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## Our New Editor is

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

Clark Buchi (#4028) from Franklin, TN. He has graciously volunteered to relieve Ken Masters (LM#3589) of the responsibilities of the Club's most important activity - Editor of *The Perfins Bulletin*. Clark has a most impressive philatelic background in both administration and journal preparation. He and a colleague founded the First Issues Collectors Club (APS Affiliate #232) and he developed the Club's bimonthly journal *First Issues*, as Editor/Publisher, a position he held for six years.

By the time you read this notice, Clark will be in

the Editor's Chair preparing the galleys for the May/June 2014 issue of the *Bulletin*. Clark's complete biography will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin*. Members should now forward articles and other information that they want published to Clark using the contact information found at the bottom of the Officers, Directors, and Managers listings on page 22. Ken Masters will continue as the *Bulletin's* publisher to coordinate the printing of the final copy and the mailing to members along with assisting the Editor with any unforeseen transition abnormalities.

## Election of Club Officers Announcement

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

In 2014, as is the case every year, one or more Club Offices will be open for election. This year nominations are being accepted for the Office of President for a three year term from 2015 through 2017 inclusive. The current President, Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710), who has held this office since January 2012, will not be seeking reelection.

Similarly, the Director-at-Large position held by Doug Turner (LM#2549), whose first term will expire this year, will also be open for election. Doug has expressed an interest to stand for reelection for a second three year term, but other candidates are welcome to apply as well.

Nominations of self, or others, should be sent by March 31, 2014, to one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Bob Szymanski (LM#145) Chair, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371 USA or [perfinman@comcast.net](mailto:perfinman@comcast.net); Dan Baugher (#3825), 14618 Big Timber Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017-5659 USA or [dbaugher@charter.net](mailto:dbaugher@charter.net); and/or Steve Endicott (LM#2284), 20 Greensburgh Lane, San Anselmo, CA 94960-1000 USA or [perfins@gmail.com](mailto:perfins@gmail.com). The results of this solicitation of nominations will be presented by the Committee at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

## !!! St. Louis in August !!!

If you have not already done so, now is the time to make plans to attend the 2014 Perfins Club Convention that will held from Monday, August 4 through Saturday, August 9. Lots of perfins! Lots of stories and great conversation! The location will be in the Sheraton Westport Plaza Tower, 900 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146-3014.

The phone number to call to make your room

reservation is 1-888-627-7064. Please call before July 14, 2014, and ask for the "Precancel Stamp Society" rate of \$109/night for a standard room. If you prefer, online reservations may be made at: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/precancelstampsociety>. For your convenience, our convention room rate is good for two nights prior to and one night following the convention. See you there!

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## Floyd Walker Award

Ken Masters (LM#3589)

The Floyd Walker Award was initiated in 2003 in honor of Floyd Walker, a three times Editor of *The Perfins Bulletin*. One of Floyd's great joys was the opportunity to edit and write for the *Bulletin* and meet many of the members of The Perfins Club through phone calls, letters, emails, and in person.

This Award, given annually to a member of The Perfins Club, recognizes contributions to *The Perfins Bulletin* of an original article, series of articles, or group of unrelated articles. Criteria includes the general interest of the article(s), scholarly research or time spent on the article(s), and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of U.S. and worldwide perfins collecting.

Now is the time for Club members to nominate whomever you feel best exemplifies the Floyd Walker Award profile described above for 2014.

The only caveat is that this year's award is for authors published in the 2013 volume of *The Perfins Bulletin* [Volume 67, Numbers 1-6]. Review last year's *Bulletins* and nominate the person you feel has written the best article(s), or those that stimulated your thinking most, or maybe those which just put some fun back into perfins collecting.

Nominations for the 2014 Floyd Walker Award should be sent to one of the following Committee members: Ken Masters (LM#3589) Chair, 7909 North Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64118-1449 USA or [kmasters@aol.com](mailto:kmasters@aol.com); and/or Clark Buchi (#4028), 816 High Point Ridge Road, Franklin, TN USA 37069-4767 or [eclark8@yahoo.com](mailto:eclark8@yahoo.com) by March 31, 2014. The winner will be announced during the Convention in St. Louis, MO, this August.

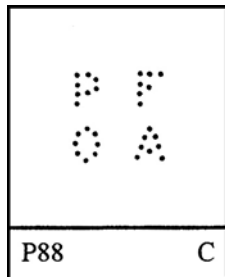
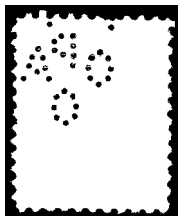
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## "What is It? Contest Results

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

In the last (January/February 2014) issue of the *Bulletin*, I submitted a short article entitled "What Is It?" with the illustration of a perfin that surfaced at the 2013 Chattanooga convention [68:4]. Several members quickly responded. John Welsch (#3832) submitted the first, correct response.

To refresh your memory and so you do not have to look up the article in the January/February 2014 *Bulletin*, the image of the unknown perfin is shown again here. At first glance, it appears to be (P/OA/O). Actually, it is a partial double punch of pattern **P88** (PF/OA),



which has interwoven the two punches in a confusing manner.

Pattern **P88** was used by "Pierce Fordyce Oil Corporation, Houston, TX," in stamps issued from 1908 to 1922. It is also known in a precancel from St. Louis, MO.

I offered a B rated U.S. perfin to the first person to respond correctly. John Welsch has studied the International Silver Company series **I91.xx** (ISC(o)) and has provided me with extensive research information about this company's use of perfins. Thus, I was thrilled when John asked me if I could possibly find him a copy of pattern **I91.5**. I was even more thrilled when I could respond, "Yes!"

Congratulations, John! Enjoy your new perfin.

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## Join us in Atascadero in April

Bruce Brunell (#2831)

Please consider joining us in Atascadero, CA, on Thursday, April 10, 2014, and Friday, April 11, 2014, for the Spring Round-up, sponsored by the Golden Gate Precancel Society. Many perfins and precancels will be available at this meeting.

As in the past, the meeting will be held at the Best

Western Colony Inn, 3600 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422-2254. Call 805-466-4449 to reserve a room and be sure to mention our event. The facility features a nice meeting room, complimentary breakfast, a swimming pool and spa. Passes to the gym next door are also complimentary.

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## Hallock Card Award

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

In 1967, The Perfins Club decided to perpetuate the memory of the Club founder, Hallock Card, by presenting an annual Award to a member who has performed outstanding service in the field of perfins or for the Club.

Time is approaching when a decision will be made for 2014. Members are asked to nominate in writing - in 25 words (more or less) - one or more of their colleagues who they think is deserving of the Award this year. Who has done the most for the Club? Who should receive recognition for outstanding services rendered? Why do you think it is deserved?

Nominations for consideration by the 2014

Hallock Card Award Committee should be sent to one of the following Committee members: Bob Combs (LM#24) Chair, P.O. Box 220, Tome, NM 87060-0220 USA or [stampmgr@hubwest.com](mailto:stampmgr@hubwest.com); Bill Driscoll (LM#71), 301 Driver Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483-2961 USA or [mdriscoll@sc.rr.com](mailto:mdriscoll@sc.rr.com); and/or Ken Masters (LM#3589), 7909 North Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64118-1449 USA or [krmasters@aol.com](mailto:krmasters@aol.com).

Nominations must be received by March 31, 2014, to allow sufficient time for the Committee to make a prudent decision in time for presentation of the award at this year's Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

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## A Huge and Heartfelt Thank You!

Ken Masters (LM#3589)

It is with mixed emotions that I finalize this last issue of the *Bulletin* which I have had the privilege of serving as your Editor. First, there is happiness when I remember the friendships with so many of you that I have been fortunate to make over the past 5+ years. These I cherish and hope to maintain for many years in the future. On the flip side, there is a touch of sadness when I realize that these regular contacts with so many of you will cease.

The overall emotion, however, is thankfulness. Thank you to all of you who sent me articles for publication. Every article was interesting and informative, and I can truly say that I learned something about perfins while working on each one.

A special recognition goes to those of you who were regular contributors. You are the backbone of

the *Bulletin*. Without your continued help and support, it would have been rather skimpy.

I could have not maintained the high quality of the *Bulletin* without the help of three special people: Associate Editors, Rudy Roy (#1124) and Doug Turner (LM#2549), and Proofreader, Myra Walker. Your peer review of each article, suggestions for improvements, and catching my grammatical and typing errors were invaluable. Thank you!

Finally, I am very thankful that Clark Buchi (#4028) answered my appeal and volunteered to become your new Editor. I recently spent several days with Clark and know that he will take the *Bulletin* to new heights. I simply ask that you extend to him the ongoing support that you provided me.

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## Blackhawk Beer Label Follow-up

Ken Masters (LM#3589)

A very colorful Blackhawk beer label with a date punch was illustrated on page 7 of the January/February 2014 *Bulletin* [68:7]. This label indicated that Blackhawk beer was bottled by "United Brew Company, Chicago, IL." As I could find no Internet references that would confirm the information on the label, I asked our members for their help.

With this background, Dan Fellows (#3364) made contact with T. Kampfer via his website [www.usbeerlabels.com](http://www.usbeerlabels.com). Mr. Kampfer, a very knowledgeable and active collector of U.S. vintage beer labels, shared the following:

"This brand was bottled by the United Brew Co.

The brewer of the beer is unknown. It was a very common practice that a small brewery would send its beer out to be bottled by a large bottling company. The actual brewery was probably listed on the neck label, embossed on the bottle, or only shown on the case of bottles. Sometimes, we can figure out who the brewer was, but for this label that information has never been established. The Blackhawk brand was a very widely used brand and quite popular in the Midwest."

Thanks, Dan, for the time and effort you spent to find this information and then passing it along to your fellow Club members.

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# Schermack with Control Perfins Census Results

Curt McCoy (#3962)

Collectors have been studying Schermacks with Control Identification Marks for 70+ years. Early on, the lists of control patterns were in a constant state of flux as new items were reported. Most data was exchanged by the written word. The changing methods of describing a particular pattern played havoc with early reports.

Surveys were occasionally conducted. The Perfins Club is known to have conducted surveys among their members in 1968, 1988, and 2000, the latter two based on the perfin Design Numbers listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog). Other stamp collectors, still using the Howard Missing Pin description method, shared data as well.

This current 2013 Schermack with Control Perfins Census endeavors to bridge that gap by accumulating data from both perfins collectors and the general stamp collecting community. We had 3,115 Schermacks with Control Perfins reported. I am sure this is by far the largest recording ever taken. Even so, there is no way possible that we have counted everything. I know of several collectors who, for whatever reason, did not share their data. Like any Census, you never expect to count every last item out there. What you hope to achieve is that you get a large enough, broad enough sampling to get a good representation of the total population. I think we were successful.

The primary focus of this Census was to recognize scarcity by design patterns. A secondary focus was to go a little bit further and recognize scarcity by Scott numbers as well. Hopefully this gives us more insight regarding the timeline of usage by companies.

The Census results are summarized in spreadsheet format on the following two pages. To help you understand the tremendous amount of data presented, following are some important highlights:

- Across all 3,115 stamps, the pattern most often reported was **Des. 90-65**, that was used by “Julian Hawthorne Company, New York, NY,” (252 or 8.1%). Next was **Des. 90-59**, that was used by “John Wanamaker Company, New York, NY,” (181 or 5.8%). Third place is **Des. 90-74**, that was used by “U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Company, New York, NY,” (176 or 5.7%). Following these three, eight patterns had over 100 examples reported. Thus, the 11 most

reported patterns comprise 51.6% of the total.

- Another key observation to be made from the Census is the totals reported by stamp series. Of the 3115 total stamps reported, 2,288 (73.5%) were from the 1908 series, another 624 (20%) were from the 1910 series, and only 199 (6.4%) from the 1912 series. (The remaining 4 stamps were from the 1906 series.) As expected, these numbers clearly show that the usage of Schermacks with Control Perforation experienced an initial surge followed by a rapid decline.
- In the Census, a total of 431 copies of Schermacks with Control Perfins were reported still on the original cover. This is an additional 14% above those reported off cover. The colorful **Des. 90-34**, “Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, IL,” with 47 covers, **Des. 90-69**, “Austin Nichols Company, New York, NY,” with 30, and **Des. 90-74**, “U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Company, New York, NY,” with 29 are at the top of this list representing 25% of the total covers. So, not surprising, covers with more artwork on them have a higher probability of being kept intact.
- Another interesting aspect of the covers is the postmark information. The earliest postmark is November 13, 1909, on a cover with **Des. 90-5** from the “Hill Publishing Company, New York, NY.” The last known cover is from “Kabo Corset Company, Chicago, IL,” postmarked March 24, 1914, with a broken pin variety of their **Des. 90-19**.

In summary, every effort was made to collect and record data accurately. When submissions looked suspicious, they were questioned. Some were wrong and were corrected. Others, upon closer examination proved to be correct and were recorded. Still others are a little more subtle and may still be hidden in the final reports. We are human and we make mistakes. So, do not accept the data on blind faith. If something looks out of place, challenge it! That is how we learn and go forward.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this Census. If you have any questions about it or would like to discuss any of the results in more detail, please contact me: Curt McCoy, 10253 Collard, Lakeview, MI 48850-9143 or [cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com](mailto:cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com).

# FINAL SCHERMACKS w/PERFORATED CONTROL MARKS

by Curt McCoy

11/5/2013

## CENSUS 2013

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USSS # 16343

9 HOLE DESIGN MISSING PINS	PERFINS CATALOG #	1906 Series		1908 Series				1911 Series		1912 Series		TOTAL COUNT	ON COVER	Earliest Usage	Latest Usage	PRIMARY USER COMPANIES	
		#314	#320	#343	#344	#345	#346	#383	#384	#408	#409					City	
NONE	90-1			12	43		9	1	11		1	77	6	1909	2/14/1911	Review Of Reviews/Spencer Trask & Co.	NY
1	90-2										1	1		7/1/1910	7/1/1910	Spencer Trask & Co.	NY
3	90-3			6	21				1		2	30	2	5/16/1910	5/16/1910	Smith Gray & Co.	NY
4	90-4				1							1				Unknown	
5	90-5		2		11						2	15	2	11/13/1909	7/7/1910	Hill Publishing Co.	NY
7	90-6				29				4		2	35	3	4/9/1910	6/15/1910	John Wanamaker/Brunswick-Blake-Collander	NY
9	90-7				54			2	26		3	85	21	4/13/1910	2/15/1912	Fidelity-Phenix Insurance	CHI
1-3	90-8			11	41				3		2	57	14	3/3/1910	5/2/1910	The Cosmopolitan Group	NY
1-4	90-9										2	2				Success Magazine	NY
1-7	90-10			1								1				Unknown	
1-9	90-11			9	8			1	27		1	46	5	7/20/1910	7/16/1911	Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.	DET
2-5	90-12			6	29				1		2	38	7	2/15/1910	7/27/1910	David Williams Co. & Others	NY
2-8	90-13	1		38				3	1	11	10	64	19	2/2/1910	2/2/1914	Anti-Saloon League/Tax Payers League	DET
3-6	90-14				45				23		13	81	6	1/3/1910	7/28/1911	C. A. Strelinger Co.	DET
3-7	90-15			24	39	10		8	14		3	98	19	5/6/1910	2/26/1911	Babson Brothers & Others	CHI
4-5	90-16				61				42			103	6	3/15/1910	5/5/1911	Hammacher Schlemmer Co.	NY
4-6	90-17										2	2				Unknown	
4-7	90-18			29	19			18	4		1	71	2	5/28/1910	1/?/1911	Ohio Electric Co.	CHI
4-8	90-19			15	20			7	46	3	36	127	18	9/23/1910	2/10/1914	Kabo Corset Co.	CHI
4-9	90-20											0				Unknown	
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5-7												0				Unknown	
5-8	90-22										2	2				E. F. Houghton & Co.	NY
6-8	90-23										2	2				Unknown	
6-9	90-24			4	29				12	2	16	63	12	3/25/1910	1/31/1913	National Fire Insurance Co.	CHI
7-9	90-25				16				2		2	20				Third National Bank	STL
1-2-4	90-26				4						1	5	1	3/6/1910	5/16/1910	A. Saks	NY
1-2-7	90-27				4						1	5		7/11/1910	7/11/1910	Unknown	
1-3-4	90-28			7	15			2	1		1	26	3	8/24/1910	8/24/1910	Smith Gray & Co.	NY
1-3-6	90-29										2	2				Unknown	
1-3-7	90-30		1	20	45			2	5		1	74	15	5/2/1910	11/18/1910	Cosmopolitan Group & J. Walter Thompson	NY
1-3-9	90-31				1				1		2	4				Unknown	
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1-7-9	90-33				3							3				Unknown	
2-3-6	90-34			21	70			4	31		1	127	47	12/9/1909	8/30/1911	The Cosmopolitan Group/Quaker Oats Co.	NY/CHI
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3-7-8	90-39							2				2				Babson Brothers & Others	CHI
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6-8-9	90-44			1	98				11		2	112	17	1/19/1910	1/16/1911	Hill Publishing Co./The American Machinist	NY
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1-3-7-8	90-49											0				Unknown	

9 HOLE DESIGN MISSING PINS	PERFINS CATALOG #	1906 Series		1908 Series				1911 Series		1912 Series		TOTAL COUNT	ON COVER	Earliest Usage	Latest Usage	PRIMARY USER COMPANIES		City
		#314	#320	#343	#344	#345	#346	#383	#384	#408	#409							
1-3-7-9	90-50									1	1					Unknown		
1-4-6-9	90-51									2	2					Unknown		
1-6-7-9	90-52										0					Unknown		
2-3-5-6	90-53			67	33			7	6		113	14	12/2/1909	12/23/1910		Osborne Co.	NY	
2-4-6-8	90-54									1	1					Unknown		
3-4-6-7	90-55										0					Unknown		
3-6-7-8									2		2		3/28/1911	3/28/1911		Babson Brothers & Others	CHI	
4-5-7-8	90-56			21	36				4		61	23	11/19/1909	1/5/1911		De Laval Separator Co.	NY	
4-6-7-8	90-57								1		1					Unknown		
4-6-7-9	90-58				1					1	2					Unknown		
5-6-8-9	90-59			25	144			1	11		181	27	1909	10/1/1910		John Wanamaker Co.	NY	
1-2-3-5-8	90-60										0					Unknown		
1-2-4-5-6	90-61			5	31				4	2	42	2	9/27/1910	9/27/1910		W. M. Crane Co.	NY	
1-2-5-8-9	90-62				1						1					Unknown		
1-3-4-6-7	90-63										0					Unknown		
1-3-5-7-8	90-64										0					Unknown		
1-3-5-7-9	90-65			175	60			12	5		252	6	3/29/1910	3/29/1910		Julian Hawthorne Co.	NY	
1-4-6-8-9	90-66				1					1	2					Unknown		
1-4-7-8-9	90-67										0					Unknown		
2-3-4-5-6	90-68			11	12			2		2	27	1	5/4/1910	5/4/1910		Dealers Protective Assn.	NY	
2-3-5-7-9	90-68.5				1						1					Unknown		
2-4-5-6-8	90-69				93				46	1	141	30	1/11/1910	8/30/1911		Austin Nichols Co.	NY	
2-4-6-7-9	90-70				1						1					Unknown		
2-5-7-8-9	90-71			3	28			1	2	2	36	7	4/18/1910	7/18/1910		David Williams Co. & Others	NY	
3-4-6-7-8	90-72			4	8		1	18	60		93	18	4/7/1911	8/25/1912		Babson Brothers & Others	CHI	
4-5-6-7-9	90-73										0					Unknown		
4-5-6-8-9	90-74			65	85			9	15	1	176	29	12/27/1909	9/13/1910		U. T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Co.	NY	
2-3-4-5-6-9					1						1					Unknown		
2-4-5-6-7-9	90-75				1						1					Julian Hawthorne Co.	NY	
1-2-4-5-6-7-8										1	1		3/24/1914	3/24/1914		Kabo Corset Co.	CHI	
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8											0					Kabo Corset Co.	CHI	
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9	90-76										0					Unknown		
<b>12 HOLE DESIGN</b>																		
NONE	91-1			6	57		26		7		96	1	1909	2/26/1910		Unknown	NY	
ADIL	91-2										0					Unknown		
AF	91-3			8	3			1			12					Unknown		
AFK	91-4				1						1					Unknown		
AGHL	91-5										0					Unknown		
BCEFGH	91-6				1						1					Unknown		
BEFJ	91-7				1						1					Unknown		
CEFGJ	91-8										0					Unknown		
CFGJ	91-9				1						1					Unknown		
CFGHJ	91-10				1						1					Unknown		
<b>OTHER DESIGNS</b>																		
DIAMOND	92-1			13	15			1			29	4	12/16/1909	9/29/1910		California Perfume Co.	NY	
"U"				2							2					Unknown		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>1445</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>3115</b>	<b>431</b>					

# Schermack Ratings Revisions

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

The recent Schermack Perfins Census has added significant information to our perfins knowledge base. The challenge for me, as your U.S. Catalog Chairman, has been to make decisions about this information in a manner that is based on evidence, is logical, and is equitable to perfins collectors.

The rarest of patterns have been confirmed by this Census. On the other hand, many more copies of some patterns were reported than we ever imagined existed. In studying the Census, I have identified three decision areas: (A) appropriate rating changes, (B) consideration of patterns to be deleted, and (C) identification of the "migration" of patterns caused by broken pins. I have discussed these decisions with the Catalog Advisory Committee (the group of members who participate in assisting me with significant Catalog changes), and we are in agreement with what is presented below.

In considering the possible changes to the ratings, we recognize that Schermacks are desirable items by many philatelists who are not interested in collecting perfins. A significant number of these items will never be available to the perfin collector. Should the full Census counts be used in rating perfins? I do not want to institute sudden, major changes in ratings. I think modest "step-downs" are more appropriate and are fair to all collectors.

Many Schermack perfins will retain their current ratings. Thirty-five Schermacks will have revised ratings to be included in A&C#4 to the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) and are listed at the right. No perfin rating drops more than two levels. Over time, we may see auction activity that would call us to consider further rating revisions.

Eight patterns currently listed in the U.S. Perfins Catalog will be deleted. Copies of these patterns were not reported in any past Census by The Perfins Club nor in the current Census. Apparently, they do not exist. They may have been lost or destroyed in a natural event or discarded by a stamp collector. The pattern may have had a dimple and had been incorrectly reported. Or, the collector may have mistakenly rotated or inverted the pattern, thereby confusing it as a new pattern. As has been our convention, these eight patterns will be deleted from the Catalog, but will be listed at the end of the Design section as not being seen and being questionable.

Turning to the last question, there is a lot of conjecture about the migration of patterns caused by

pins breaking over time. A definitive broken pin discussion can be reduced to those patterns that are known to have the same user AND for which the dates of usage are mutually exclusive; this provides evidence that the revised pattern was used conscientiously in a business endeavor over a reasonable time period.

Only two situations fit: Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Company's use of patterns **Des. 90-11** and **Des. 90-32** and Babson Brother's use of patterns **Des. 90-15** and **Des. 90-72**. In both situations the patterns are well documented by single stamps and by covers. The periods of usage are quite distinct, with a one year gap between their documented usage. These patterns will retain their positions in the Catalog. In A&C#4, the identification for **Des. 90-72** will be revised to **Des. 90-72R** and the identification for **Des. 90-32** will be revised to **Des. 90-32R**, reflecting the documented business use of a revised pattern.

Revised Ratings			
Pattern	Rating	Pattern	Rating
Des. 90-01	B	Des. 90-34	C+
Des. 90-06	B+	Des. 90-41	B
Des. 90-07	B	Des. 90-42	C+
Des. 90-08	B+	Des. 90-44	C+
Des. 90-11	B	Des. 90-45	C+
Des. 90-12	B+	Des. 90-53	C+
Des. 90-13	B	Des. 90-56	B
Des. 90-15	B	Des. 90-59	C
Des. 90-16	C+	Des. 90-61	B+
Des. 90-18	B	Des. 90-65	C
Des. 90-19	C+	Des. 90-69	C+
Des. 90-24	B	Des. 90-71	B+
Des. 90-26	A	Des. 90-72	B
Des. 90-27	A	Des. 90-74	C
Des. 90-29	A+	Des. 91-01	B
Des. 90-30	B	Des. 91-03	A
Des. 90-31	A	Des. 92-01	B+
Des. 90-33	A		

Deleted Patterns	
Des. 90-20	Des. 90-52
Des. 90-37	Des. 90-55
Des. 90-46	Des. 90-63
Des. 90-49	Des. 90-67



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## A Hole Does Not a Perfin Make - Sometimes!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Occasionally, stamps are found with holes. That is quite a statement to make to the nearly 500 members who make up The Perfins Club! There are big holes, small holes, odd sized holes, and mostly round holes. But when does a hole in a stamp constitute a "perfin"? I leave the definitive answer to the catalog editors. A stamp may look like a perfin but does not fit the broad definition of a perfin as a security punch. Maybe the perfin predates or postdates the country's official usage period! Maybe it wasn't used to protect against illegal usage but for some other reason! However, it just could be a perfin!

In their own way all these are interesting to different collectors. I draw your attention to one particular item - the Scott #206 1-cent Franklin - both the mint and used copies pictured in Figure 1. **U n c o m m o n**, yes! Interesting, yes! My vote for the first authorized use of a perfinned stamp in



**Figure 1**  
Mint & used copy of Scott #206  
with a Douglas Patent Stamp.

the United States goes to this officially authorized, governmental use of this stamp - a Douglas Patent Stamp made about 1882 for the purposes of defeating the reuse of stamps. For a full story, see the description that will be in the April 2014 Private Auction of perfins that I will conduct.

Are these collectible? What I can say is that some perfin collectors collect anything with holes in it. Whether we agree on everything about perfins is not the reason for this article, but it is intended to evoke discussion amongst perfin collectors.

Take a look at the group of stamps with holes shown below in Figure 2. What do you think? Perfins or not?

If any of these items pique your interest, let me know and I will forward you a copy of the auction held on behalf of both estates of deceased collectors as well as for collectors who because of age or some other compelling reason have found it necessary to dispose of their perfins. My contact information is on page 22 of this issue under Immediate Past President.

If after reading this article I have caused you to look at holes with a more quizzical mind, then I have succeeded. Keep searching and enjoy.



**Figure 2**  
Are these perfins or simply stamps with holes?

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## Answer to "Holey" Mailometer type IV?

Ken Masters (LM#3589)

Curt McCoy (#3962) shared a Mailometer type IV Vending and Affixing Machine stamp with several numbers punched into the stamp on page 14 of the January/February 2014 *Bulletin* [68:14]. The question was what is the source of this punch - an incidental punch from a check, bond, or stock certificate; a "Kodak" punch; or something else.

John Mathews, retired Secretary of the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia, responded that he believes this is most likely a Kodak numeral punch. These were applied to the address tag of the small cloth bag used to mail the exposed roll of film

to the Kodak lab and the "leader" of the film so the processed film could be matched with the address tag for return mailing. To learn more about these "Kodak" punches, refer to pages 84 & 85 of the July/August 2009 *Bulletin* [63:84-85], and pages 94 & 95 of the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* [64:94-95].

I agree that the punch in Curt's stamp appears to match examples of the "Kodak" punches shown in these articles. However, production of the Mailometer type IV perforations ceased in 1917. Thus, it seems strange that this stamp was used on a mailing that was probably made several years later.

# The User of Pattern S65 is the Studebaker Corporation

Paul Gault (#744)

The Studebaker Corporation is listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) as a confirmed user of four patterns:

- **S54** (SB/C(o)) at their Salt Lake City, UT, branch office (reported in A&C#3)
- **S63** (SC) and **S63A** (SC) at their main facilities in South Bend, IN, and
- **S85** (SCO/Co), listed as “Studebaker Corporation of America” at their Brooklyn, NY, location.

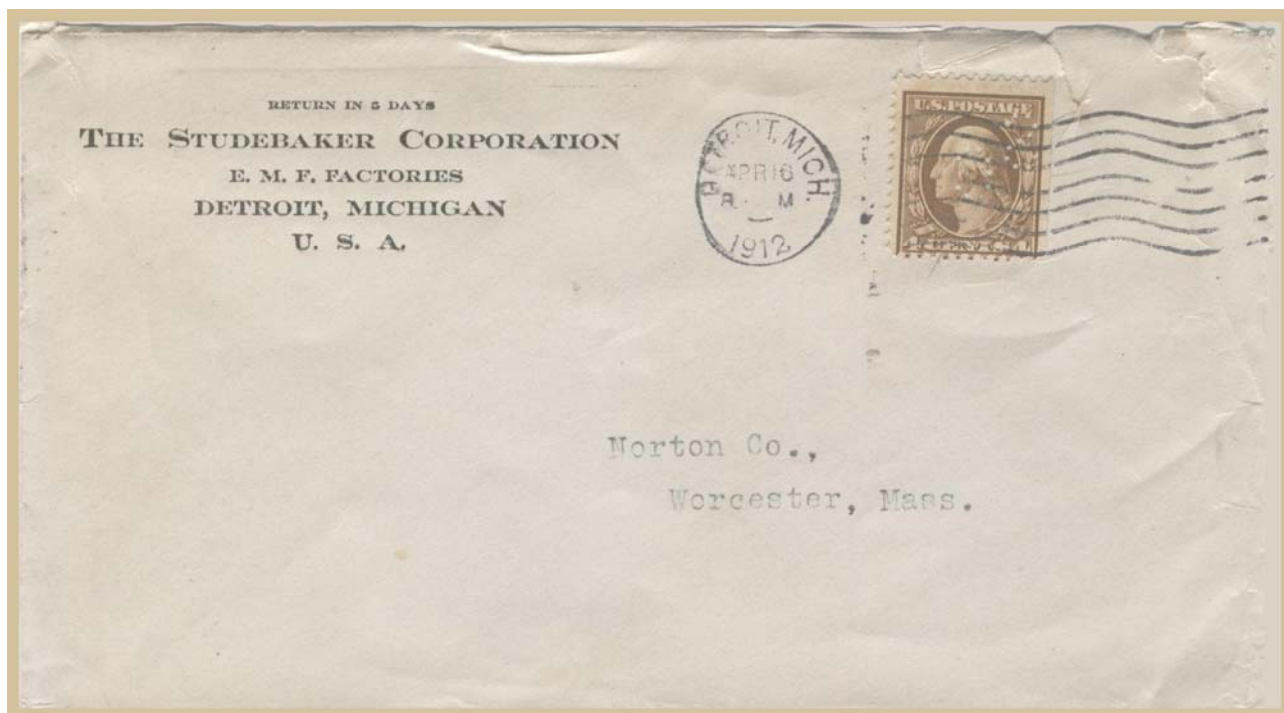
In addition, the user of pattern **S254** (SSC) is listed in the Catalog as the “Studebaker Corporation, New York, NY,” but this usage has not been verified by a U.S. Catalog Chairman. With the exception of **S63** and **S63A**, the design of these patterns is completely different from each other.

I recently obtained the cover shown in Figure 1 below that is franked with a 4-cent Washington stamp perforated with pattern **S65** (SC). The Catalog indicates the user of **S65** is currently unknown. However, the return address clearly shows the cover was mailed by “The Studebaker Corporation, E.M.F. Factories, Detroit, Michigan.” So, it appears the previous statement is no longer true.

A scan of this cover was sent to the U.S. Catalog Chairman and he agrees. The verified user of **S65** will be listed as “The Studebaker Corporation, Detroit, MI,” in A&C#4 of the Catalog. Thus, there are now five verified and a sixth probable pattern that were used by the Studebaker Corporation.

Being curious about the meaning of “E.M.F. Factories” in the return address, I started searching the Internet to see what I could find. “E.M.F.” (usually written as E-M-F) is an abbreviation for the “Everitt-Metzger-Flanders Company,” so named for their founders: Byron F. Everitt, William E. Metzger, and Walter E. Flanders. <sup>(1)</sup> The company was founded on June 2, 1908, as a result of a merger of the Wayne Automobile Company and the Northern Motor Car Company. This provided E-M-F three ready-made plants, Wayne's and Northern's in Detroit MI, and the latter's second plant in Port Huron, MI.

The Studebaker Corporation was incorporated in Indiana as the “Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company” in 1868. <sup>(2)</sup> It operated under this name until it was reorganized as the “Studebaker Corporation” in 1911. They were one of the largest wagon-manufacturing companies in the U.S. and



**Figure 1**  
The Studebaker Corporation, Detroit, MI, cover postmarked April 16, 1912, and franked with a 4-cent Washington stamp that is perforated with B rated pattern S65. This cover provides positive identification of the user of S65. (Actual size.)

## Pattern S65 User is Studebaker (cont.)

were the only corporation that was successful in making the transition from horse drawn to gasoline powered vehicles.<sup>(1)</sup> To support their manufacturing operations, they established a series of branch offices to sell and service their products. Figure 2 shows their Salt Lake City, UT, branch in a 1909 photo.<sup>(3)</sup>

Now, to the connection between E-M-F and Studebaker. To provide a ready-made dealership organization, shortly after their founding in 1908, E-M-F contacted the Studebaker brothers to market 500 of their cars.<sup>(1)</sup>

It was not long until the E-M-F partners began quarreling over the Studebaker deal. Metzger had not favored the alliance from the beginning, and now he



**Figure 2**  
**April 12, 1909, photo of the**  
**Studebaker Brothers Company of**  
**Utah branch office.**

convinced Everitt that it had been a bad idea, too. In May 1909, Studebaker purchased Everitt's and Metzger's stock in E-M-F. Then in March 1910, Studebaker gained complete control of E-M-F with the purchase of its remaining stock. The E-M-F Company was formally merged into Studebaker in February 1911, ending their existence as a separate company.<sup>(1)</sup>

Studebaker relocated their automobile production from Detroit, MI, to South Bend, IN, in 1919.<sup>(2)</sup> After being forced into receivership in 1933, the company successfully emerged in 1935 and operated well into the 1960's. Many of us remember from our youth their automobiles with the unique "bullet nose" design and other innovative features.

[Editor's Note: To learn more about these two pioneers in U.S. automobile industry, you are encouraged to consult the references listed below. I believe you will find the information recorded there to be very entertaining.]

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1. [http://emfauto.org/EMF\\_history.php](http://emfauto.org/EMF_history.php)
2. <http://www.studebakerhistory.com>
3. [http://content.lib.utah.edu/cdm/ref/collection/USHS\\_Shipler/id/3956](http://content.lib.utah.edu/cdm/ref/collection/USHS_Shipler/id/3956)

## What's Your Favorite Color?

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

I can tell you that my favorite color is NOT black! I grew up attending a Seminary where black was the color of the day - every day. With the exception of sports attire, everything was BLACK! I am not monochromatic by birth or choice!

So can anyone tell me why I collect Black Harding prepers? Black cancels on black stamps. Headache city! Luckily, the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) gives a lot of help as I can usually look up and figure out what the precancel is by checking where the perfin was used.

This leads to the pair of perfins that is shown at the right - 7¢ Black Washington! I could not easily read the precancel and so, following my habit, I looked up the "M" perfin in the Catalog and found out that it is listed as pattern M8 (M) "Schenectady, NY, user unknown" and is not listed as known in a precancel either. Knowing the city location and with the help of a magnifying glass, I could finally pick out enough of the precancel to verify that it is indeed from Schenectady, NY.

The biggest surprise of all is that the perfin is rated "B+"!



**A pair of M8 Perfins with**  
**a Schenectady, NY, Precancel.**  
**(Actual size.)**

[Editor's Note: During the peer review of this article, Rudy Roy (#1124) noticed the partial oval handcancel on the right stamp. As precancels do not warrant an additional cancel, either when mailed or received, this is unusual. Because of the "black on black" cancel, Bob cannot read this cancel even under magnification. As this was undoubtedly mailed before the days of ball point pens or felt tip markers, our suspicion is that, when the postman on the receiving end did not see the precancel, the handcancel was applied.]

## Additional User for Pattern S28

Dave Smith (#1514)

Recently I acquired a group of covers franked with perfinned stamps. Pictured below is one from that group. After studying this cover for several minutes, I discovered it adds new information to our knowledge base of U.S. perfins.

Even though it is split, the perfin in the 4-cent Lincoln stamp is pattern **S28** (SAL), rated E. The verified user of this pattern reported in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) is "Seaboard Air Line Railway, General Offices: Richmond, VA." However, the corner card on this cover clearly shows the cover was mailed by "Chicago, Duluth and Georgian Bay Transit Company, Buffalo, NY." Internet searches revealed no connection between the two companies, other than both were in the business of transportation of people. Thus, it appears a new, alternate user for **S28** has been found.

A scan of the cover was sent to the U.S. Catalog Chairman for his consideration. After his review, he agrees, and will include "Chicago, Duluth and Georgian Bay Transit Company, Buffalo, NY," as an additional user of **S28** in the Catalog's A&C#4 Supplemental Information. He will also add the March 3, 1959, postmark to our growing Earliest Known Use/Latest Known Use (EKU/LKU) database.

As highlighted by the logo at the lower left corner of this cover, the "Georgian Bay Line" (GBL) was the popular name for the company. The GBL was

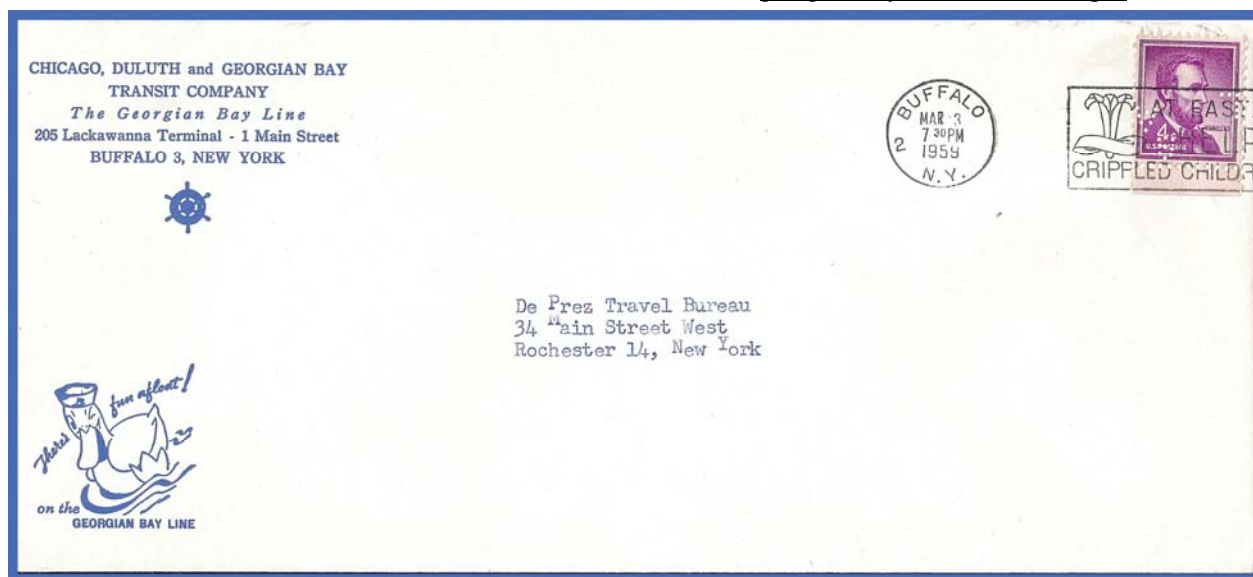
strictly a North American Great Lakes passenger excursion venture, a novel idea when the company was founded by Robert Chenault Davis in 1912.<sup>(1,2)</sup> The company began operation on January 16, 1913, with the launch of the *SS North American*. Following a very profitable first season, the company launched the *SS South American* on February 21, 1914. They eventually acquired a third vessel, *SS Alabama*, in the 1940's.<sup>(1)</sup>

The company was tremendously successful until the 1960's. However, its long-term viability was compromised by the seasonal nature of the Great Lakes cruise trade. The ships were traditionally fitted out each May and mothballed in late September. After the proliferation of passenger jet airplanes in the 1950's, North American tourists found themselves able to fly to the Caribbean and elsewhere where twelve-month cruising was possible. The last Georgian Bay Line ship made its final trip at the end of the 1967 season.<sup>(1)</sup>

On a personal note, my parents took their honeymoon on one of the GBL ships in early January 1940. They were married December 31, 1939, at City Hall in Kansas City, MO. They wore heavy coats in all of the photos that I recall seeing. Unfortunately, all of the photos are now gone.

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Chicago, Duluth and Georgian Bay Transit Company, Buffalo, NY, cover franked with a 4-cent Lincoln stamp (Scott #1036) that is perforated with E rated pattern S28. This cover provides a new, alternate user for S28. (70% actual size.)

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# Perfins and Perpetrators: Remnants of Texas' Great Statehouse Stamp Scandal

Tom Koch and Norman Cohen (#4047)



The short-lived Texas State perfins were a result of the infamous Sharpstown Scandal and several other improprieties conducted by Texas politicians in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Those of us who were in Texas in the early 1970s can still conjure up memories of the Sharpstown State Bank scandal of 1971-72. Many of the top politicians - Speaker of the House Gus Mutscher Jr., Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes, and Governor Preston Smith - had their careers derailed in various levels by the stock fraud case that included bribery for passing friendly bank legislation.

Suffice it to say the shenanigans were part of a pervasive culture of dishonesty in Austin during those days - good old Texas politics! You can read about it in Charles Deaton's excellent 1973 book, *The Year They Threw the Rascals Out*. Yes, that is the same Charles Deaton who has been a longtime stamp dealer in Texas.

Feeling heat from an appalled public, lawmakers who were not voted out were motivated to create strong reforms. Overshadowed somewhat by Sharpstown is a postage stamp scandal during those years that led to a brief effort at providing legislators with state-marked perfin stamps to prevent theft.

## Setting the Stage

To set the stage for the legislative perfin idea, here are various reports during that time:

In 1972 the *Cuero Record* claimed State Rep. J.T. "Terry" Newman (and former mayor of Cuero) used \$600 in postage stamps to pay for advertising in 1970. The newspaper said Newman used \$360 worth

of 6-cent stamps to pay for a 1971 ad bill. (The *Cuero* newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize in 1955 for helping expose a Veterans Land Board scandal.) Evidently, this accusation did not lead to an indictment.

The *Houston Post* reported that a "shocked and disgusted" Rep. Frank Lombardino of San Antonio wanted the U.S. Post Office to consider issuing an exclusive stamp for use by the State of Texas. Legislators would use only the official State of Texas stamp. In the fiscal year ending August 1971, Lombardino pointed out that \$402,300 was used by the legislature for postage stamps. "What in the world are 180 legislators doing using \$402,300 worth of stamps?" he said.

Good question. State Rep. Walter Knapp of Amarillo was convicted of using \$1,200 worth of stamps to buy a used pickup truck. Three days after he allegedly used the stamps for the purchase, the company that sold the truck got \$1,230 added to its postage meter. He was sentenced to a four-year prison term for theft by false pretext. The conviction was upheld in 1973. Knapp was released after a year and shot his ex-wife to death, then killed himself.

Here's a dandy. Rep. J. Hudson Moyer also of Amarillo drew \$7,680 in stamps over a 16-month period in 1969 while drawing only \$36 the previous year. He drew another \$4,680 the next year, and \$3,000 more to the end of his lameduck term in January 1971. That included a \$1,500 withdrawal a few days before he left the legislature. He could not have possibly used that many stamps in the lameduck period of his term. Plus, he never



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## Texas' Statehouse Stamp Scandal (cont.)

requested one envelope to use with the stamps. Indicted for theft, Moyer testified he believed he was entitled to the stamps but conceded he took \$6,060 in postage to pay off a personal bank loan. In 1972 he brought back 103,000 6-cent stamps in 206 rolls worth \$6,180 to the House Post Office. Too late. Moyer was told that since he had been out of office for two years, the stamps could be accepted as a gift and not used to alter his contingency expense account. After winning five delays in his trial, Moyer was convicted of stealing \$1,500 worth of stamps.

"It is incredible that any person, even as stupid as Mr. Moyer, could think he could be reimbursed and not even give any account for what he spent," said Dist. Atty. Robert O. Smith.

Moyer received 10 years probation. He was banned from practicing law during the probation but avoided jail. Moyer's daughter, Katrina, was abducted and murdered in 1975. He died in 2009 at age 77.

Rep. Tom Holmes of Granbury pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor counts of misusing postage stamps from his House expense account. That plea avoided the possibility of a felony trial on stamp thievery. He reportedly paid \$1,995 in stamps toward the purchase of a 1971 half ton Chevrolet pickup truck. He denied using the stamps to buy the pickup. He paid \$3,000 in fines that included the postage stamps he allegedly used to buy the truck.

About this time Mutscher, Texas House Speaker Pro-Tem Tommy Shannon and Mutscher assistant Rush McGinty were convicted of conspiring to accept a bribe in the Sharpstown scandal. They received probated sentences. Mutscher's conviction was later overturned.

The practice of issuing stamps in large rolls to members in whatever quantities they requested with no questions asked ended.

### Perfins and Meters

In early 1973 Rep. James Cole of Greenville suggested the House Administration Committee restrict postage issued to legislators to either perforated stamps or postage meters. Cole said a design, such as a star, could be perforated into the stamps for official use.

In 1975 The Committee on House Administration issued its report on decisions made during the 63rd Legislature. In the section on the post office, a new policy "to correct former abuses" allowed legislators \$120 per month for communications (metered mail, telephone and telegraph). They were also allowed

\$120 worth of stamps per month.

They were not allowed to turn in stamps to be credited against their metered stamp charges. Postdating metered mail was not allowed. Further, no newsletters were to be printed with indicia.

And finally, the use of postage stamps was limited to that necessary in the member's district office and in the Capitol Building when only one or two letters were to be mailed, and that all other mail processed in the Capitol Building be put through the postage meter.

The perfin design was a "C" inside a star representing the comptroller's office. The perfin is 11.5 millimeters in height. The design is listed as C10 in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* by Joseph Balough and Dorothy Balough published by The Perfins Club in 1979. Balough received the Texas Philatelic Association's (TPA) Distinguished Philatelic Texan recognition in 1990.



In the spring of 1976 the TPA's Norman Cohen saw an item in the *Dallas Morning News* that got his attention:

"If any state representative tries to sell some sheets of postage stamps (or buy a pickup with stamps, as once happened), hold the stamps up to a light.

"If you see perforations outlining a five-pointed star with a "C" in the center, look out. The stamps should be ones paid for by the taxpayers and issued to the lawmaker for official business only. Perforation of the stamps was started by the House Administration Committee last January to prevent hanky-panky that occurred in the past, or at least to help trace it.

"The perforations may have discouraged some use of state stamps. House postmaster Fred Scott was not sure of the reason, but said House members drew about \$13,700 worth of stamps last January and only \$9,000 worth in February. Each member has a \$156 monthly allotment for stamps.

"Scott said use of stamps is also decreasing since the House started issuing members postage meters in May. About 25 members are using meters now and Scott is encouraging their use by all because they will save money. The meters stamp mail as official business."

**Texas' Statehouse Stamp Scandal (cont.)  
Philatelic Opportunity**

Cohen saw a philatelic opportunity. He called the comptroller's office and asked for a couple of perforated stamps. He was told the only way he could get one is on a letter from a legislator.

That put a small kink in his plan so he visited friend and stamp collector State Senator Chris Semos of Dallas. Semos opened his drawer and showed Norman a sheet of perfins. He presented a plate number block of the stamps on his official state envelope to Cohen that bears a 1980 Dallas postmark. (Figure 1). Cohen also received a cover with a state perfin from the district office of State Comptroller Bob Bullock in 1976 (Figure 2)

As indicated in the *Dallas Morning News* story meters were favored and the perfins were phased out. They are clear reminders of the corrupt Texas legislators of more than four decades ago.

[Editor's Note: This entertaining article is reprinted from the May/June 2013 issue of *The Texas Philatelist*, Vol. 61, No. 3, pages 6-9, with the

permission of its Editor and the authors. We sincerely appreciate this opportunity to share this article with our members.]

Notes and Sources:

- The Texas House of Representatives Library furnished old newspaper clippings and the Committee on House Administration of the 63rd Legislature report.
- Balough, Joseph J. and Dorothy Balough, *Catalog of United States Perfins*, The Perfins Club, 1979.
- Texas Comptroller perfins on page 24 furnished by Norman Cohen.
- Chris Victor Semos (1936-2004) of the Oak Cliff section of Dallas served eight terms as a Democratic member of the Texas Legislature from 1966 to 1982. He followed that by serving eight years on the Dallas County Commissioner's Court. The Semos family owned and operated the popular Torch restaurant on West Davis St. in Dallas for nearly 40 years.

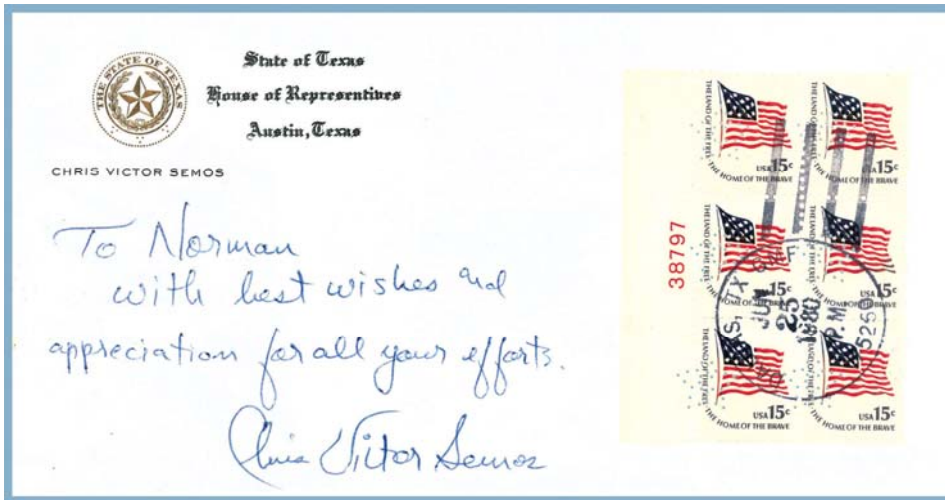


Figure 1

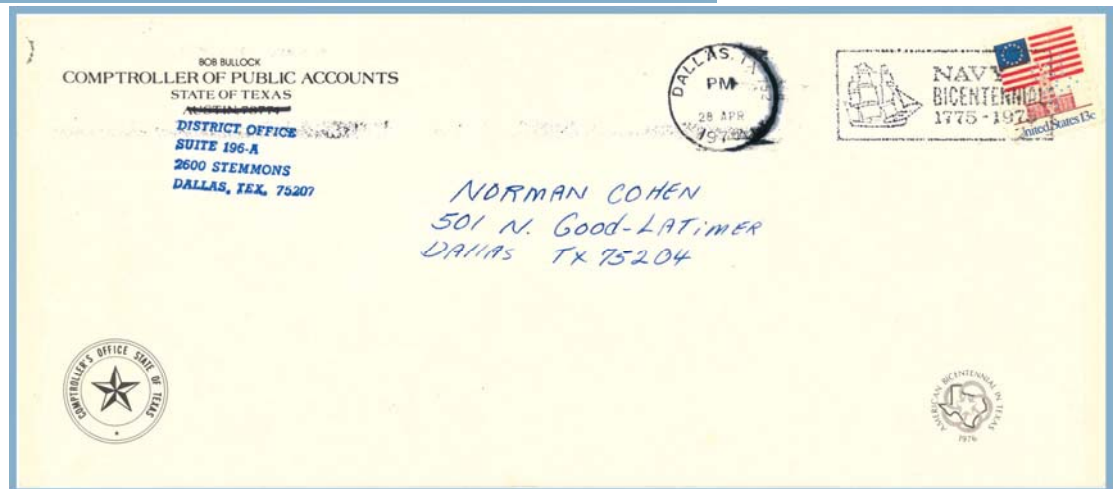


Figure 2

# National Defense Issue Checklist Updated

Francis Stunzi (#2665)

During 2009, I compiled a checklist of perfins in the U.S. National Defense issue stamps (1-cent Scott #899, 2-cent #900, and 3-cent #901) based on the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog). This effort was the result of information and help received from many members. The checklist was then published in three issues of the *Bulletin* (September/October 2009 [63:122-124], November/December 2009 [63:150-153], and January/February 2010 [63:20-24]).

During the last four years I have found 141 additional patterns that were not previously known to be in at least one of the three National Defense stamps. Also, 238 patterns that were on the previous

checklist have now been found in one or two of the remaining National Defense stamps.

Using the Period of Use information shown in the Catalog, I have found that there are about 1,579 possible patterns that fit the dates of issue for the National Defense stamps. With the additions to the checklist discussed above, we have now accounted for 1,390 or 88% of these possible patterns.

This new Revision 2 of the checklist has been compiled and is now available to members from Dave Lightle, Publications Sales, in electronic format. If you would like a copy, email Dave ([perfinpaul@msn.com](mailto:perfinpaul@msn.com)) and he will send you one at no charge as an attachment to his return email.

## 2013 Financial Report

Dan Baugher (#3825)

I am pleased to report that the financial situation for The Perfins Club is quite strong.

The total financial assets for the Club are \$107,855, up 6% from December 2012. The major Club sales, auctions, and circuits all reported profits for the year, and donations were up. This all comes from YOUR active participation in the Club – thank you. Expenses are under control. Also, our annual dues have remained constant for 17 years! Our only area of concern is the continued, gradual decline in membership.

While having \$107,855 in financial assets looks

like we are wealthy, it is important to note the four escrow categories in that total: life memberships, escrow for members' personal credit accounts, our self-insurance transit fund, and donations reserved for special projects. After subtracting for these special escrows, the Club has a remaining operational balance of \$36,017, which would cover about 2 to 3 year's expenses.

We all need to encourage membership growth. Enthusiastically talk up the fun of collecting perfins to your fellow philatelists.

Balance Sheet		Income & Expenses	
<b>Assets</b>		<b>Income</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 38,282	Dues	\$ 6,655
CD's	60,488	Club Sales (net after expenses)	3,252
Catalog Sales Account	1,662	Auction, Covers, Circuit and Catalogs	
Sales Circuits Account	3,874	Interest	494
PayPal Account	3,548	Club Transit Insurance	1,356
Total Assets	\$107,855	Donations	5,966
		Other	34
		Total Income	\$ 17,756
<b>Liabilities and Reserves</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Liabilities	-	Bulletin - printing & mailing	\$ 8,448
Reserves		Officers and Editor	830
Life Memberships	\$ 36,685	Chairs (Catalog & Auction)	1,151
Donations - general	27,262	Conventions	300
Floyd Walker Memorial Fund	2,864	Promotional Activities	200
Escrows for members	822	PayPal Expenses	163
Self Insurance - Transit	4,205	Club Insurance Premium	666
		Annual non-profit charter - Missouri	50
Operating Fund	\$36,017	Total Expenses	\$ 11,808
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$107,855	<b>Increase to Assets in 2013</b>	\$ 5,949



## Perfins Club Auction #137 Closes April 30, 2014

**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 all lots is \$2.00, except U.S. C, B+ and A rated perfins. For U.S. C rated perfins the minimum bid is \$1.00, for B+ rated perfins the minimum bid is \$18.00, and for A rated perfins it is \$30.00. 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](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	A25	C	26	US	E89 in 634	B	53	US	M112 in 537	B
2	US	A29 in 685	B	27	US	F19	C+	54	US	M140	C
3	US	A53 (SE)	C	28	US	F203	C	55	US	M145 in 562	C
4	US	A112 (1h)	B	29	US	F231 in 641	C	56	US	M183.5 in 468	B
5	US	A133	B	30	US	G22 in 549	C	57	US	M188 (scrape)	B
6	US	A221-1C (2h - perfin on edge)	B+	31	US	G123	C	58	US	M224 in 518	C
7	US	A221-13 in 642	C	32	US	G195	C	59	US	M246 in 634	C
8	US	A248.5 in 611	B+	33	US	G203.3	B	60	US	M248.5 in 558	C+
9	US	A243	C	34	US	G204.5	B+	61	US	M270 (bottom shaved)	C
10	US	B66 in 506	B+	35	US	G205 in 583	B	62	US	M272.5 (RR - scrape)	B
11	US	B116-24 in 1013	B	36	US	H52 in 433	B	63	US	M289.5 in 515 (SE - 4h)	B
12	US	B146 in 825	C	37	US	H126	B	64	US	M300.5 in 515	C+
13	US	B148 in 807	C	38	US	H192 in 591	B	65	US	N89I in 569	B
14	US	B266	C	39	US	H224.5	B	66	US	N90.5C in 634	B
15	US	C23	B	40	US	I26.5	C+	67	US	N95 in 634	B
16	US	C48	B	41	US	I64	B	68	US	N100 in 632	C
17	US	C98.5 in 431	A	42	US	I73	C	69	US	N104.1 in 587	C+
18	US	C197.5	B	43	US	I74 in 709 (1h)	C	70	US	N104.6 in 685	C+
19	US	C220	B	44	US	I98 in 643	B	71	US	N104.7 in 690	B
20	US	C296 in 610 (scrape)	B	45	US	J50 in 705	B	72	US	N106 in 825	C
21	US	C315 in 729	B	46	US	J53	B	73	US	N107 in 567	C+
22	US	C328	C+	47	US	K54.5	B	74	US	N113ABb-5A in 720	B
23	US	C352	B	48	US	L69 in 815 (2h - 3h blind)	B	75	US	N113Bb-4A in 807 (small scrape)	C
24	US	C429 in 710	C	49	US	L185A	C+				
25	US	E28 in 642 (1h)	C	50	US	L190 in 560	C				
				51	US	M39 in 554	C+				
				52	US	M92	C+				

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## Perfins Club Auction #137 (cont.)

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
76	US	N113D-12 (SE)	C	115	US	S247 in 830	C	150	US	W83	C
77	US	N149 in 513	C	116	US	S298	C+	151	US	W118.5	C
78	US	N187	C	117	US	T9	C+	152	US	W129	C
79	US	N204 (RR)	C	118	US	T20	C+	153	US	W140 in 807	B
80	US	N209 in 515	B	119	US	T46 in 720	C+			(scrape)	
81	US	O65 in 1035 (RR - mint)	C+	120	US	T59 in 637	C+	154	US	W165 in 707	B
82	US	O96 in 634	B	121	US	T79 (SE - 1h - perfin on edge)	B	155	US	W167 (6h - perfin on edge)	B
83	US	O101 in 562	C+	122	US	T99	C+	156	US	W170 in 634	C
84	US	P71 in 634 (SE)	C+	123	US	T100 in 634	C	157	US	W203-3 in 634	C
85	US	P87 in 685	C+	124	US	T115	C	158	US	W214A	B
86	US	P186 in 634 (1h - perfin on edge)	B	125	US	U22 in 627	C	159	US	W215 in 814	C
87	US	P213 in 562 (SE - 4h)	C	126	US	U24 (1h)	C	160	US	W218 in 319	C+
88	US	P222 in 709 (5h - perfin on edge)	C	127	US	U38 in 508	C+	161	US	W219	C+
89	US	P252 (SE)	C	128	US	U46 in 558	C+	162	US	W226 in 939	C+
90	US	P253 in 416	C	129	US	U52 in 398	C	163	US	Z2 in 510	B
91	US	R12 (SE)	B	130	US	U66 in 899	C+	164	US	Num. 4	C+
92	US	R13	C	131	US	U71 in 470	B	165	US	Num. 24 in 510	C+
93	US	R32 (1h)	B	132	US	U82-6 in 561	C	166	US	Des. 31 in 536 (top shaved)	C+
94	US	R35R in 776	B	133	US	U82-7 in 698 (perfin on edge)	C+	167	US	Des. 40 in 698	C+
95	US	R44	C	134	US	U82-9	C	168	US	Mix - 19 International Harvester pattern I43 - ADD	
96	US	R68	C+	135	US	U82-11 in 638 (lower left corner missing)	C+			** Lots 169 through 176 are all mounted face down.	
97	US	R118.5 (2h - perfin on edge)	B	136	US	U82-13 in 638	C			There is minimal duplicates and damage in these lots. **	
98	US	R136 (2h - perfin on edge)	C	137	US	U82-17 in 698	C	169		1998 Catalog of US Perfins with 2400+ different and 1000+ duplicates - mostly C to F rates with some C+.	
99	US	R142	C+	138	US	V12 in 557 (3h - 2 holes on edge)	B			<b>Minimum Bid</b> - \$200.00	
100	US	R159 (block of 4)	C	139	US	W5 in 634	C	170		1995 Perfins Club African Catalog with 20 stamps.	
101	US	R172 in 583	C	140	US	W7.2	C+	171		Austria collection - 143 stamps.	
102	US	S2.10A in 641	C+	141	US	W7.7 in 640	C	172		Belgium collection - 125 stamps.	
103	US	S21	C+	142	US	W44 in 700	C	173		1980 Perfins Club Denmark Catalog with 112 stamps.	
104	US	S16 in 634	C	143	US	W57.7	C+	174		Hungary collection - 25 stamps.	
105	US	S43 in 684 (5h - perfin on edge)	B+	144	US	W72.29 in 642	C+	175		Italy collection - 63 stamps.	
106	US	S48 in 806	C+	145	US	W72.49 in 814 (pair - split)	B+	176		Spain collection - 73 stamps.	
107	US	S85 in 583	C	146	US	W72.50A in 749	C			<b>End of Auction #137. Good Luck!</b>	
108	US	S94	C+	147	US	W72.51A in 846 (tear)	C+				
109	US	S116 in 642	C+	148	US	W72.52 in 815 (bottom shaved off)	C+				
110	US	S151 in 900	C	149	US	W82 in 371 (imperf.)	C+				
111	US	S184 in 300 (5h)	C+								
112	US	S186 (SE)	C+								
113	US	S195-58	C								
114	US	S201	C								

Remember the minimum bid is \$30 on A rates, \$18 on B+ rates, \$1 on single C rates, and \$2 on all others.

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## Secretary's Report

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**WANTED:** One Perfined Precancel! Perfin pattern **G128** (GM/&N) in Soledad, CA precancel (type 729). **Contact** with price: Bob Combs, P.O. Box 220, Tome, NM 87060-0220; email (preferred): [trainman@abq.com](mailto:trainman@abq.com).

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**WANTED:** Donations of E and F rate or other excess U.S. perfins to send out to new members. **Contact:** John C. Foster, Vice President, 4113 Paint Rock Drive, Austin, TX 78731-1320.

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<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	2.00	18	2.00	35	NB	52	NB	68	6.00	84	20.00
2	NB	19	NB	36	NB	53	9.50	69	NB	85	17.00
3	10.50	20	NB	37	NB	54	6.00	70	6.00	86	22.00
4	2.25	21	NB	38	NB	55	NB	71	10.50	87	21.00
5	4.00	22	2.00	39	NB	56	NB	72	2.50	88	16.00
6	2.00	23	4.00	40	NB	57	NB	73	2.50	89	NB
7	6.50	24	8.00	41	NB	58	NB	74	6.00	90	19.00
8	4.00	25	NB	42	NB	59	NB	75	2.50	91	NB
9	4.00	26	8.00	43	NB	60	6.00	76	9.00	92	NB
10	2.00	27	2.00	44	NB	61	10.00	77	NB	93	9.00
11	NB	28	8.00	45	NB	62	NB	78	22.00	94	15.00
12	8.50	29	2.00	46	NB	63	NB	79	8.50	95	NB
13	NB	30	4.00	47	6.00	64	NB	80	NB	96	NB
14	16.00	31	8.00	48	NB	65	6.00	81	16.00	97	4.00
15	4.00	32	2.00	49	NB	66	NB	82	NB	98	3.00
16	6.50	33	10.00	50	NB	67	NB	83	35.00	99	8.00
17	2.00	34	NB	51	NB						

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