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## The Liberty Bell—A Perfin 4th of July Celebration

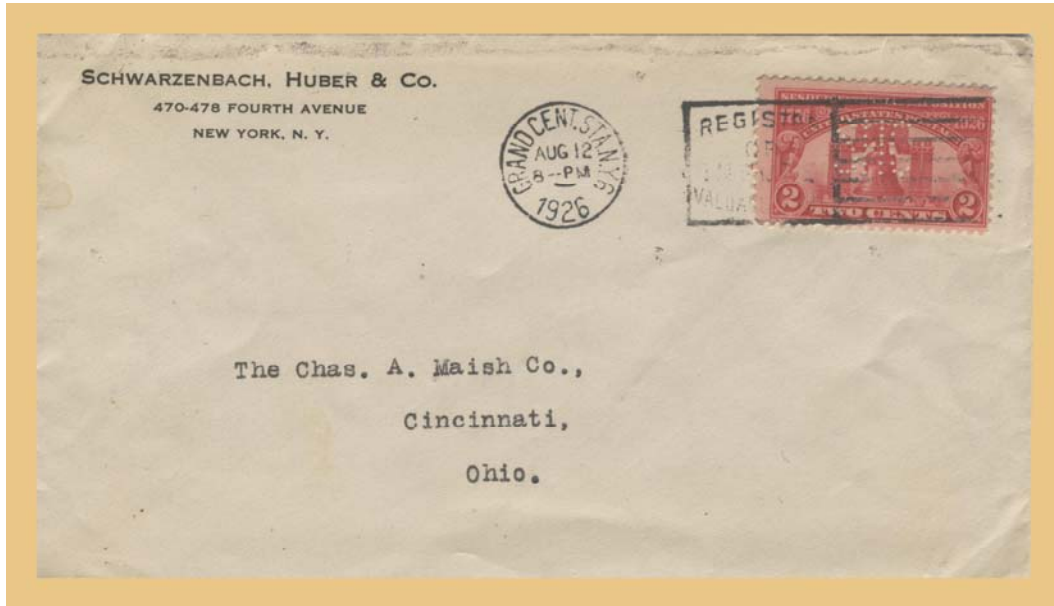
Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

I was recently assisting a member identify a perfin that might have been used at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. During the research, I learned, what in my opinion, is interesting information about the Liberty Bell now on permanent exhibit in Philadelphia.

First, a little background about the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This was a World's Fair held in San Francisco, from February 20 to December, 1915. Its ostensible purpose was to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal, but it was generally seen in San Francisco to be an opportunity to showcase the city's recovery from the devastating 1906 earthquake. The fair was

in news reports. The Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company had its own perfin, **P188** (PPI/ECo) in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, but that is another story.

Among the exhibits at the Exposition was the C. P. Huntington, the first steam locomotive purchased by Southern Pacific Railroad. Another exhibit involved the installation of a telephone line to New York so that people on the East Coast could hear the Pacific Ocean! A third exhibit involved The Liberty Bell, which traveled by train on a 10,000 mile nationwide tour from Pennsylvania visiting many towns prior to arriving in San Francisco to be exhibited at the Exposition. The Liberty Bell was then



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constructed on a site near the San Francisco Bay in view of the Golden Gate (the bridge with that name did not exist for another 22 years), in a flat area along the northern shore now known as the Marina District. This residential district got hit very hard by the Loma Prieta earthquake 74 years later, in 1989. You may recall seeing the damaged homes and fires

returned to Pennsylvania, never to have left Philadelphia since then.

The Liberty Bell was first cast in England. It broke in an early ringing after its arrival in Philadelphia and was melted and then recast (twice) in Philadelphia. The Liberty Bell was rung at many occasions in the colonial period, including such incongruous events as

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## The Liberty Bell (cont.)

the ascent to the throne of King George III, at the announcement of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, and on July 8, 1776 at the first public reading of The Declaration of Independence. It was rung at each anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence until 1835. The bell broke on July 8 of that year while being tolled during the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall. It also tolled on the announcement of the passing of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and Lafayette, all very important contributors in the founding and early development of The United States of America.

The famous crack in The Liberty Bell that we see today occurred in 1846 at the ringing for George Washington's birthday. It has not been rung since, although it has been struck at significant events such as on D-Day and on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Independence.

The Liberty Bell was a frequent traveler from 1885 to 1904 (New Orleans in 1885, Chicago in 1893, Atlanta in 1895, Charleston in 1902, Boston in 1903 and St. Louis in 1904). The long trip to San Francisco in 1915 was its last trip away from Philadelphia.

A commemorative stamp, Scott 627, was issued in 1926 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. I have 118 different perfins in this stamp. See the 'census' on the right. Do you have other perfins in this commemorative? If you do, I would like to hear from you.

From these 118 perfins, why did I choose the two perfins shown below? **C320** is the highest rated perfin (B-rate) on this commemorative that I know of. The user of this perfin is unknown. As for the other example, notice that perfin **C424** has two adjoining straight edges. Although shunned by traditional philatelists almost as much as perfins, I find them intriguing – only four possibilities exist for every sheet of 100 stamps. I call them "Ugly Ducklings" and search for them.



Pattern C320 (CSO)  
in Scott #627

Pattern C424 (C(10))  
in Scott #627

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panama%E2%80%9393Pacific\\_International\\_Exposition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panama%E2%80%9393Pacific_International_Exposition)  
<http://www.ushistory.org/libertybell/timeline.html>

## Liberty Bell Inventory

Scott 627 issued May 10, 1926

A039	H015	P019
A111	H059	P102.5
A188	H066	P174
A221-1A	H070	P174A
A221-4	H083.5	R092
A251	H208	R120
A277	I026.5	R172
B021	I043.7B-3	S002.4
B114	I054	S027
B136	I091.10	S034
B233.5	I100	S085
B292	J007	S101
C045	J083	S113
C146	J105	S137
C204	J109	S154.5
C237	J141.5	S188
C258	K004	S215A
C299	K012	S234
C312	K035	S239
C320	K72	T027
C323A	L005	T066
C353	L055-9	T078
C402	L060-9	T096
C422	L118	W072.79
C424	L129A	W119
C425	L180	W137
C431	M012	W197
D061	M051	W199-21
D075	M068	W207
D129	M152	W224
D154	M227	Y013
E116	M237	No. 06
F008	M288	No. 18
F031	N089I	No. 29
F072	N090.6	Des. 13
F212	N113A-6	
G014	N113AB-4	
G072-52	N113ABb-0	
G123	N113Cc-02	
G187.5	N113Dd-13	
G209	N141	
	N189	

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## Old R16 Pattern Becomes B199.3

Bob Szymanski (#LM145)

Who would have thought that a new U.S. railroad user identification would have to be added to the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog)? But now every railroad collector will have to add a "C+" rated **R16** ([<R>B]) pattern, as currently listed in the U.S. Perfins Catalog, to their want list.

About ten years ago, while visiting with Joe Laura, one of our well known worldwide collectors, now deceased, I noted that his copy of the **R16** had an oval cancel of Bangor, Maine, as did my copy of this pattern. Since the U.S. Perfins Catalog had no listing for either the user or the town, I thought that Bangor might be a good bet for the town listing and that this listing might eventually have to be moved from the R Section to the B Section of the Catalog.

I did a computer search but was not able to figure out how to find anything with "Bangor R..." that I thought would be the best bet. The library in Bangor had city directories but they would have to be searched in person. At time passed, my wife, Sue-Ellen, and I decided to vacation in Bar Harbor, Maine, and on the way home we took a detour to Bangor. We happened on the Historical Society and decided to stop. We spoke with one of the employees and tried to get an idea what company this "RB" might have been between 1910 and 1920. As any good stamp collecting detective would do, I just happened to have my copy of the **R16** with the circular cancel and showed it to the gentleman. "It looks like the Bangor Railway insignia to me" was the answer. He gave me the whole history of the Railway built and owned by the electric company. It was basically an interurban built to provide service to the workers on both sides of the river to get from home to work and back again. As it used electricity, the electric company seemed to have a good thing going and everyone benefited.

I asked about seeing anything that might be at the historical society with this insignia. But, unfortunately, everything that the Historical Society had was shipped to the Bangor Library. Since Sue-Ellen is a librarian I was looking forward to the next stop - the Bangor Library. She guided me right to the person we needed in reference and I started by showing him the perfin and asking if he recognized the "RB". Sure, that is the Bangor Railway insignia! We told him that we had been at the Historical Society and they told us the library had all of the defunct Railway's papers and asked to see them. He said "I'd love to but that area is under renovation and all the papers are in storage. You'll have to come back in maybe 6 months to a year when everything will be available."

I relayed this information to the U.S. Catalog Chairman who declined accepting statements from either the Historical Society or Library employees as verification of the user of **R16**. There was no point in returning to Bangor as nothing short of a cover would mollify the editor. But the "Aha!" moment has now arrived and the feeling is great!

Voila! Shown below is a recently acquired cover. The U.S. Catalog Chairman now agrees that the verified user of this pattern is "Bangor Railway & Electric Company, Bangor, ME," and will include this identification in A&C#5 of the U.S. Perfins Catalog. Also, the pattern will be moved from the Letter R Section to the Letter B Section, in the U.S. Perfins Catalog with a new pattern number of **B199.3**.

The moral of this article is "never give up". The research can really make perfin collecting more enjoyable and rewarding!



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# The Bosnian Town Perfin Connection

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

Attempting to identify Bosnian towns via postmark deciphering is not an easy task ... but fun! There are less than two dozen towns or cities involved in the process and less than twice that number of perfin types.

I am using the Bosnian section of the *Hungarian Perfin Catalog* by Lente Isván, 2007 edition. Those that I have been able to identify to date are listed in the table at the right. Where a perfin pattern is shown in **bold red** means that I lack the perfin or cannot decipher the postmark. I have, however, found the town name in the Catalog or in other literature.

In working with a different language, I find that partial postmark impressions are problematic: are they part of a town name or do they have other meaning? For instance, on a C.D. perfin item, I find in postmark . . . cstrelu . . . - a partial town name or something else?

While they are included in Isván Catalog, following is a list of perfin patterns not mentioned in the summary. Some of these perfins are probably used by companies in countries other than Bosnia - usually Austria or Hungary.

#### Other Perfin Patterns:

A.O.B , B.B. , H&S , JH , L.B , P&P , PZ , Richter ,  
S. , S.R.G. , C.B. , CW , T , T. B. , B/ B Φ

Perhaps some Bosnian perfin collectors can confirm, correct, and add to the information in this article? Please contact me at: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231. I hope that you can help.

#### Bosnia Postmark Perfin Pattern

BOS. PETROVAC	C.D.
BOS. BROD	SRP
BRCKO	PAKB
DRVAR	C.D.
JAJCE	SRP
MOSTAR	L.B./F.M., SRP, СБМ., ТБШ , <b>Z.B.</b>
PRJEDOR	K
SARAJEVO	<b>A.B.</b> , A.T., B.A.G., <b>H.F.S.</b> <sup>(1)</sup> , <b>H.F.S.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> , L.H., <b>L.L.H.</b> , M.K.R., PAKB, P.L.B., SRP, S.T., ЧНБ, ТТ
TREBINJE	<b>H.F.S.</b> <sup>(1)</sup>
TUZLA	A.H.P., <b>M.T.</b> , P.L.B., S.T., S.T.
ZAGREB	<b>C.C.3.3.</b>
ZENICA	E.Z., SRP
ZEPCE <sup>(3)</sup>	P.L.B.

#### Meanings of superscripts above:

1. One hole in cross bar of letter H.
2. Two holes in cross bar of letter H.
3. I am not sure if the third letter is a P.

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## What Is It?

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)



What is going on here? A torn strip with an "F" rated perfin. Is this newsworthy? It may be more waste basket worthy, but I'll let you be the judge.

What we see is a strip from a roughly opened envelope with a six cent airmail stamp with one and a half **L15** (LA/CO) "F" rated perfin patterns from Los Angeles County, CA, as listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. The return address is United States Penitentiary at McNeil Island, WA. It was postmarked on February 10, 1950, in Denver,

CO. What goes on here? ...and, no, I did not try to lift any DNA off the strip!

This is a participation article. We need your help to "solve" this mystery! The member submitting the best explanation of this strip will get a Laurel and Hardy congratulation and an acknowledgement printed in the *Bulletin*. I know I can hardly await the answers. Even if you don't have any idea, make something up. It just might be the best solution submitted! (Bob's contact information is on Page 62.)

# New Cuban Revenue Perfins and Official Punch Perfins

by Robert Littrell (#3992)

In the May/June 2014 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* I lamented the availability of Cuban items has drastically been reduced due to eBay and PayPal misinterpreting the Cuban embargo to mean that all sales of Cuban material were proscribed. That remains unchanged, so one has to scramble for new material. For the past couple of years I have remained in contact by email with a retired philatelist in Havana who has from time to time found some pretty nice items. Now he has outdone himself by significant finds in the area of revenue perfins and official punch perfins.



First, he sent me a couple of *Recibos y Cuentas* (Receipts and Accounts) stamps from 1886 through which a rather crude “E” was punched. One of these is shown at left. Since the stamps were separated from the original paper they were placed upon, I can only guess

that the perfin was applied after the stamp was affixed to the document. The meaning of the “E” is likewise unknown.

My friend also sent me a driver’s license booklet from 1946. Each year one renewed his certification and a revenue stamp was applied to a page. In this case, the base stamps were *Venta Bruta* (gross sales tax) stamp of 1930. They were later overprinted to become 10 centavos *Casa de los Tribunales* (Housing of the Courts) stamps of 1939. The revenue stamps were applied to legal documents to collect funds for a building to house the various courts of law in Havana. Shown below are stamps on two pages of the driver’s license to which an official punch perfin was applied through the stamps and booklet paper. I am sorry to say however that I have been unable to discern the exact letters or meaning of the perfin punch.



Next, he supplied me with several of each of the following perfins on *Timbre Nacional* (National Stamp) revenue stamps from the early 1950’s. The stamps were from the 1937 series. A black overprint “**RECARGO**” (Surcharge) was applied later. These stamps are shown at right.



The first of these is from 1950 and has a very crudely perfined “**Eco.**” through it. The meaning (or company name) of Eco is unknown.

The second is from the 1951 *Timbre Nacional* (overprinted) series and the perfin in it is “**W.Nco**” Although I have four examples of this one, each seems to have a missing perf on the second letter “**N**”. The company is unknown.

The third is an official punch on a 1952 *Timbre Nacional* (overprinted) series stamp. This stamp is shown at left. The perfin is “**Rep.C.**” which stands for Republic of Cuba.

So this friendship has turned out to be profitable for Cuban perfin knowledge. I thank him for these finds.

My other source for Cuban material is from Delcampe Auctions. But watch out! If you pay for a Delcampe winning through PayPal, you had better not have the word “Cuba” in the invoice. I have not had anything ultimately blocked from purchase, but most times the matter is put on hold for a few days pending PayPal’s “review” of the transaction. Recently I was sent an email from PayPal stating: “PayPal’s Compliance Department has reviewed your account and identified activity that may be in violation of United States regulations administered by the Department of the Treasury’s Office of

## Cuban Perfins (cont.)

Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).” I was asked to provide “Purpose of payment attempted on March 26, 2014 in the amount of €5.00, including a complete and detailed explanation of the goods or services you intended to purchase.” That is the kind of thing that gets you rattled. My explanation was that I was attempting to purchase a 1939 cover sent to Germany some 23 years before the 1962 embargo of Cuban goods. I promptly received a follow-up email stating my account was back in good standing.

Two Cuban revenue perfin items have come my way through Delcampe recently. One is a Series of 1919 *Timbre Nacional* stamp with a large “B” for a perfin (upper right). Some other letter precedes the “B” but there are not enough perfs to tell what that letter is.

The second Delcampe purchase was a block of 18 one centavo *Sobretasa Postal* (Postal Tax) stamps of 1958. A front and back view of six of those stamps is shown (lower right). You can see that the stamps were affixed and folded over on a sheet of paper in



such a way that the perfin **PAGADO** (Paid) went through the stamps twice, producing an image and a mirror image.

A date stamp of “La Habana 3 Oct. 1960” appears on the sheet.

So between my friend in Havana and Delcampe Auction, I am getting some material. Seven new revenue perfins is not too bad. Now comes the hard part of figuring out what it all means.



## A Good Laugh

By Robert Littrell (#3992)

I laughed out loud. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing. To be sure it was a plain ole’ perfin cover with pattern **A218** (APW/Co). It was the company name that gave me a start. If you look it up in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, you see that “C” rated pattern belongs to the Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Company, Albany, NY.

Some internet research led me to discover that commercially available, factory made toilet paper was produced in 1857 and was sold in loose, flat sheets. Seth Wheeler obtained a patent on rolled and perforated wrapping paper in 1871. After a failed attempt to produce it, he founded the A.P.W. Paper Co. in 1878 in Albany, NY. It advertised that it had originated the idea of selling paper in perforated rolls for bathroom tissue. It was “wrapped” around a central tube, sold in plain brown wrappers and called “perforated wrapping paper” instead of “toilet paper” because the word “toilet” was too sensitive a word to be used by 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorians.

To understand what was so funny, you have to understand my dear, departed mother who was born in 1914, two years after this envelope was posted. She always referred to toilet paper as “APW”. When I, as a boy, asked her what that meant, she said, “**A Pleasant Wipe**”. For more than 60 years I have labored under that misconception. Now I know better! And now you know how valuable the study of perfins can be!



# Unknown Mexican Perfin

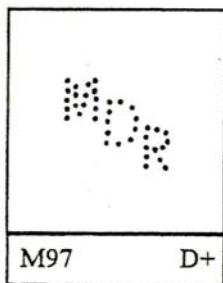
John Welsch (#3832)

I recently had the winning bid on an auction lot of Mexico Perfins (Bob Szymanski Auction #47, Nov. 2013), and found one stamp labelled "unknown". The pattern looked like 3 letters diagonally "MDI" not listed in *The Perfins of Mexico* updates by Bruce Brunell (#2831) in *The Perfins Bulletin* (September/October 2009).



By chance I thought I'd see if there was a match in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog). I found it matched U.S. pattern **M97** (MDR) diagonally, listed as Momsen Dunnetan Ryan Company, El Paso, Tx., 1914-32. So I went to do an internet search and found that Dunnetan was misspelled in the U.S. Perfins Catalog. The correction is Dunnegan with a "g". U.S. Perfins Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott is recording the user name spelling correction and the use of U. S. pattern **M97** on a Mexican stamp in A&C#4.

My stamp matched perfectly with **M97**, what looked like "MDI" was a partial of "MDR", the last full letter cut off by the perforations. The stamp, Scott Mexico #614, the 10 centavo value of the 1917-20 Regular Issue fits in the time frame of use for **M97**, 1914-32.



That the company was in El Paso, Texas, just across the border from Juarez, Mexico, led me to believe the Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Company may have done business in Mexico using their perfin pattern on Mexican stamps.

A further search uncovered some of the company's history.

The original company was established in 1890. The present firm was organized in 1912, the officers of which were Gus Momsen, President; C. F. Dunnegan, Vice-President; George B. Ryan, Secretary, and C. A. Brandenburg, and J. Fred. Ryan, Directors<sup>(1)</sup> Gus Momsen, Sr., born in Germany about 1862, was a foremost pioneer of El Paso, arriving in 1881. He died Oct. 21, 1942. His son, Gus Momsen, Jr. became president of his father's company in 1948. He was prominent in civic and social affairs in El Paso. Born about 1895, he

died Oct. 2, 1958. Gus P. Momsen III, grandson of Gus, Sr., also came to run the family business. Born about 1926, he died Nov. 27, 2007.<sup>(2)</sup>

The company served for decades as a major wholesale supplier of hardware, water supply equipment, and mining supplies to dealers in the desert Southwest and in northern Mexico.<sup>(3)</sup>

Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Company filed as a Domestic For Profit Corporation in the state of Texas on February 17, 1913, as recorded in documents filed with the Texas Secretary of State.<sup>(4)</sup>

In a circa 1920 catalog, Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Co. Wholesale Hardware lists as its wares "Plumbing Supplies, Mechanics Tools, Cutlery, Guns-Ammunition, Stoves-Ranges, House Furnishings, Mining and Milling Supplies, and Windmills."<sup>(3)</sup> The Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Company filed as a Texas Foreign Profit entity on March 20, 1924, in the state of Texas.<sup>(5)</sup>

Their commercial warehouse in 1925 was a flat roofed, concrete and brick, 3 story building, 120 ft. by 52 ft., with rolling steel shutters on freight doors, located at 800 East Overland in El Paso.<sup>(6)</sup>

The third partner, Mr. Ryan, in 1923 started the Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Wholesale Hardware Company in Phoenix, Arizona.<sup>(7)</sup> Located at 518 South Third Street, the warehouse was originally a one story building in 1924. A 1925 addition added 3 more stories, for a total of 4. It was 85 ft. by 62 ft. as part of a complex which included an outdoor storage facility. The building is now used as the Phoenix Job Corps Center.<sup>(8)</sup>

The company was in existence at least until 1955. Their 1955 catalog, Mo Du Ray Pipe and Well Supplies illustrated and described water supply





## Unknown Mexican Perfin (cont.)

equipment, including pumping windmills, steel towers, pumps, and tanks.<sup>(3)</sup>

One of their windmills still exists at the Bates Well Ranch in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona. (See photo on previous page.) Known as Windmill #2, it was constructed around 1935. Stenciled on the vane is the name "MOMSEN DUNNEGAN RYAN Co EL PASO TEXAS."<sup>(9)</sup>

I was very pleased to find information on an "unknown" Mexico perfin. To find a Mexican cover with this perfin and the company name in the corner card would put the icing on the cake.

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<sup>9</sup><http://www.hscl.cr.nps.gov/insidenps/report.asp?STATE=&PARK=ORPI&SORT=2&RECORDNO=12>

## M11.5 Identified—Mecke & Company

Dan Fellows (#3364) and Steve Endicott (LM#2284)



Dan Fellows found a cover, shown above, that identifies the user of perfin pattern **M11.5** (Circle(M)) in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog). This perfin carries a B+ rating. The user is now identified Mecke & Company of New York. It appears that the envelope was mailed from the offices of Mecke & Company and sent to Essen, Germany,

via the SS Kaiserin Aug Victoria. The identification of Mecke & Co. will be added to the U.S. Perfins Catalog, and the postmark will be recorded in our growing database.

Being curious about the ship and wondering if Mecke & Company had a business relationship, we went to the internet. We couldn't find any business

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# Commercial Perfins in Schermack Type III and on Mailometer Coils

Steve Endicott (LM#2284) and Melvin Getlan

Member Robert Schwerdt reported eight commercial perfins in Schermack Type III coils in an article in *The Perfins Bulletin*, (the January 1996 issue). This article spurred perfins collectors to search for other examples; Bob wrote a follow-up article for *The Perfins Bulletin* (June 1998 issue) in which four additional perfins were found, bringing the total to 12.

As many readers know, during the last two years, member Curt McCoy sponsored a major census of all Schermacks with control holes. The results were reported in *The Perfins Bulletin* (March/April 2014 issue) and in *The United States Specialist*. Subsequent to these articles, several additional commercial perfins in Schermacks have been reported, bringing the total to 19 copies.

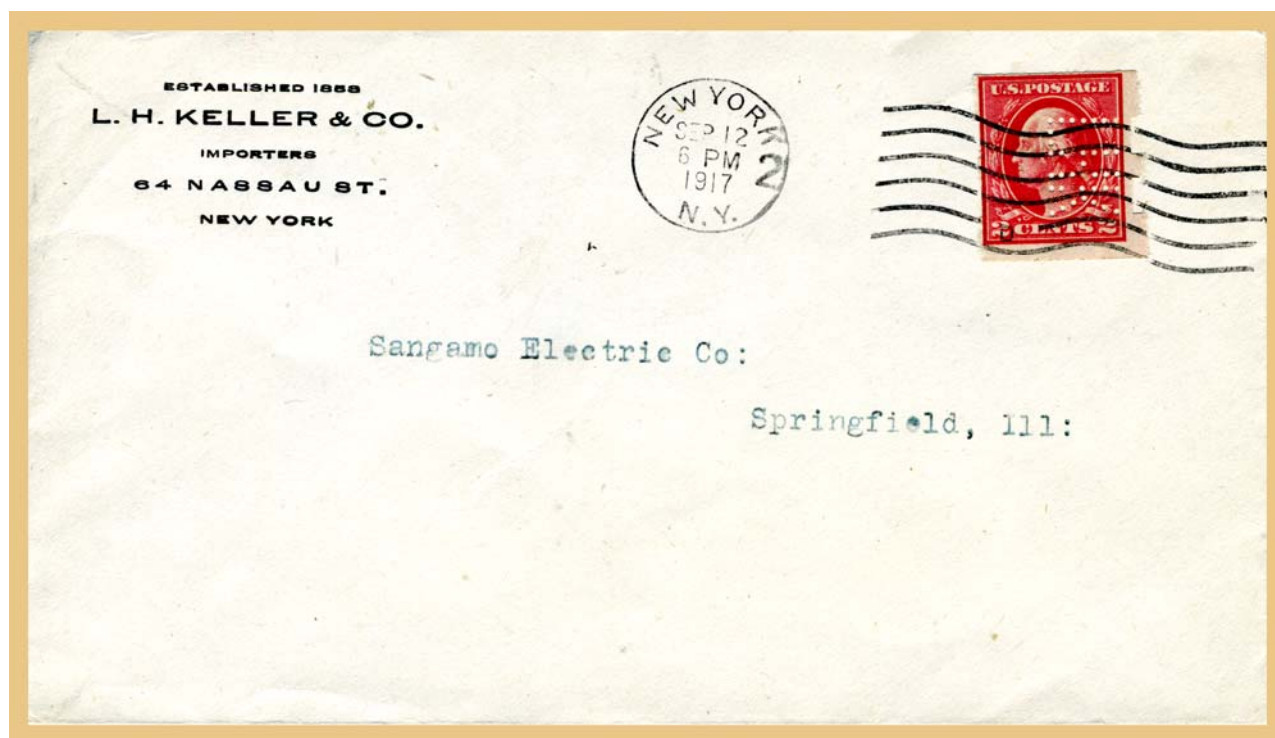
Melvin Getlan has reported a special item, perfin L93 (LHK) used by L. H. Keller & Company in New York, NY. This item is special because it is the only of these items that has been reported on cover.

L. H. Keller & Company dates back to about 1853 when L. H. Keller came from Switzerland to establish a company to supply Swiss watch parts in the Americas. In 1910 he had an address of 110 Fulton Street in New York City but sometime after that he moved to 64 Nassau Street still in New York City. In 1921 his grandson, Hugo Jr. took over the business.

The company's name was changed to General Ruby and Sapphire Co and in 1981 it was moved to Florida and is still in business. It has been run by a different family for many years.

Steve Endicott, U.S. Catalog Chairman, has documentation for a list of known commercial perfins in Schermack Type III issues and in Mailometer issues. (See following page for list.)

These items are indeed difficult to find, but over the years additional examples continue to have surfaced. We ask members to search their collections for more examples.



L. H. Keller & Co., New York, postmarked September 12, 1917, and franked with a two-cent Schermack Type III coil in a Washington stamp perforated with a complete pattern L93. (Actual size.)

## Commercial Perfins in Schermack Type III (cont.)

Schermacks Type III with Commercial Perfins

as of April 15, 2014

	Perfin	Pattern	Schermack	User	City, State	Notes
1	A40	AB/Co	409	American Book Company	New York, NY	
2	B15	Star(B)	408	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	Detroit, MI	with Detroit MI precancel
3	B30	BA/&Co	409	B. Altman & Company	New York, NY	
4	C4	C	?	Mutual Rubber Refining Company	Chicago, IL	
5	C46	C[(<B>R)]	576	Beckley Ralston Company	Chicago, IL	with Chicago IL precancel
6	D92	DR	343 or 383	Devoe & Reynolds Company	Chicago, IL	with Chicago IL precancel
7	F84	FHL	409	F. H. Liggett	New York, NY	
8	I91.01	ISC(o)	409	The International Silver Company	Meriden, CT	pair
9	J29	JDP/Co	?	John Deere Plow Company	Moline, IL	not a confirmed identification
10	L93	LHK	482	L. H. Keller Company	New York, NY	on cover
11	L130	LOW	?	David Low & Company	Salem, MA	
12	L187.5	L&N/RR	409	Louisville & Nashville Railroad	Louisville, KY	
13	N54	NCS	?	National Cloak & Suit Company	New York, NY	
14	S70	SCC(o)	?	Simpson Crawford Company	New York, NY	
15	S234	S(P/S)	345	Southern Pacific Steamship Lines	New York, NY	strip of five & paste-up strip of four, both MNH
16	W72-1B	WE	344	Western Electric Company	New York, NY	pair, MNH
17	Des. 14	Colophon	344	Roycroft Shop	East Aurora, NY	

### Mailometer perforations with Schermack (perfin) control holes

18	Des. 90-21		384	Chalmers Motor Company	Detroit, MI	Mailometer Type V
19	Des. 90-25		344	Third National Bank	St. Louis, MO	Mailometer Type I

## A Call for a Survey of High Rated Perfins

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

It has been 14 years since we conducted a census of the A rated perfins of the U.S. and we haven't surveyed the B+ rated perfins. Many changes have occurred over the last decade. A current survey would be helpful in determining the accuracy of the ratings of these important and often elusive perfins.

Our U.S. Catalog Chairman, Steve Endicott, is requesting that members provide a list of their A and B+ perfins (on and off cover) and send the lists to Steve. (With this survey we shall ignore the Schermack patterns as they have recently been extensively studied.) Please only include perfins that are in U.S. postage stamps; do not include these perfins found in revenue stamps. Count attached pairs as two perfins, etc. In your counts, please distinguish between

(a) complete patterns and (b) incomplete patterns that are missing holes or are split.

Steve has a checklist form of all A and B+ perfins; please send him an email message or letter if you would like a copy to use this form to submit your list of items owned. Steve can provide the checklist in paper form or as an Excel spreadsheet. (Steve's contact information can be found on Page 62.)

The results will be consolidated and used to verify and update information in our *Catalog of United States Perfins*. Submissions by individual members will be kept strictly confidential forever.

Thank you for your assistance with this survey.

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## New Identification—L137

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

A few months ago, a flurry of e-mails started being sent among several members pondering what "LSB" might stand for in pattern number **L137** (LSB), an E rated pattern as shown in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog). Those letters certainly do not stand for the Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg, PA. Harrisburg was listed as a proven location and it is the capital of Pennsylvania. Maybe some long forgotten Bureau or Board whose name had been changed or the reason for its existence had ceased. But it was troubling that the perfin was listed as used between 1912 and 1963! ...about 50 years of use and no one with a confirming cover? Furthermore it has a "cousin" **L137A** (LSB), an A rated perfin with 2 reported copies listed as used in 1908.

This type of listing has long troubled many collectors, including myself, as pattern **L137A** can be visually distinguished from pattern **L137** by only a couple of holes in the letter "S." Each has the same number of holes in the same configuration made at a time where the manufacturing process did not always produce perfect multiple copies. If you could look closely at the cover shown below, you might even give it the perfin **L137A** listing because the hole size appears to be a second possible variable. Look at all of the copies of **L137** and/or **L137A** that you might have. Do they shed any light on this conundrum? But

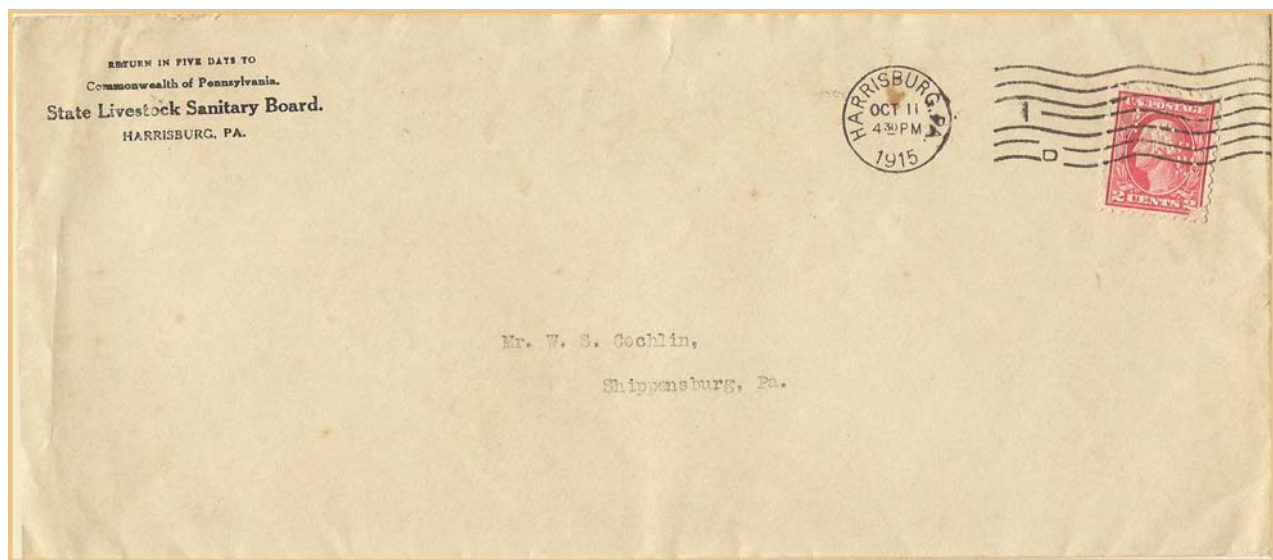
let us leave that discussion for another day after you've looked at your stock.

Note again, the cover shown below. If you look at the cover's return address you will notice it reads "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania / State Livestock Sanitary Board / Harrisburg, PA." Clearly, the LSB in the perfin refers to the Livestock Sanitary Board.

Research by Bob Combs with the State of Pennsylvania did not produce a positive result to confirm this Board as the user, since the State could find no record of the Livestock Sanitary Board! So, who is surprised? As the date on the postmark is 1915, even the oldest State employees weren't around at that time!

This exercise just goes to prove that being inquisitive can lead to a better understanding of our perfin hobby. Two heads are better than one. Heck, even the founding fathers decided to put not ONE but NINE individuals on the Supreme Court to watch over us all. So if you have anything of interest, anything that you believe is wrong or confusing, speak up and let your fellow club members see if they can help resolve your dilemma.

Editor's Note: U.S. Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott says, "The user shall be listed as Livestock Sanitary Board, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, PA, in a future A&C release."



Cover with LSB pattern perfin on State Livestock Sanitary Board envelope  
(Approximately 70% of actual size)

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# Your Presence is Requested

Jerry Hejduk (#LM3710)

Your presence is requested at the Annual Business Meeting of the Perfins Club.

The combined convention of the Perfins Club and the Precancel Stamp Society will be held August 4 through 9 at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel in St Louis, Missouri. The Perfins Club Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the Starlight Room. Following the business meeting, Robert Littrell (#3992), will present his single frame exhibit entitled *Perfins on the Postage Stamps of Cuba*.

Please note in the tentative agenda (found at right) the items of business that are scheduled for the meeting. Under Old Business, there will be a discussion soliciting ideas for recruiting members for the Club's officer positions, volunteers for committee assignments and suggestions for attracting new members. Under New Business there are the nominations of President and a Director at Large.

If members have additional items that they would like to have presented at the annual meeting, they may do so in person during the **Good and Welfare** agenda items, or send a written request for my receipt by the close of business July 18, 2014. (My contact information can be found on Page 62.) Because of time limitations, it will not be possible to consider unscheduled items of business at the Annual Business Meeting. Any such requests will be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration at a later date.

Please remember that in addition to the hour and a half needed for the Club's business meeting, there will be many more hours of stamping: buying, selling and trading to enhance your collection(s). I sincerely hope to see you in St Louis.

## The Perfins Club 2014 Annual Business Meeting Thursday, August 7, 2014, 1 p.m.

(Tentative Agenda)

Call to Order  
Members Self Introduction/Collecting Interests  
Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Managers' Reports  
Club Auction  
Cover Sales  
Foreign Catalog  
Librarian  
*The Perfins Bulletin*  
Perfins Sales  
Publication Sales  
Sunshine  
U.S. Catalog  
U.S. Revenue Catalog  
Webmaster  
Old Business  
    Discussion of recruiting members for officer positions, volunteers for committee assignments and suggestions for attracting new members  
    Society Booth at APS Meetings  
New Business  
    Nominations for the Office of President  
    Nominations for Director at Large  
Good and Welfare  
Announcements  
    2014 Floyd Walker Award  
    2014 Hallock Card Award  
Closed Albums  
Adjournment

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2014 Convention - August 4-9, 2014  
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**Be sure to mention that this reservation is for the Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) Convention.**

**Club's Room Rate is \$109/night.**

**Note: Call now! Special room rate offer expires July 14th.**

# Perfins and Prohibition

by Curt McCoy (#3962) and Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

It has been documented that The Taxpayers League of Detroit, Michigan, was the primary user of the Schermack with control pins perfin **Des. 90-13** as shown in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. During the Schermack census led by Curt McCoy (see *The Perfins Bulletin*, March-April 2014), covers were reported which showed that the Michigan Anti-Saloon League also used this perfin. The validity of this second usage has now come into question.

Historically, temperance groups argued against alcohol consumption in The United States throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The Anti-Saloon League, established in 1893, was the largest temperance pressure group in The United States, establishing affiliates in many States. This organization marked the changing public opinion on prohibition. Michigan was an early political battleground state, passing the Damon Act in 1916, which prohibited liquor sales throughout Michigan beginning in 1917. (Nearly half of the counties in Michigan had already passed ordinances prohibiting liquor sales.)

Prohibition was passed for the entire United States with the ratification of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on January 29, 1919. With the enactment of prohibition, smuggling liquor into The U.S. from Canada became a lucrative crime business, especially through cities such as Detroit, Buffalo and Chicago. Famous crime syndicates including The Purple Gang (in Detroit), The Buffalo Crime Family (in Buffalo) and Al Capone's organization (in Chicago) were major operators in the movement of liquor into the U.S. and profited enormously from their operations.

Liquor was smuggled into The U.S. by almost every conceivable method. Those more creative used underwater cable pulley systems or sleds on the ice during winter.

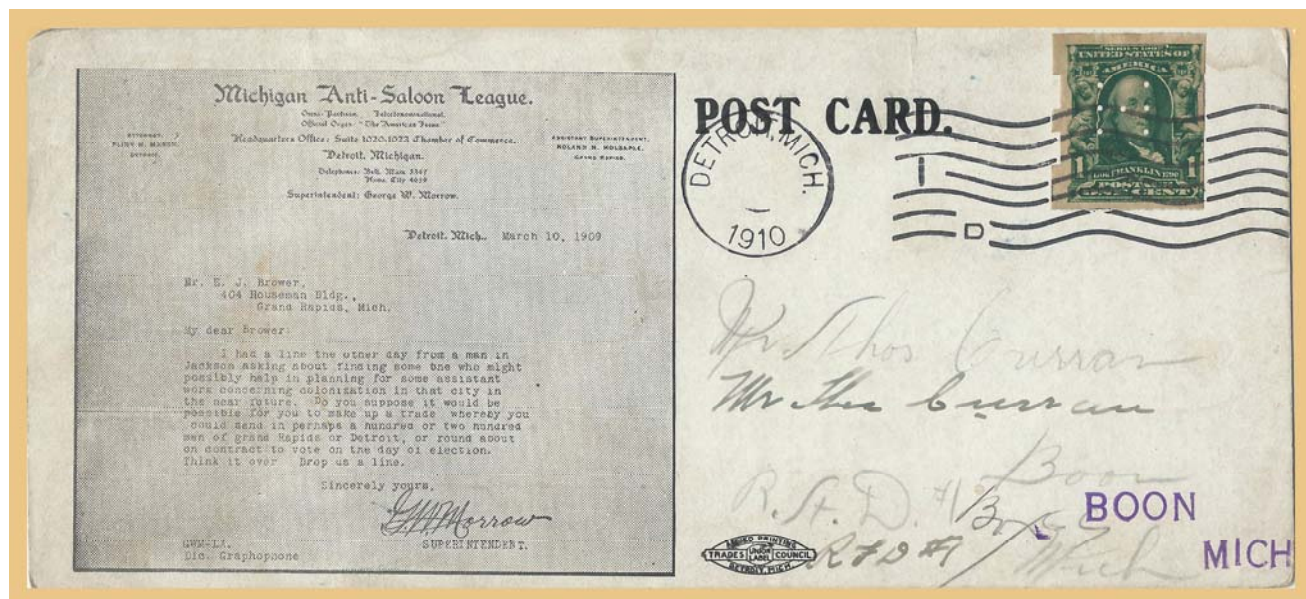
The Michigan Anti-Saloon League and Henry Ford supported the prohibition cause. The Taxpayers League opposed prohibition. These two groups battled each other politically over prohibition.

It is difficult to tell who actually sent some of the correspondence with Schermack **Des. 90-13**. It is improbable that The Taxpayers League would permit its political rival to use its postal equipment. Most of the correspondence are postcards. Some are identified as being from The Taxpayers League; others appear to be "hit" pieces without an identified author. It is now thought that The Taxpayers League was the sender of pieces aimed to discredit the Michigan Anti-Saloon League. It seems that political campaign mischief is a never-ending tradition!

The postcard, shown below, appears to document an attempt by the Anti-Saloon League to flood the ballot box with paid volunteers from other Michigan cities. The reverse side discusses "colonization" in this sense and asks, "Do the Anti-Saloon League and Local Option make clean politics?"

Prohibition was repealed on December 5, 1933, with the ratification of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

The Michigan Anti-Saloon League will not be listed as a secondary user of **Des. 90-13**. Members are encouraged to send copies of covers involving this topic to Curt or to Steve. (Curt's email address is [cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com](mailto:cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com). Steve's contact information is shown on Page 62.)



## M11.5—Mecke & Company

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relationship between Mecke & Company and the ship, but the ship has quite a history of its own.

The ocean liner SS Kaiserin Auguste Victoria was built in 1905-06 in Szczecin, Poland for the Hamburg



SS Kaiserin Auguste Victoria  
(At the time this photograph was taken  
the ship was under U.S. flag as the  
USS Kaiserin Auguste Victoria)

America Line and sailed under the German flag for eight years. This was during a period of time when large luxury ocean liners for passengers were being built. This ocean liner provided accommodations for nearly 2,500 passengers, 646 being in first and second classes. This was the largest passenger liner in the world from until 1907 when the Cunard company launched the Lusitania.

The SS Kaiserin Auguste Victoria sailed between Hamburg and New York until the outbreak of World War I in Europe in 1914. At the end of WWI, the ocean liner was commissioned by the US Navy, reflagged the USS Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, as it

transported American troops from Europe back to the United States.

The ocean liner was later sold to Great Britain and then to Canada.

German Empress Augusta Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein permitted the vessel to be named after her and participated in the launching ceremonies. She was the last German Empress and Queen of Prussia. Her full German name was Auguste Viktoria Friederike Luise Feodora Jenny von Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg. She was married to Emperor Wilhelm II.



The monarchy was abolished at the end of World War I with the German Revolution, which resulted in the replacement of Germany's imperial government with the formal establishment of the Weimar Republic in August, 1919. The roots of the revolution lie in the German Empire's fate in the First World War and the social tensions which came to a head shortly thereafter. As the rebellion spread across Germany, it led to the proclamation of a republic on November 9, 1918. Shortly thereafter Emperor Wilhelm II abdicated.

The postal markings on this cover are interesting as well. On the obverse side (shown on Page 69.) there are two oval cancellations and a "Registered" handstamp. The meanings of the numbers 30.6 and 23532 are unclear, but may be related to the numbers assigned to the registration.

A cropped scan of the reverse side of the cover, showing postal markings, can be seen on Page 79.

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## Member Want Ads

Want ads are published for members on a space-available basis at the following rates: one insertion - 10 cents per word; three consecutive insertions of the same ad - 20 cents per word. **Members are entitled to one free ad per year.** Neither the Perfins Club nor the Editor accepts responsibility for the validity of the ads. Payment for the ads should be sent to the Editor or by PayPal to [perfin@charter.net](mailto:perfin@charter.net) with prior notification to the Treasurer and Editor.

**Wanted: 1950 California Statehood Issue** (Scott #997) with perfins (on or off cover).  
**Contact:** Hideo Yokota, 10 Anita Court, Belmont, CA 94002-2012. **Email:** [hryokota@hotmail.com](mailto:hryokota@hotmail.com)

**Seeking: Perfins from German occupied territories WWII,** highest prices paid.

**Contact:** W. David Ripley, Box 854, Beltsville, MD 20704  
**Email:** [wdrp3@gmail.com](mailto:wdrp3@gmail.com)

**Let's Make a Deal:** I would like to obtain the following "B" rated perfins: **F105, G110, H043, M141, O87.5 & P236.5** by sale or trade with a significant financial advantage to the seller.

**Contact:** Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34748-0450. **Email:** [flprepers@comcast.net](mailto:flprepers@comcast.net)

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## Prices Realized—Auction #137

(April, 2014)

Joe Giampietro (#2968)

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	1.00	31	1.00	61	NB	91	NB	121	WD	151	1.00
2	21.50	32	1.00	62	15.50	92	1.00	122	NB	152	1.00
3	1.00	33	27.00	63	NB	93	NB	123	1.25	153	8.00
4	NB	34	48.00	64	NB	94	8.00	124	1.00	154	26.00
5	18.75	35	NB	65	NB	95	1.00	125	WD	155	NB
6	NB	36	NB	66	NB	96	4.00	126	1.00	156	1.00
7	1.00	37	8.00	67	NB	97	NB	127	NB	157	1.00
8	19.50	38	8.00	68	1.00	98	NB	128	NB	158	27.00
9	5.00	39	27.00	69	2.00	99	2.00	129	1.00	159	1.00
10	19.50	40	NB	70	6.25	100	3.00	130	NB	160	NB
11	12.00	41	21.50	71	12.00	101	1.25	131	8.00	161	4.00
12	1.00	42	1.00	72	1.00	102	NB	132	1.00	162	4.00
13	1.00	43	1.00	73	NB	103	NB	133	NB	163	8.00
14	1.00	44	21.50	74	17.50	104	1.00	134	1.00	164	NB
15	27.00	45	8.00	75	2.50	105	18.75	135	NB	165	NB
16	NB	46	21.50	76	1.00	106	NB	136	1.00	166	NB
17	33.00	47	NB	77	1.00	107	1.00	137	1.00	167	4.00
18	8.00	48	8.00	78	1.00	108	2.00	138	8.00	168	3.50
19	26.00	49	NB	79	1.00	109	NB	139	1.00	169	220.00
20	NB	50	1.00	80	8.00	110	1.00	140	NB	170	15.50
21	8.00	51	4.00	81	15.50	111	4.00	141	1.00	171	31.00
22	2.00	52	NB	82	8.00	112	2.00	142	1.00	172	13.00
23	8.00	53	23.75	83	4.50	113	1.00	143	NB	173	11.50
24	1.00	54	1.00	84	NB	114	1.00	144	2.25	174	2.50
25	1.00	55	1.00	85	4.00	115	1.00	145	13.75	175	6.00
26	8.00	56	NB	86	NB	116	NB	146	2.00	176	20.00
27	NB	57	8.00	87	1.00	117	NB	147	NB		
28	1.00	58	1.00	88	1.00	118	NB	148	2.50		
29	1.00	59	1.00	89	1.00	119	NB	149	4.00		
30	1.00	60	NB	90	1.00	120	4.00	150	1.00		

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## Why Perfins?

John Mathews (Canberra, Australia)

In your article in the lower half of Page 45 of the May/June 2014 *The Perfins Bulletin*, you ask why many non-bank businesses likely bought and punched only the lower value 1 cent and 2 cent stamps. Thefts of the stamps were potentially most often stolen by low-paid(?) office boys and other staff who handled the stamps in the mail room. There

the stamps would still have been in sheets, and a sheet of stamps (even 1 cent stamps) was probably of the same value as a week's wages for some. So the perfin perforation was probably to protect sheets of stamps from being taken rather than individual stamps for use on private letters.



# Perfins Club Auction #139

## Closes August 31, 2014

**Guidelines:** A minimum bid of \$2.00 applies to every individual lot except as follows: U.S. “B”, “B+”, and “A” rated patterns, minimum bids for which will be \$6.00, \$18.00, and \$30.00, respectively, and single U.S. “C” rated perfins, minimum bids for which will be \$1.00. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder \$2-\$5 – a \$0.25 advance; \$5-\$20 – a \$0.50 advance; a \$20-\$100 – a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher a \$5.00 advance. No

unlimited bids accepted. The earlier postmark or email date, will prevail in tie bids All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless otherwise noted. Straight edges are not considered to be defects. All lots except large lots or mixtures with the exception of gross miscounts.

**Bid by lot #.** Please put your mailing address and email address {if have} on your bid sheet

**Thank you and Good Luck!**

**Send all bids to: Joe Giampietro, 6478 State Road, G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166 – USA**  
**Email: [mo13jo@aol.com](mailto: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 for U.S. perfins are from the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins*, including A&C#1, #2, and #3.

Lot #	Country	Description	Rate	Lot #	Country	Description	Rate	Lot #	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	A130	B	21	US	C324 / 374	C+	39	US	H98 / Q3 (SE)	B
2	US	A136	C+			(6h) & xtra part		40	US	H113	B
3	US	A203	C+	22	US	C356.12 / 811	C+	41	US	H140	B
4	US	A207A / 554	C+	23	US	C371.7	B+	42	US	I25 / 416	C+
5	US	A221-28 / 905	C+	24	US	C372 / 829	C+	43	US	I26.5 / 562	C+
6	US	A221-1C / 720	B+	25	US	C393 / 554	C+	44	US	I43.7H-7/900	C+
7	US	A253 (SE)	B	26	US	D63 / 375	C+	45	US	I81	B
8	US	A275.5	B+	27	US	E15.5 / 400A	B+	46	US	I101 / 567	C+
9	US	A288	B	28	US	E45 / 638	B	47	US	J31	C+
10	US	B16	B	29	US	E52 / 830	B	48	US	J53 / Q3	B
11	US	B100A	B+	30	US	F217 / 554	C+	49	US	J140	C+
12	US	B116.9 / 829	C+	31	US	G 35 / 414	C+	50	US	K15 / 655	B
13	US	B116-36 / 829	C+	32	US	G58	C+	51	US	K22 / 627	C+
14	US	B262.5 / 418	A	33	US	G86 / 556	C+	52	US	K54.5	B
15	US	C175 / 905	A			heavy cancel				on edge	
16	US	C177.5	C+	34	US	G104 / 552	C+	53	US	L81 / 504	C+
17	US	C214.5	C+	35	US	G110A	B	54	US	L109 / 516	B
18	US	C250.A (SE)	C+	36	US	G148 / 900	C+	55	US	L119	B
19	US	C261.5 / 512	C+	37	US	G201 / 1008	C+	56	US	L191.5 / 900	B
20	US	C303 / 319	B+	38	US	H52	B	57	US	M8	B+

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Lot #	Country	Description	Rate	Lot #	Country	Description	Rate	Lot #	Country
58	US	M39 / 508	C+	96	US	S255 (SE)	C+	129	M193, M246, M256, N113-3
59	US	M49	C+	97	US	S269 (SE)	B	130	N113Aa-5, N113ABb-3, N113B-1, N113ABb-7A
60	US	M89	C+	98	US	T14.8 / 303	C+	131	N113C-9A, N113Cc-5, N113Cc-11, N113D-3A
61	US	M92 / 554	C+	99	US	T42.5 (SE)	C+	132	N113Dd-11, N113Dd-12, N140, N204
62	US	M170	B	100	US	U46 / 562	C+	133	N205.2, P12, P55.5, P117
63	US	M271 / 375	C+	101	US	U66 / 899	C+	134	P145, R159, S195-37, S365
64	US	M282	C+	102	US	V7 Damage	C+	135	V30, W1, W20, W22
65	US	N17 / 499	C+			split on 2 stamps		136	W56, W59.5, W150, W154
	bottom	shaved		103	US	W81 (2SE)	C+		
66	US	N39 / 641	C+	104	US	W82	C+		
67	US	N52 / 583 (1h)	C+			tear thin			
68	US	N68	B	105	US	W115.5	A		
69	US	N78 / 501	C+	106	US	W132	B		
70	US	N94 / 510	B	107	US	W185	C+		
		close to edge		108	US	W204	C+		
71	US	N96 / 338	C+	109	US	W226 / 901	C+		
72	US	N102 / 337	C+	110	US	Y10	C+		
73	US	N107 / 551	C+	111	US	Number 2	C+		
74	US	N113-6 / 554	C+			<b>Schermacks</b>			
75	US	N113Cc-1A	C+	112	US	Des 90.6	A		
		in 811		113	US	Des 90.7	A		
76	US	N113Cc-1A	C+			<b>US Prepers</b>			
		in 817		114	US	G72.5 / 582	DV	145	Bavaria 17
77	US	N114 / 554	C+			Salt Lake		146	France 406
78	US	N127 / 556	C+	115	US	G163 / 642	BV	147	Germany 79
79	US	N168 (SE)	B+			San Antonio		148	Netherlands 162
80	US	P50	B	116	US	N113Aa-5a	EW	149	Portugal 33
81	US	P160 (SE)	C+			Kansas City on 684		150	Romania 28
82	US	P209 / 900	C+	117	US	S145 / 204	B+V	151	Sweden 18
83	US	P239 (SE)	C+			Memphis		152	Swiss 43
84	US	R61	A			<b>US Multiple C Items</b>		153	World Perfins Catalog
85	US	R62 / 595	B			<b>Minimum Bid \$2.00</b>			Middle East 1975
86	US	R91 / 514	C+	118	A183C, A221-40, B61,	B87			only 10 stamps
87	US	R111 / 901	C+	119	B116-17, B116-34.8,	B123		154	World Perfins Catalog
88	US	R116	B		B148				European Section 1994
89	US	S2.10 / 707	C+	120	B187, C49, C61,	C93			very few stamps
90	US	S46.3	B	121	C100, C106, C172,	C176			
91	US	S149 / 557	C+	122	C356-13, D107, E29,	E43			
		(5h) - on edge		123	E9, E17, E29, E137				
92	US	S186 / 549	C+	124	F35, F126, F144,	F226			
		close to edge		125	H31, H39R, H76,	H107			
93	US	S195-8 / 554	B	126	H35, H54, H75,	H138			
94	US	S195-42 / 711	B	127	H150, H173, I73,	J34			
95	US	S206 / 332	B	128	J96.14, J178.1, M17,	M41			

**End of Auction #139.  
Good Luck with Your Bids!!**

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# Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

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The reverse of this cover is also interesting. The two circular “New York, Station P,” cancels are registration cancels dated December 11, 1912.

The “New York Reg’r (4) Forg’n” cancel was applied on the following day, likely by the New York post office which handled mail to foreign countries.

There is no receiving mark at a port post office, though the arrival port city was probably Bremerhaven, Germany. The only receiving mark is from the Essen (Ruhr region) post office on December 22, 1912. It had taken the letter about 11 days to cross the Atlantic and arrive in Essen.

There are still mysteries presented by this cover, but we have been able to expose several of them, including a new user!



Reverse side of the cover (cropped) that is shown on Page 69

**Remember! Dues are Due!**

**Dues are payable by June 30 of each year to the Secretary**

Yes, it is that time of year again! Please look at your mailing address on this *Bulletin*. If the date above your name is 6/30/2014, then you need to renew. Dues notices will be mailed out soon. Some of you are paid through 2015 and, of course, you will not need to pay dues this year. Look for the notice.

> MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO "THE PERFINS CLUB" << Do not make the check payable to the Ken Rehfeld. Then send it to me, Ken Rehfeld, P.O. Box 125, Spokane Valley, WA 99016-0125 USA.

You may also pay your dues via PayPal to: [perfin@charter.net](mailto:perfin@charter.net). In the information line, please make sure you indicate this is for dues and give your member number so we can correctly mark you paid.

We will also be asking Life Members for confirmation. Please return this to Ken Rehfeld or send him email at [kenrehfeld@comcast.net](mailto:kenrehfeld@comcast.net). Life Members who wish to receive the Bulletin by first class mail should send payment before the end of July—US is \$5, Canada \$7, Foreign \$10. Thanks!

Item	U.S.	Canada	Other Non-U.S.
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For First Class Mail, including Life Members, add	US\$5	US\$7	US\$10

Life Memberships are available as shown below. No dues to pay again! Contact Ken Rehfeld if interested.

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55 through 69 years	US\$300	US\$360	US\$500
70 years +	US\$225	US\$270	US\$375