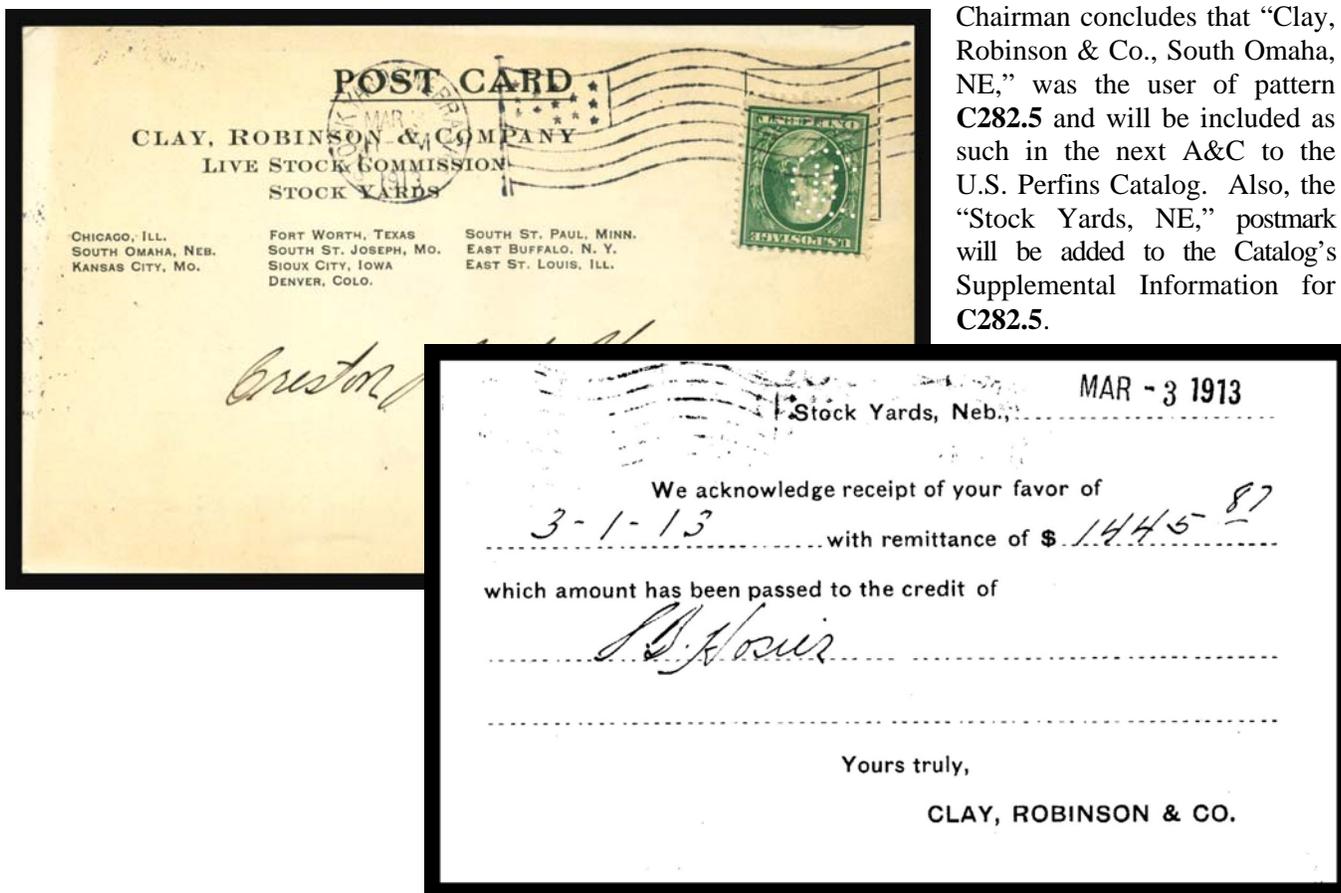


Figure 2
Clay, Robinson & Co., South Omaha, NE, post card documenting a commercial transaction.
Franked with 1-cent Franklin (Scott #331 or #374) with B+ rated perfin C282.5.
Flag cancel (rated 25 on a scale of 1 - 100) adds to collectability of the post card.
(Perfin electronically lightened to enhance its readability.)
(Approximately 85% of actual size.)

Pattern S118 - Schoenfelds' Standard Furniture Co., Seattle, WA

The verified user for C rated pattern **S118** [SF/Co] in the U.S. Perfins Catalog is "Standard Furniture Co., Seattle, WA." One of the additional users for **S118** shown in the Supplemental Information is "Herbert Schoenfeld, Miami, FL."

The stamp on the cover shown in Figure 3, page 9, is perfinned with pattern **S118** and seems to present some new and additional information concerning the user - "Schoenfelds' Standard Furniture Co., Seattle (WA)." The question is should the user name be corrected to include "Schoenfelds'" or is this an alternate user of **S118**?

Louis Schoenfeld established the Standard Furniture Company in 1864 in Virginia City, NV. He moved to Seattle in 1887, and opened his Seattle store in a retail space within the Occidental Hotel. After operating in several different Seattle locations, the Schoenfeld Company moved to a new ten-floor building at the far north end of Seattle's retail district in 1908. The company continued to grow as the Standard Furniture Company, and expanded with large retail stores in Tacoma and other nearby cities, and a factory, the Washington Furniture Manufacturing Co.⁽⁶⁾

This new ten-floor building, known as the Schoenfeld Building, was considered one of the finest "show places" in Seattle. It was located at the northwest corner of 2nd Avenue and Pine Street⁽⁷⁾ and is the same building shown as the "Seattle building" on the cover on page 9. In 1937 the building was modernized, which included abolishing the corner entrance topped by the clock in favor of a new entrance on the Pine Street side because of the growing need to accommodate motor vehicle traffic.⁽⁸⁾

The company remained a family business, owned and operated by three generations of Schoenfelds, before it was sold to the Grunbaum Furniture Company in 1958.⁽⁶⁾

Based on this research it is obvious that the company was established and operated by the Schoenfeld family. It is clear that during its early years, the company was known as "Standard Furniture Company." This fact was further pointed out by Rudy Roy (#1124) as part of his peer review of this article. In his collection, Rudy has 16 different advertising picture post cards from the 1908-1912+ period sent by "Standard Furniture Co., Seattle, WA." Not one of them has the Schoenfeld name on it. Thus, it appears that the family name was not included until the later years of operation.

This research also provides a connection to Herbert Schoenfeld, an alternate user of pattern

S118. Louis Schoenfeld (the company founder) had a son and a grandson named "Herbert."⁽⁸⁾ Therefore, it is not too much of a stretch to imagine that one of the "Herberts" retired to Miami and took along some company stamps for his own personal use.

After his review of this research and cover, the U.S. Catalog Chairman observes that the cover shown in Figure 3 is postmarked August 15, 1931, well within the documented usage period of 1908-1938. Thus, it is conceivable that covers exist in the 1930's that include the family surname in the corner card. Therefore, while the U.S. Perfins Catalog policy is to list the full user name as the primary user whenever possible, there is enough doubt in this case to prevent a final determination at the present time.

To solve this puzzle and answer the question presented above, your help is requested. If you have a cover or post card with perfin **S118** in the stamp, please send a scan or photocopy of it to the U.S. Catalog Chairman at his contact information shown on page 2. From this additional data, he will then be able to make an informed decision of whether the verified user of pattern **S118** should include the family surname or if it should be included in the Supplemental Information. Thank you for your help.

[Editor's note: There is another feature about this cover that must be mentioned. You will notice that a 2-cent "Red Cross" stamp (Scott #702) is used to pay the postage. This stamp was issued by the U.S. Post Office on May 21, 1931, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross Society. Many perfin and general stamp collectors actively seek these stamps to add to their "Red Cross" specialty collection. Thus, in addition to correcting the user of pattern **S118**, this cover has the added appeal of this "special" stamp.]

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Pattern S118 - Schoenfelds' (cont.)

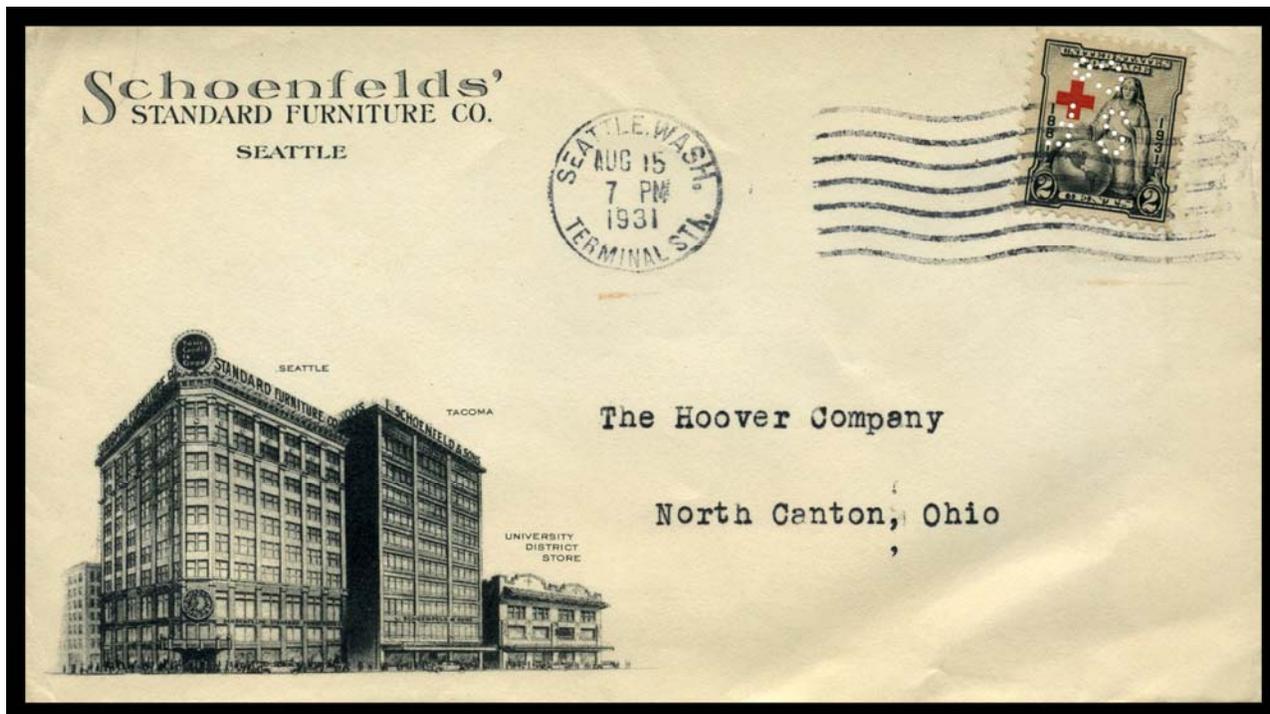


Figure 3
 Schoenfelds' Standard Furniture Co., Seattle, WA, cover.
 Franked with 2-cent "Red Cross" stamp (Scott #702) with C rated perfin S118.
 The perforated "Red Cross" stamp adds considerable interest to the cover.
 (Perfin electronically lightened to enhance its readability.)
 (Actual size.)

"WHATISIT?"

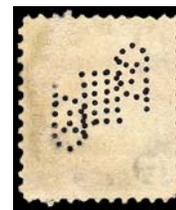
Ron Whyte (#2586)

Around September 2009, I purchased a large perfin collection and one pattern, shown at the right, still has me down for the 10 count. This one is gradually moving up on my "Perfin Bucket List," and after spending much time looking over about everything in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, I have given up!

As a little bit of pre-help for you, here is what I have determined so far.

- This is obviously an intentional double punched perfin, with the punches running opposite ways on the stamp.
- In the middle there are four straight lines of 6 pin holes each.
- On either side there seems to be an inverted *M* similar in size to the letter *M* shown in pattern **M310**.
- Overlapping at the top of each inverted *M* is what appears to be the letter *J* with either 11 or 12 pin holes.

- The stamp is a Scott #568, the 25 cent, yellow green Niagara Falls stamp issued November 11, 1922.



Front and back of perfined Scott #568.
 What pattern is the double punched perfin?

Put all this together and behold a new pattern, eh! I don't think so! Or, should this remain filed under the "I DON'T KNOW FILE?"

HELP!!!! Please...and make my day. Send your thoughts and ideas about this "WHATISIT?" to the Editor and we will share them in a future *Bulletin*. His contact information is on page 2.

A Puzzle for You!

Leland Huss (#3200) recently sent the Editor a photocopy of the perfin pair shown at the right along with the following note.

This pair was in the last collection I got. What size of perforator could do this? How many may be left? Have you seen this before?

As a layout like this was new to me, I sent a scan of it along with the questions to several of our more experienced Club members. One response was that this may have been produced by someone in the company's mail room experimenting with a single head perforator. Another thought it could have been produced with a 5-head perforator.

What do you think? Have you ever seen this before? How was it made?

Please send your ideas and thoughts to the Editor and we will share them in the next *Bulletin*. See page 2 for my contact information.



Front & Back of "puzzle" pair.
Perfins in tête-bêche format.
Perfin F232 - rated D.

Canal Zone Cover Flies High on eBay

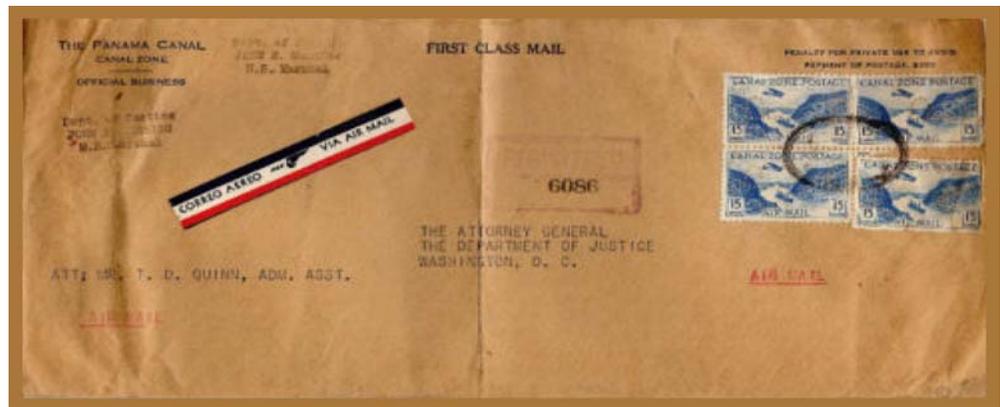
A couple of months ago, Rudy Roy (#1124) spotted this 1931 Canal Zone Registered Air Mail cover, franked with four stamps perforated with the letter **P**, on eBay and forwarded the information to the Editor. With an \$8.00 starting price and six bidders and 16 bids later, the auction closed with a final selling price of \$622.00 plus \$1.00 postage. Rudy's comment was: "Most likely a very good price for this cover. I don't recall having seen a Perfin **P** cover with this many multiple stamps on it."

The seller described the cover as follows:

This lot consists of 1 Registered Air Mail cover with 4 perfins of Canal Zone. The large commercial cover measures 5" x 11½". The stamps are perforated with the letter "P." The perfin is from the U.S. Marshall, Dept. of Justice, THE PANAMA CANAL. It was sent from Ancon, Canal Zone, via Cristobal, CZ, and Miami, Florida, to the Attorney General, Washington,

D.C. on December 21, 1931. On the front of the cover is a purple rubber-stamped registered seal. On the back of the cover are 2 sending cancels of Ancon and the receiving cancels of Cristobal, Miami, and Washington, D.C. The condition is good although there is a fold crease down the cover, and there is a very light stain down the left end of the back of the cover.

If you can add any information about this interesting item, please forward it to the Editor and it will be shared in a future *Bulletin*.



Canal Zone Registered Air Mail Cover.
Franked with four stamps with "P" perfin.
(eBay #200666229499.)
(Reduced from actual size.)

The Perfins Club Publications

David Lightle (#3480)

Perfins Club Publications Sales Manager

The following table contains the most current and updated listing of the catalogs and other club publications available for purchase by both members and non-members. Included are new additions of any new items and deletions of out-of-date items from our offering since this list was last published in the November/December 2010 *Bulletin* [64:153-155]. The prices to reproduce these publications were recently verified with our printer and have been adjusted where required.

We believe you will find all of these very helpful in

increasing your knowledge and enjoyment of this great hobby. We encourage you to carefully look over this list and seriously consider adding those of interest to you to your perfins library. Remove it from the *Bulletin* and keep it handy for future reference.

As usual, the member price includes U.S. postage. Please contact David Lightle at 10616 Cielo Vista del Norte NW, Corrales, NM 87048-8902 or perfinpaul@msn.com to purchase any of these.

<u>Title and Description</u>	<u>Member Price</u>	<u>Non-Member Price (Plus Postage)</u>
World Perfin Catalogue - America's Schwerdt, Robert. 1992. <u>The World Perfins Catalog. American Section.</u> Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 91 p.	\$15.00	\$17.25
World Perfin Catalogue – Africa Schwerdt, Robert. 1995. <u>The World Perfins Catalog. African Section.</u> Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 51 p.	\$10.00	\$11.50
World Perfin Catalogue – Asia Schwerdt, Robert. 1996. <u>The World Perfins Catalog. Asian Section.</u> Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 59 p.	\$10.00	\$11.50
World Perfin Catalogue – Europe Schwerdt, Robert. 1994. <u>The World Perfins Catalog. European Section.</u> Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 70 p.	\$10.00	\$11.50
Australia Mathews, John. ; Grant, J. 1992. In English. The Perfins Club of New Zealand and Australia. 372 p.	Out until Exchange Rate Improves	Out until Exchange Rate Improves
Bavaria Needham, John. 1990. <u>Catalog of Bavarian Perfins.</u> USA: The Perfins Club. 67p. Bavaria -Supplement 1	\$10.00 \$3.00	\$11.50 \$3.50
Belgium Hammink, Ruud J.; van der Hoorn, Jac M. 1997. <u>Perfins van Belgie: Timbres Perfores de Belgique:</u> The Perfins of Belgium. [in Dutch with English introduction] Tilburg, Netherlands: Perfins Club Nederland. 145 p.	\$22.00	\$25.50
British Malaya Giffen, P. 1989. <u>Perfins of British Malaya.</u> Nelson, NZ: MacKenzie Print. 66p.	\$2.50	\$2.88
Denmark Køster-Kofoed, Ove; Hansen, Ole; Mathiesen, Kaj. 2001. <u>Katalog over danske firmaperforeinger.</u> [in Danish with English instruction for use] Odense, Denmark: A/S Handelstrykkeriet. 109 p.	OUT	OUT
France Dedecker, R.D.; Herbert, M.; Janot, R.; Leger, G. 3 rd Edition. 2006 <u>ANCOPER: Timbres Perfores France.</u> [in French] Aniche, France: ILP. 364 p.	\$75.00	\$82.50
France- Colonies Dedecker, R.D.; Herbert, M.; Janot, E.; Tschaen, E.; Leger, G. [in French] 2008 106p.	OUT	OUT

The Perfins Club Publications (cont.)

<u>Title and Description</u>	<u>Member Price</u>	<u>Non-Member Price (Plus Postage)</u>
Germany **New** Nachtrag zum <u>Katalog der deutschen Firmenlochungen</u> . Sept. 2010 [Introduction in English] West Germany: ArGE. [1966 p]	\$200.00	\$230.00
India Werner, Magnus. 1990. <u>The Perfins of India and Indian States</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 116 p.	\$15.00	\$17.50
India - Supplement 1	\$3.00	\$3.45
India - Supplement 2	\$3.00	\$3.45
Ireland Mewhinney, Richard L. 1994. <u>Ireland: Catalog of Perfins</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 34 p.	\$8.00	\$9.25
Italy Bertazzoli, Enrico; Ermentini, Beppe. 2000. <u>Catalogo dei Perfin Italiani: Italian Perfins Catalogue</u> . [in Italian with English preface] Vignola, Italy: Vaccari. 253 p. with 32 Transparent Plates and CD	\$85.00	\$97.75
Ottoman Empire, Turkey, Crete Scheper, Dick. 2009. 69p. English	Out until Exchange Rate Improves	Out until Exchange Rate Improves
Netherlands Verhoeven, Jan L. <u>Perfins Club Nederland</u> . 2007. 320p.	\$50.00	\$57.50
Romania, New <u>Catalog of Romanian Perfins</u> . Romania Perfins Club. FREE Printing at http://www.romaniastamps.com/perfin/perfins.htm	N/A	N/A
Switzerland Baer, Martin. 1998. <u>CH Perfins: die privat gelochten marken der Schweiz; les timbres perfores privees de Suisse; the private perfins of Switzerland</u> . [in German with French & English introductions] Zurich, Switzerland: 240p.	OUT	OUT
United States Randall, John M. ed. 1998. <u>Catalog of United States Perfins</u> . Long Beach, NY: The Perfins Club. 812 p.	\$60.00	\$70.00
U.S. – Supplement 1	\$5.00	\$5.50
U.S. – Supplement 2	\$6.50	\$7.50
U.S. – Supplement 3 **New**	\$8.50	\$10.00
U.S. Blank Pages ⁽¹⁾ - each (Minimum Order 25)	\$0.15	\$0.17
United States e-Catalog, Version 3 **New Update** 1998 Catalog with Supplements 1, 3, and 3 on CD - Initial Purchase Update of previously purchased Version 2 to include Supplement 3	\$53.00 \$8.00	Members Only
United States Catalog Addendum **New Update** Endicott, Steve. 2010. <u>The Addendum to the Catalog of United States Perfins</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 90 p	\$16.00	\$18.50
U.S. by Location Ottenheimer, Adele. 1999. <u>Catalog of United States Perfins by Location</u> . Long Beach, NY: The Perfins Club. 123 p	\$12.00	\$13.80

The Perfins Club Publications (cont.)

<u>Title and Description</u>	<u>Member Price</u>	<u>Non-Member Price (Plus Postage)</u>
U.S. Check List⁽¹⁾ Lightle, David. 2010. <u>Checklist of United States Perfins</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 21 p.	\$5.00	\$5.75
U.S. Perfinned Precancels Randall, John M. 2009. <u>Catalog of Perfinned Precancels of the United States</u> . El Cerrito, CA: The Perfins Club. 231p.	\$35.00	\$40.25
U.S Rev-Perfins Volume 1 Mongan, Arthur J. 2010. <u>A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents</u> . - Transaction Revenues (Documentary, Stock Transfer, Future Delivery, etc.). USA: The Perfins Club. 384p.	\$33.00	\$38.00
U.S Rev-Perfins Volume 2 Mongan, Arthur J. 2010. <u>A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents</u> . - Commodities Revenues (Beer, Wine, Tobacco, Oleomargine, etc.). USA: The Perfins Club. 436p.	\$40.00	\$46.00
U.S Rev-Perfins Volume 3 Mongan, Arthur J. 2010. <u>A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents</u> . - Fiscal Papers and Others (Checks, Stocks, Sales Slips, etc.). USA: The Perfins Club. 284p.	\$27.00	\$31.00
U.S Rev-Perfins – All Three Volumes	\$80.00	\$95.00
U.S. Railroad Baughner, Dan. 2010. <u>Railroad Perfins of the United States and Canada</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 56 p.	\$12.00	\$13.80
U.S. 1902 Issue Check List⁽¹⁾ Endicott, Steve. 2010. <u>Checklist of Perfins on the 1902 Issue</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 24 p.	\$6.50	\$7.50
Exhibit Guide Gersch, Sylvia; Schwerdt, Robert. 1995. <u>Guide to Perfin Exhibiting</u> . USA: The Perfins Club.	\$2.00	\$2.30
Perfin Bulletin Cumulative Index Roy, Rudy. 1993. <u>Cumulative Index to Perfins and the Perfins Bulletin: Issues 1-453 (1945-1992)</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 125 p.	\$15.00	\$17.25
New Member Handbook	\$2.00	\$2.30
How to Speak Perfins⁽¹⁾	\$1.00	\$1.15

Note:

1. In addition to the printed version, the following items are available at no charge to members as an electronic email attachment from Dave Lightle, perfinpaul@msn.com.
 - U.S. Check List
 - U.S. 1902 Issue Check List
 - How to Speak Perfins
 - U.S. Blank Album Page
 - U.S. Non-Denominational Check List
 - Straits Settlements Perfins Album Pages

Perfins Club Services

The Perfins Club provides a variety of ongoing services for the benefit of our members and perfins collecting in general. Below is a thumbnail sketch of most of these services. To learn the specific details of them, contact the appropriate Committee Chairman listed on the inside page of each issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*.

Perfins Club Auction

The Perfins Club sponsors periodic (usually bi-monthly) auctions of members' perfinned stamps and related materials. Each auction is advertised in *The Perfins Bulletin*, and the prices realized for that particular auction are published after it closes. Many individual U.S. C+ and better rated perfins along with larger lots of U.S. and Foreign perfins are normally listed. Final selling prices are usually very reasonable.

Perfins Stamp Sales

Perfin Club members have provided the Perfins Club Stamp Sales Department nearly 45,000+ perfinned stamps for sale to other members. About half of these are U.S. perfins of nearly every type - definitive, commemorative, revenue, airmail, perfinned precancels, back of book, etc. Most are mounted in circuit books and priced individually. Perfin ratings normally cover the range from C+ to F. The rest of the world has a fairly good representation with perfins from some countries in abundance and others more limited. Pricing of individual perfins ranges from \$0.05 to \$15.00 each.

Perfins Cover Sales

Covers franked with perfinned stamps are consigned to the Perfins Cover Sales Department by Club members for sale to other members. A list of areas of interest is maintained for each participating member. When a cover that meets a particular member's requirements is received, that member is contacted and the cover is sent on approval. Many covers are priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00, and more expensive ones are frequently available.

Perfins Club Library

Over 500 individual catalogs, publications, and documents are available for loan to Club members from the Perfins Club Library. "Clip files" that comprise miscellaneous clippings, old worksheets, and/or articles about a particular topic or topics are included. The only charge to borrow materials is the actual shipping cost plus a small amount for shipping materials. The Library will also provide photocopies of any library materials at a nominal cost. The Library's current holdings are listed in a 19-page document that is available from the Club Librarian or on the Club's website, www.perfins.org.

Perfins Club Publications Sales

As listed on the previous three pages, the Perfins Club Publications Sales Department has nearly 30 worldwide perfins catalogs, many including supplements, for sale to Club members and non-members. In addition, six items are available electronically at no charge to members.

U.S. Perfins Catalog

The U.S. Catalog Chairman is responsible for reviewing, investigating, and verifying as appropriate any reported new U.S. perfin user identities, user locations, dates of usage, new perfin patterns, and any other supplemental information as they relate to the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog). Periodically, as sufficient new and/or revised information is developed, Additions & Correction pages are issued to update the current U.S. Perfins Catalog. The U.S. Catalog Chairman is also responsible for *The Addendum to the Catalog of United States Perfins* and the e-Catalog version of the U.S. Perfins Catalog.

U.S. Revenue Perfins Catalog

The U.S. Revenue Catalog Chairman is responsible for updating, revising, and maintaining the three volume *A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents* (U.S. Revenue Perfins Catalog). As sufficient new and/or revised material is reported, periodic updates of the U.S. Revenue Perfins Catalog will be issued.

Foreign Catalogs

The Foreign Catalog Chairman is responsible to provide technical support for the production and maintenance of foreign perfins catalogs published by The Perfins Club. This includes publishing updated versions of the existing foreign catalogs when a sufficient amount of new and/or corrected material warrants this action.

Perfins Club Website

The Perfins Club website, www.perfins.org, was recently updated with new, more efficient software to improve its performance and appeal. A wealth of information is presented on the website for all interested individuals to learn about the Club and perfins in general. This includes New Members Q&A's, all *Perfins Bulletins* published from 1945 through 2008, and links to other perfin related and general stamp websites. In addition, there is a complete listing of the Club's Library holdings, publications for sale, Club Officers, and other Club related information.

What is it?

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Occasionally, you may pick up a perfin and, after examining it, you may still have no idea what you have. Sometimes this happens because of unfamiliarity with a particular country or stamp or even a partially punched perfin. Here is a case in point!

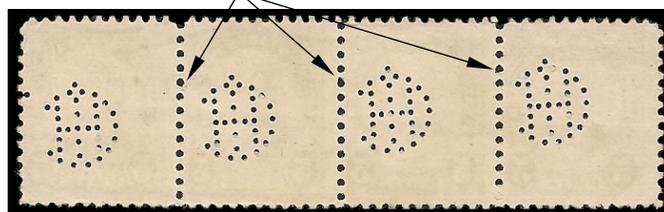
When you look at the strip of four perfins pictured below, observe the obverse (front) from left to right and/or the reverse (back) from right to left, looking at the stamps one at a time. It is easy to determine that you are looking at copies of **I43.7-6**, a *D+* rated perfin. **HOWEVER**, when you look at the final stamp in the strip, you can see a control hole in the "A" position making this copy an **I43.7A-6**, a *C* rated perfin. Could we have here an example of a multiple head perforator with different die varieties?

A very close look under magnification at the three copies with no apparent control hole actually shows a disturbance in the perforations where the control would be. A final check of the obverse shows a Richmond, VA, cancel, the verified location shown in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* for **I43.7A-6**.

Here is a very good example of why you should never separate multiple copies of perfins. Better yet, take the time for a good look at multiples of perfins that you might have in your collection - you never know what you might be able to find and share with the U.S. Catalog Chairman and other Perfin Club members. The information will add to everyone's collective knowledge and help improve the quality of our catalog.



Control Hole in Perforation



Both sides of a strip of four perfinned stamps. Initially, it appears three are perfin I43.7-6 and one is I43.7A-6. Closer inspection reveals control hole punched in the stamp's perforations, thus all are I43.7A-6. Richmond, VA, postmark confirms they are pattern I43.7A-6. (Actual size.)

Perfined International Reply Coupon

Pictured at the right an image of a perfined International Reply Coupon issued by the Bailiwick of Jersey that Stephen Tauber (#2949) recently found on eBay. Stephen's comment about the item was: "The interest is that the perfin is not a stamp, but an international reply coupon. It is the postal authority identification which is punched in. Also notable is that the coupon in monolingual French. The Channel Islands (Guernsey and Jersey) are the last remnants of France under the British crown."

The final selling price for this interesting item was \$3.26 plus \$1.00 shipping after receiving three bids from two different bidders.



Bailiwick of Jersey perfined International Reply Coupon. (eBay #390369861890) (Reduced from actual size.)

A Perfin Cover with Philatelic History

Leland Huss (#3200)

In the last collection I received, I was so busy looking for perfin covers that I completely missed noticing the cover, shown in Figure 1 below. It was when I looked a second time that I realized this cover is addressed to Miss Flora Clark, Des Moines, Iowa.

You may recall that I mentioned Flora in my "Meet a Member" article that was published in the May/June 2011 *Bulletin* [65:60]. As discussed in that article, she was one of the original members of The Perfins Club. The Editor has found her listed as Number 11 in the very first *Bulletin* that was published in April 1945.

The earliest Perfins Club Roster that I have is dated 1964. (This 1964 roster lists a total of 308 members, including 9 who lived outside the U.S.) Flora is still shown as Number 11, and another lady from Des Moines, Mrs. T. S. Farquharson, is Number 51. I am sure that both of these ladies helped start the "Iowa Women's Philatelic Society" based here in Des Moines. The "Des Moines Philatelic Society" did not have lady members, so the women got organized.

Adding to this history is the clipping from the January 21, 1939, morning addition of *The Des Moines Register*, reproduced in Figure 2, page 17.

This clipping records the celebration of the First Anniversary of the "Stamp Collectors club of Des Moines." That date tells the start of my association with Flora and Mr. J. E. (Joe) Prior and Mr. T. J. (Frank) Ward. Both men lived at the Y. M. C. A. At that time, Joe was a student at the Still Orthopedic College and Frank worked in an office. I was just out of high school at the time when I joined them. Figure 3 (page 17) shows a snapshot taken at one of the club meetings. I am the one in the middle.

Now, back to the cover. The return address, "The Perfins Club, 310 So. Wayne Avenue, Wayne, Pa." is the address of the club's Secretary-Treasurer, David C. Stump, when the cover was cancelled in 1959. Maybe it contained a dues notice or her membership card, but we will never know. It is also interesting that rather than use a contemporary 4-cents stamp for postage, he used two perfin covers - a 1-cent Washington with pattern **B139** and a 3-cents prexie with pattern **C211**.

[Editor's appeal: If you have any similar historical perfin related material that you would like to share with your fellow club members, please send it to me and we will develop an article for a future *Bulletin*. I am sure everyone would enjoy reading it.]

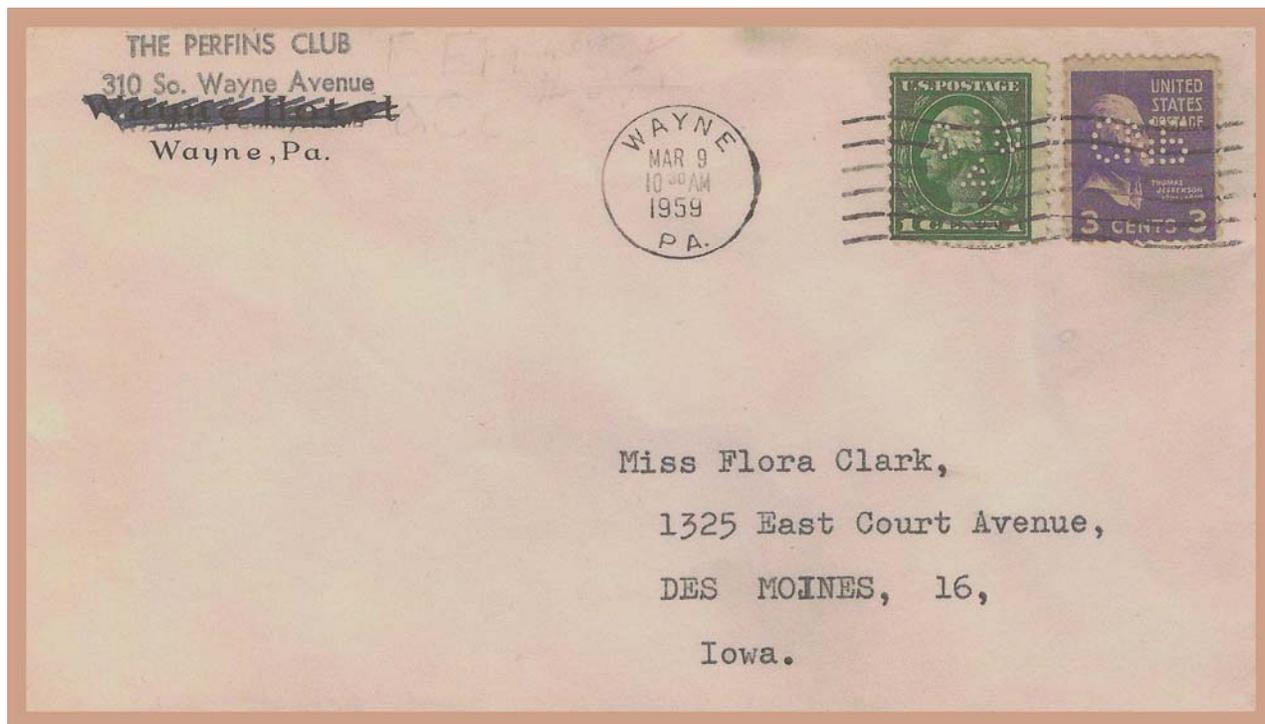


Figure 1
1959 Perfins Club cover to Miss Flora Clark, member #11.
What "official" correspondence did it contain?
Franked with a B139 and C211 perfin.

A Perfin Cover with Philatelic History (cont.)



Figure 2

Cake was served at first anniversary celebration of the Stamp Collectors Club of Des Moines.



Figure 3

Snapshot (c. 1939) of some members of the Stamp Collectors Club of Des Moines. Perfins Club member, Leland Huss, in center. [Editor: Imagine attending a stamp club meeting today in a suit and tie!]

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Reminder to Join us at Milford

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

The New England Precancel and Perfin collectors will be meeting between 9AM at 3PM on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at Panera's Bakery in Milford, MA.

This location is easily reachable off I-495, three exits south (Route 109) of the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90). When you exit on Route 109, go west (toward Milford) and you will see a shopping center on the left, south side of the road - about 1000 ft. The Panera's name is at the top of the sign - you cannot miss it! We have the special meeting room toward the rear reserved for our group.

Plenty of perfins will be present! Call Bob Szymanski (508) 478-7303 if you intend on coming and let me know what you are looking for!

St. Louis Street Car Cancel with Perfin

Gary Hendren (#2490)

In addition to perfin, another one of my major philatelic interests is covers bearing Street Car Cancels, particularly those from St. Louis, MO. Pictured below is an image of a post card that occupies a prominent spot in my St. Louis Street Car Cancel Exhibit. Looking closely at the stamp, you will notice that it is perfinned with *B* rated pattern **J75** (JJC).

According to the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog), the user of **J75** is the "James J. Craig Company, Minneapolis, MN." An alternate user, "Northwestern Finance Company, Minneapolis, MN," is listed in the catalog's Supplemental Information. No information can be found about the James J. Craig Company. Thus, it appears that this post card is a personal message and an apparent unauthorized usage of **J75**. On the other hand, the August 12, 1912, cancellation date on the post card fits well within the known 1908-1912 usage period of this perfin.

In 1891, then St. Louis Postmaster, John B. Harlowe, proposed the installation of a working Street Car Railway Post Office (RPO) system in St. Louis after observing electrified trolleys moving people efficiently in Virginia. If successful, the system would be expanded to other U.S. cities. Trial runs were made in 1891 and 1892. The actual St. Louis Street

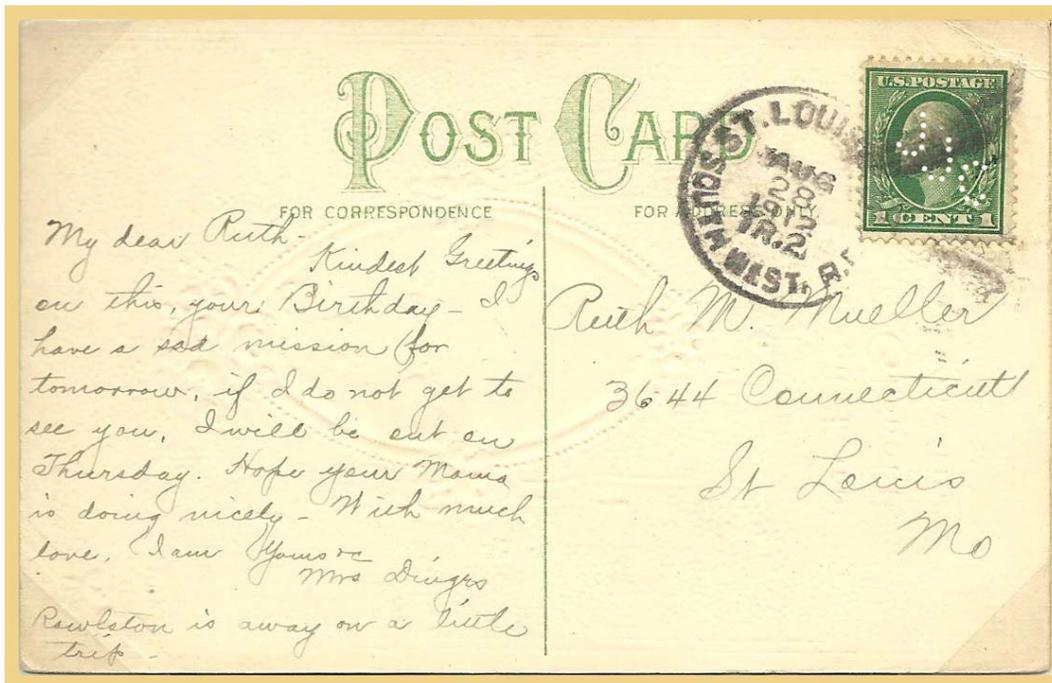
Car RPO service began on December 5, 1892.⁽²⁾

This service utilized specially designed street cars that traveled a circuitous route several times each day from the city's main Post Office to an end point and then back. There was a mail slot on the street cars where mail could be deposited when the car was stopped. Also, mail was picked up and dropped off at special stations, including one Sub Station, along the routes. Mail was sorted and canceled on board similar to the long established RPO system.

In this cancel, "TR.2" represents "TRip 2." It is thought that the odd numbers represent the first half of the trip (trip out) and the even numbers represent the return trip to the post office (if it always got changed).

The Mobile Post Office Society (MPOS) designation for this specific cancel used on the St. Louis Southwest Circuit RPO is **SL-14-Bb**.⁽¹⁾ It was in service between 1909-1914. They rate the scarcity of this cancel as "**II**" or "Very Common" (similar to an *E* rating for perfin).⁽²⁾

Other cities having Street Car Cancels are Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Brooklyn, NY; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Cleveland, OH; New York, NY; Omaha, NE; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland, OR; Rochester, NY; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; and Washington, DC.



St. Louis Southwest Circuit RPO Cover with J75 perfin.
Rare perfin/Street Car Cancel combination.
(Perfin electronically lightened to enhance its readability.)
(Actual size.)

St. Louis Street Car Cancel with Perfin (cont.)

This is the only example of a perfinned St. Louis Street Car Cancel that I have ever seen. Do any of you own or have you seen other examples of this combination of a St. Louis Street Car Cancel and perfin? With the exception of the perfinned Cleveland Street Car Cancel cover discussed on pages 68 and 69 of the May/June 2010 *Perfins Bulletin* [64:68-69], are there any other cities with perfin/Street Car Cancel combinations? I believe this may be a rare combination, so any help would be appreciated. My contact information is shown under "Directors-at-Large" on page 2 of this *Bulletin*.

[Editor's Note: Gary's St. Louis Street Car Cancel Exhibit was awarded a Gold medal at the last three American Philatelic Society's World Series of Philately Shows where it was exhibited - St. Louis, MO, Denver, CO, and Indianapolis, IN. Since that time, he has added several better pieces and plans to redo most of it before he shows it again. He now only needs one additional cancel to complete the 55 recognized St. Louis Street Car Cancels.

One of the most notable of these last additions is the earliest known (EKU) St. Louis Street Car Cancel. As St. Louis was the first city to have street car mail, this

cover is the earliest known of all of the Street Car Cancels.

In regard to other examples of perfin/Street Car Cancel combinations, Dan Baugher (#3825) reports that he acquired a second perfinned Cleveland Street Car Cancel cover in a recent philatelic auction. The stamp on this cover is perfinned with pattern **A3** (A). The U.S. Perfins Catalog lists the verified user of **A3** as "Atlantic Refining Company, Chicago, IL." Cleveland, OH, is shown as an alternate location in the Supplemental Information pages. Dan indicates that this addition doubles his perfinned Street Car Cancel collection from one to two! Thus, while there are probably other examples of perfinned Street Car Cancels yet to be reported, Gary's comment that this combination may be rare appears to be accurate.]

References:

1. Schultz, Robert G., "The Street Railway Post Offices of Saint Louis," (Mobile Post Office Society, Inc., 1984), page 49.
2. Towle, Charles L. & MacDonald, Fred, Editors, "The United States Railway Post Office Catalog 1884 to 1977," 2006 Revision, (Mobile Post Office Society, Inc., 2006), pages 953-954.

Japan Registered Cover with 13 Perfins

Doug Cutler (LM#126) recently spotted this 1935 Japan Registered Air Mail cover franked with multiple perfinned stamps on eBay and forwarded the information to the Editor. After receiving nine bids from six bidders, the auction closed at a final selling price of \$118.30 plus \$1.00 postage.

The seller described the cover as follows:

This lot consists of 1 Air Mail Registered cover with 13 perfins of Japan. The stamps are perfinned with a design as seen on the envelope seal, in brown, on the back flap. The perfin is from MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Ltd. It was sent from Osaka to La Pimienta, Honduras, via San Francisco, CA, and Brownsville, TX, in December 1935. On the front of the cover is a registered seal of Osaka, and some Japanese writing in ink. On the back of the cover are 13 perfinned stamps. Also on the back of the cover are the receiving cancels of San Francisco, Brownsville, and Honduras. The front and back of the cover are shown in the pictures. The condition is good.

If you can add any information about this cover, please forward it to the Editor and it will be shared in a future *Bulletin*.



Japan Registered Air Mail Cover.
Franked with 13 perfinned stamps.
(eBay #200663258918.)
(Reduced from actual size.)

Member Want Ads

WANTED: Canadian perfin CXL on the stamps and small nice cover with sender Canadian Explosives LTD., Montreal. **Contact:** Stellan Swenson, Odonbärsvägen 32, SE-293 41 OLOFSTRÖM, SWEDEN.

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.

FILL YOUR WANT LISTS: Send me your want lists for U.S. Perfins. B+ to F rated perfins filled by pattern and/or by issue or thematic topic. Discounts available for quantity purchases. Also, I am interested in trading A rated perfins. **Contact:** Steve Endicott, P.O. Box 2434, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2434, USA; email: perfins@gmail.com.

Advertisements are published for members on a space-available basis. **Members are entitled to one free ad per year.** Additional ads will be accepted at the following rates: one insertion - 10 cents per word; three consecutive insertions of the same ad - 20 cents per word; six insertions of the same ad - 40 cents per word. Neither the Perfins Club nor the Editor accepts responsibility for the validity of the advertisements. Payment for the ads should be made payable to "The Perfins Club" and sent to the Editor with the request for insertion. Payment may also be made via PayPal to: perfin@charter.net with prior notification to the Editor and Treasurer. In the identification line, please make sure you indicate this is for payment of a member want ad.

In early December, Francis Stunzi (#2665) sent the Editor several clippings from old *Bulletins* that he has recently acquired. Among them is the cartoon shown below that was originally published on page 7 of in the March 1979 *Bulletin*. According to the accompanying notes, this cartoon was first published in the September 1957 issue of the *Stamp Wholesaler*. Even with the acceptance of perfins today, the caption is still valid! We hope you get a chuckle, like we did.



Scott # 67 C25G # 67.PP.1 M F+ perfs shortened @ bottom. only 367 made. The first Perf P issue. FILE PHOTO

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"Good heavens! The worst has happened . . . someone has nominated a perfin collector to be president of our stamp society!"

Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

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Name Correction:

#3985 Helmut Heuer

Closed Album:

#3561 Joseph Kleinfelter

Membership

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Editor's Notes:

- You will notice two email corrections and one address correction to the 2011-2012 Roster listed above. We deeply apologize to these members for these unintentional errors. Please check your information as printed in the 2011-2012 Roster that was included as a Supplement to the November/December 2011 *Bulletin*. If you notice anything that is not correct, please advise the Secretary or the Editor. An appropriate correction will be included in the next *Bulletin* after it is received. Our contact information is on page 2.
- A huge "Welcome Back" is extended to one of our long standing members, Dorothy Savage Hazard (LM#94). This is a result of a note that

the Editor received from Dorothy where she enclosed the "HAPPY 2012" spelled out with perfins that is shown on the back page. In her note, Dorothy indicated that, while she is a Life Member, she misses receiving the *Bulletin*. After checking the Club records, we found that she had dropped her membership a few years ago due to health problems. We have now reversed that and Dorothy is reinstated to full membership.

For those newer members of the Club, Dorothy served as Vice-President from 1967 through 1982. In addition, she served briefly as President in 1981 between Dave Stump and Dick Mewhinney. Also, several years ago, Dorothy won first place with her Railroad Perfins exhibit at the Long Beach, CA, show.

Perfins Club Auction #124

Closes February 29, 2012

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next higher bidder: \$2-\$5 - a \$0.25 advance; \$5-\$20 - a \$0.50 advance; \$20-100 - a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher - a \$5.00 advance. The minimum bid for any lot will be \$2.00 and no "Unlimited" bids will be accepted. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or email date will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless noted otherwise. Natural

straight edges are not considered to be defects, just sheet positions. In larger lots, you should expect some faults. All lots are returnable if misdescribed; this does not apply to larger lots or mixes with the exception of gross miscounts. All lots will be prepaid before shipping. **Bid by Lot #.** Please put your mailing address on your bid sheet as this makes it easier for me to notify you after the close of the auction. **Good Luck!!**

Send all bids to: Joe Giampietro, 6478 State Road, G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166 – USA
Email: MO13jo@aol.com

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. The pattern numbers and ratings are from the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins*, including A&C#1, #2, and #3.

Lots #1 through #99 are all in Washington-Franklin stamps, and most are 2-cent reds.

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	A77	B	58	US	P35	B
2	US	A81	B	59	US	P160	C+
3	US	A208.5	C+	60	US	P256	B
4	US	A270-8	C+	61	US	R12	B
5	US	A304	C+	62	US	R99	C+
6	US	B153A	C+	63	US	R107	B
7	US	B155	C+	64	US	R111	C+
8	US	B178	B	65	US	R118.5	B
9	US	B227	C+	66	US	R148	B
10	US	B258.5	B	67	US	R136A	C+
11	US	C19	C+	68	US	R162	C+
12	US	C71	C+	69	US	S6	C+
13	US	C122	C+	70	US	S36	B
14	US	C133	C+	71	US	S49	C+
15	US	C144	C+	72	US	S52	B
16	US	C214.5	C+	73	US	S88	B
17	US	C250A	C+	74	US	S94	C+
18	US	C268	B	75	US	S109	C+
19	US	C322	C+	76	US	S116	C+
20	US	C328	C+	77	US	S185	C+
21	US	D91	C+	78	US	S195-44A	B
22	US	D126	B	79	US	S204A	B
23	US	E18	C+	80	US	S236	C+
24	US	E51	C+	81	US	S298	C+
25	US	F206	B	82	US	S306	C+
26	US	G3	C+	83	US	T9	C+
27	US	G27	C+	84	US	T42.5	C+
28	US	G53	C+	85	US	T102	C
29	US	G83	C+	86	US	T103	B
30	US	G137	C+				
31	US	G141	C+				
32	US	G165A	C+				
33	US	H101	C+				
34	US	H159	C+				
35	US	H218.3	B				
36	US	H219	C+				
37	US	I101	C+				
38	US	J4	C+				
39	US	J31	C+				
40	US	J96.2	C+				
41	US	J140	C+				
42	US	L10	B				
43	US	L59	C+				
44	US	M89	C+				
45	US	M92	C+				
46	US	M183	C+				
47	US	M191	C+				
48	US	M207.5	B				
49	US	M217	B				
50	US	M234	C+				
51	US	M282I	C+				
52	US	N76.5	B				
53	US	N164	C+				
54	US	N175B	C+				
55	US	O4	B				
56	US	O7	C+				
57	US	P13	C+				

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Perfins Club Auction #124 (cont.)

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Description
87	US	T108	C+	94	US	W203-2.5	B	100	US - Mix - 200 PREPERS
88	US	U13	C+	95	US	W203-4	C+	101	Germany - 43 ADD - all dies complete
89	US	W70	B	96	US	W211	C+		
90	US	W118	B	97	US	NUM. 25	C+		
91	US	W167	B	98	US	DES. 21	C+		
92	US	W177A	B	99	US	DES. 32	C+		
93	US	W195	C+						

**That's All for This Time.
Good Luck in Your Bids!!**

How About an Article for the *Bulletin*? (A Request from the Editor)

The longer I serve as *Bulletin* Editor, the more I am convinced that every member of The Perfins Club knows at least one interesting and unique aspect of perfin collecting. It may be colorful cover that tells a special story, page(s) showing off your favorite perfins, a specialty perfin collection, etc., etc. Whatever it is, this is your special story that other members of the Club would appreciate and enjoy reading. My challenge to each of you is to dust off that idea and send it to me for publication in the *Bulletin*. The more members that are actively involved, the more interesting our newsletter will be.

Any length is OK. Any form of copy is perfectly acceptable – type-written, hand-written or electronic. If you want to outline a few bullet points, I will be happy to draft an article and return it to you for comments, additions and approval. Photocopies or electronic scans of the subject perfin and/or cover always add a great deal of interest to the article. If you have the capability of sending these in color, that is even better. Alternately, if you do not have access to copying or scanning equipment, mail it to me. I will scan it and return it within 48 hours after I receive it.

For those that wish to send your article electronically as an email attachment, my default word processing software is MS Word 2007. However, I also have the Open Office suite on my machine. So, I should be able to read almost any electronic file you send. For scans, any form of electronic image is OK, however, 300 dpi or higher will reproduce better in print.

Before each article is published, I send a draft to the Author for his (her) review and comment. The appropriate Associate Editor also completes a peer review of each article. In addition, any U. S. related article with an “identifying cover,” alternate or supplemental user, or other information that might impact the catalog listing of that particular perfin is

forwarded to the U. S. Catalog Chairman for verification, approval, and/or comment. These reviews help us keep the quality of the *Bulletin* as high as possible and prevent us from repeating information that is already available in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* or has been published the past.

As for deadlines, we plan to continue to publish the *Bulletin* on a by-monthly schedule. That means each issue is published on the odd numbered months (January, March, May, etc.). Thus, I would like to have your copy no later than the 1st of the month prior to publication (December, February, April, etc.). Sooner is better! That will give me sufficient time for formatting, layout, author and peer reviews, and sending it to the printer so the *Bulletin* will reach you early in the month of issue. I will make every attempt to get any late arriving articles in the current *Bulletin*, but sometimes they are a good start for the next issue.

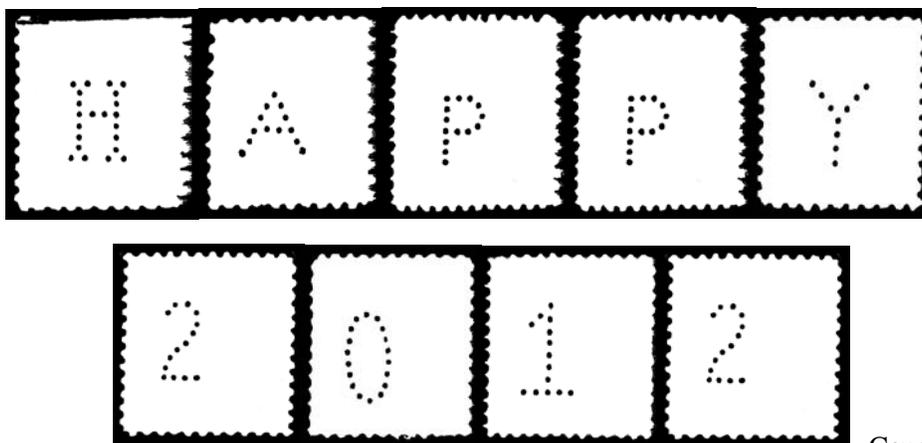
Finally, I want you all to know that, at present, we have several interesting articles waiting publication in the future issues of the *Bulletin*. While a couple of these are from members who have not submitted an article in the past, most of these are from the same two or three authors. My desire is for as many members as possible to become involved in the *Bulletin* so it is fresh and appealing to all.

You will also notice that a “Meet a Member” article is missing from this issue. That is because my backlog of these member bio’s has been exhausted. If you like that feature and yours has not been published, please send it to me now. The first one that I receive will be in the March/April 2012 issue.

My contact information is: Ken Masters, 7909 N. Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64118-1449, U.S.A.; telephone: 816-835-5907; email: krmasters@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from each of you soon.

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Prices Realized Perfins Club Auction #122 - October 31, 2011

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>										
1	NB	18	4.00	35	5.50	51	4.00	67	4.00	83	5.50
2	36.25	19	5.50	36	3.25	52	3.25	68	4.00	84	3.25
3	16.50	20	3.00	37	4.00	53	16.50	69	4.00	85	3.75
4	WD	21	5.00	38	16.50	54	3.25	70	5.50	86	5.50
5	4.25	22	3.25	39	4.00	55	4.00	71	16.50	87	3.25
6	10.50	23	16.50	40	16.50	56	5.50	72	16.00	88	4.00
7	5.50	24	16.50	41	4.25	57	18.75	73	5.50	89	4.00
8	4.00	25	5.50	42	16.50	58	6.50	74	3.25	90	8.50
9	3.25	26	5.50	43	3.25	59	5.50	75	5.50	91	83.00
10	10.50	27	16.50	44	5.50	60	9.75	76	16.50	92	72.50
11	5.50	28	10.50	45	4.00	61	5.25	77	16.50	93	NB
12	5.50	29	4.00	46	3.25	62	16.50	78	5.00	94	75.00
13	16.50	30	4.00	47	5.00	63	18.75	79	16.50	95	52.00
14	5.50	31	4.00	48	10.50	64	16.50	80	5.50	96	26.00
15	4.00	32	18.75	49	16.50	65	5.50	81	5.50	97	3.25
16	3.25	33	5.50	50	3.00	66	16.50	82	16.50	98	NB
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