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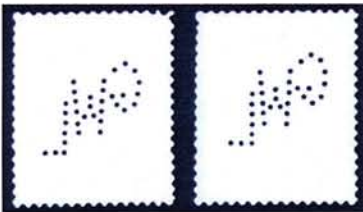
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## Great West Life, Winnipeg and Detroit

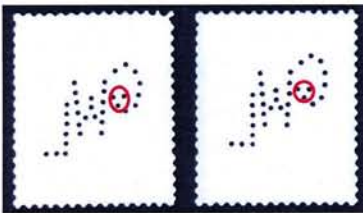
Jim Graham (Editor, *The BNA Perforator*)

A recent purchase of a few Canadian Great West Life perfins has raised a question for me. Most of the stamps purchased were the **G17** pattern (Winnipeg); however three of the lot were identified as the **G16** pattern (Detroit). The 5th Edition of the *CSPI Handbook* indicates that this latter pattern was created



**G16**                      **G17**

by the Great West Life perforating machine located in Detroit, Michigan, with usage beginning about 1937 and ending about 1954. The patterns at left are from the 5th Edition and the illustration



**G16**                      **G17**

From Addendum B

showing the difference between G16 and G17 is from Addendum B of the *Handbook*.

My curiosity was aroused when I noticed that one of the three stamps had been cancelled in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, which is rather a long way from Detroit. To my eye, the pattern in Figure 2 (below)

seemed to match Addendum B's description of the G16 pattern but the CDS cancel could not be confused for anything other than Swift Current, Saskatchewan.



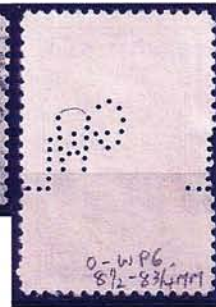
**Figure 1**  
**G16 pattern**  
(obverse view  
showing cancel)

**Figure 2**  
**G16 pattern**  
(reverse view  
showing pattern)

The other two purchased stamps identified as G17's and one in my own collection did not have discernable cancel information that was helpful. I then examined all the G16's I have and found an additional item to further my curiosity. The "off-centre" hole in the G crossbar of this 1937 1¢ Royal Visit (Figures 3, 4 and 5, below) suggests it is the G16 pattern from Detroit but the cancel is clearly Winnipeg. The pencil markings are interesting but whatever was in the mind of this previous collector is lost!



**Figure 3**  
**G16 pattern**  
(obverse view  
showing cancel)



**Figure 4**  
**G16 pattern**  
(reverse view  
showing pattern)



**Figure 5**  
**G16 pattern**  
(obverse view,  
enlarged to show  
cancel)

I contacted Bob Szymanski and learned that there are five Great West Life patterns known on US issues and although the pattern is different for four of them, the same sort of "system" of code holes seems to be in use. The office in Minneapolis used GW/L with no code hole while other offices using the GW/L have an identifying code hole. If you look at the US patterns attributed to Great West Life in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, you will

see the outlier configuration. The outlier is the 2nd listing for Detroit which uses the Canadian pattern configuration.

The dates given with the perfin locations are based on known issues. The single date for G201 denotes the

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## Great Western Life (continued)

period of use within the range of the "Prexy" issues, in use from 1938 to 1953. These are almost the exact known dates for usage of the Canadian G16 pattern.

Discussion: The reason that postage stamps were perforated is well accepted. I think there are three purposes which companies used their perforated stamps.

1. To use as postage for their regular mailings
2. To use as pre-paid postage on return envelopes
3. To use to pay the government tax on certain financial transactions.

We all have in our collections examples of these three uses. Which of these reasons would possess the Detroit office of Great Life Assurance to perforate Canadian stamps from 1937 to 1954? Did Great West Life policy holders in southern Ontario conduct its business with the Detroit office? Not likely as a quick email to the library in Windsor elicited the information that Great West is listed in a 1937 City directory as having an office at 345 Ouelette Street and the 1953 City directory gives the exact same address. Perhaps the machine simply moved across the river to Windsor Ontario. This could be validated by finding the G16 pattern with Windsor cancels or cancels from other southern Ontario towns from pre-stamped return envelopes. This would also be true if the accounts were serviced from Detroit in spite of having an office in Windsor. Alas, neither is proven as yet because to date no covers with these cancels have been found.

Another possibility is machine relocation. We have three Canadian examples of perforating machines that made long distance moves. The Canadian National Railway C24 machine moved from Toronto to Alberta, the Canadian Pacific Railway C34 machine (Montreal) is found with Calgary and many British Columbia town cancels, and the Swift Canadian S4 machine relocated to Moncton from Saskatoon. Perhaps the machine in the Detroit office did in fact arrive in Winnipeg.

Proven use of G16/G201 in Detroit prior to 1938 would give credence to this theory, with the Winnipeg office using it to service customers in the US using prepaid return envelopes with US postage. It would not explain why Detroit had 2 machines and why one would have a Canadian configuration and the second a pattern configuration similar to the other US cities.

Then there is this. In going through my G17's I noticed a large number of incomplete perfin strikes. I contacted fellow collectors Jack Brandt and Ron Whyte and asked them to check their collections. Together we have 323 stamps identified as G17 on pre-1937 issues with 54.8% of them having incomplete pattern strikes. We have 35 G17's on 1937 issues and later and all of them have perfect strikes. Die variations on multi-headed perforators are not unknown – is it possible that the Winnipeg machine was repaired or restored circa 1937 and that we are simply dealing with a die variation? Was the G16 perforator ever in Detroit?

There is much conjecture here and some questions. How did both the Canadian and US catalogues come to identify the G16/G201 pattern as being from Detroit in the first place? Do G201's prior to the Prexie issue exist? Why is the period of perfin usage and the perfin design so different in Detroit than in Chicago and Minneapolis? Are there more G16/G17/G201 stamps with readable cancellation information which would be helpful? Large stamps with more than one perfin strike might also shed some light. Please have look through your collections and see if you can find any stamps or covers which would assist in clarify these questions. Information can be forwarded to me:

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## California in May

Bruce Brunell (#2831)

Please consider joining us in Fowler, California, (near Fresno) on Thursday, May 7th, through Saturday, May 9th, 2015, for the Spring Round-up, sponsored by the Golden Gate Precancel Society. Many perfins and precancels will be available at this meeting.

This year the meeting will be held at a new

location: LaQuinta Inn and Suites at 190 North 10th Street in Fowler, California. The hotel is only fifteen miles south of the Fresno International Airport. Call (559) 834-6300 for reservations at the LaQuinta Inn. The facility features nice accommodations, complimentary breakfast, free internet access, a swimming pool, a spa and a fitness center.

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## New City of Usage—B116-26

Dave Smith (#1514)

Recently, while sorting stamps I discovered a few copies of perfin pattern **B116-26** (BFG), used by the B. F. Goodrich Company, as shown in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog). Two stamps were precanceled from San Antonio, Texas, with a 207 precancel type. (See the scan below.) Pattern B116-26 is listed in the US Perfins Catalog,



San Antonio Texas precancels  
On stamps with B116-26 perfins

with the city of usage as Dallas, Texas. So San Antonio appears to be a new city of usage. The stamps found are the 4 cent and 10 cent denominations of the 1926 series, 11 x 10 1/2 perforations. Note that the 10 cent precancel is inverted with respect to the stamp.

US Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott commented:

An excellent find!

I spoke with John Randall about this and he confirmed that this is indeed new. John will be adding it to the *Catalog of the Perfined Precancels* and I will be adding it to the US Perfins Catalog.

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## Volunteering—Becoming One of the “Good Ole Boys”

Joe Coulbourn (#2574)

As I take over the Presidency of The Perfins Club, I would, as have all other Presidents before me, like to put out a call for volunteers to help manage our club. This time, I would like to discuss volunteering a bit with the membership. There are no qualifications for volunteering other than the desire to help out. There are no unwritten requirements to serve – you can be a novice or an expert and there certainly is not a “good ole boys” group running the show. We do have quite a bit of “behind-the-scenes” discussion via email but even email is not an absolute requirement in order to serve. Remember, too, that a variety of opinions and viewpoints promotes healthy discussion and ultimately ends in better decisions.

A few points I would like to make:

1. You can volunteer for any position or positions you think you might enjoy. You can be specific or leave it up to chance
2. It would be very unlikely that upon the moment of your volunteering, the position gets “dumped” on you – the current volunteers continue to serve and enjoy doing so

3. You would have an extended network of resources to draw upon and to use as a sounding board for your ideas and thoughts should you assume a position – the officers and volunteers of the club. We certainly have a vested interest in your success and would offer advice and counsel as needed

4. To ease you into a position, the club could “intern” or “apprentice” you to the existing volunteer – an idea suggested by Steve Endicott. This would allow you to help out the club while offering security to the club should health or other issues necessitate the current person in the position.

Both the Treasurer and one elected Director-At-Large position will be up for grabs during 2015. I hope that the incumbents would volunteer again but that decision is for the future. The actual selection will take place via *The Perfins Bulletin* and voted on at our annual meeting August 4-8 at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough, MA. How about it? Want to join the leadership of The Perfins Club? Drop me a note via mail or email – address and email on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of every Bulletin.

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## The Perfins Club Needs Your Help

Joe Coulbourn (#2574)

Francis Stunzi is our Sunshine Chairman. If you know of any member that is ill or has passed, please let him know. This would enable the club to get a

card or note of encouragement out to the member or their family. Contact information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of every issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*.

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## Hallock Card Award

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

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 2015. 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 2015

Hallock Card Award Committee should be sent to one of the following Committee members: Dave Lightle, Chairman, 10616 Cielo Vista del Norte, NW, Corrales, NM 87048-8902 USA or [perfinpaul@msn.com](mailto:perfinpaul@msn.com); and/or Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburgh, FL 34749-0450 USA or [flprepers@comcast.net](mailto:flprepers@comcast.net); and/or Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371 USA or [perfinman@comcast.net](mailto:perfinman@comcast.net).

Nominations must be received by March 31, 2015, 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 Boxborough, MA.

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## Election of Club Officers Announcement

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

In 2015, 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 Treasurer for a three year term from 2016 through 2018 inclusive. The current Treasurer, Dan Baugher, has expressed his willingness to stand for reelection, but other candidates are welcome to apply.

Similarly, the Director-at-Large position held by Paul Mistretta, whose term will expire this year, will also be open for election. Paul has also expressed his willingness 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, 2015, to Nominating Committee Chairman Joe Giampietro, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371 USA or [mo13jo@aol.com](mailto:mo13jo@aol.com).

The results of this solicitation of nominations will be presented by the Committee at the Annual Meeting in Boxborough, Massachusetts.

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## Floyd Walker Award

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

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 US 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 2015.

The only caveat is that this year's award is for authors published in the 2014 volume of *The Perfins Bulletin* [Volume 68, 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 2015 Floyd Walker Award should be sent to one of the following Committee members: Clark Buchi, Chairman, 816 High Point Ridge Road, Franklin, TN 37069-4767 USA or [eclark8@yahoo.com](mailto:eclark8@yahoo.com); or Steve Endicott, 20 Greensburgh Lane, San Anselmo, CA 94960-1000 USA or [perfins@gmail.com](mailto:perfins@gmail.com) by March 31, 2015. The winner will be announced during the Convention in Boxborough, Massachusetts, this August.

## It Pays to Keep Looking!

Rudy Roy (#1124)

In my 40 years of collecting perfins I have found many patterns' identities or corrections to their listed identities, but I have never found an unlisted pattern. Until just recently I had not even seen one that could possibly qualify even as a variety.

Most of what I have written in *The Perfins Bulletin* over the years has been on the order of perfins on cover and their postal history. My main collecting interest is on-cover perfins and their processing in the mails. Lately, though, there has been a paucity of perfin cover material of interest for me. To fill the void I have been looking on internet auction sites at lots of accumulations of perfins.

A little more than a week ago while looking through a U.S. lot I found one - my first ever unlisted U.S. perfin pattern! Both sides of the stamp, Scott 331, the 1 cent 1908 issue with double-line watermark, are illustrated below. Unfortunately, as you can see, the cancel is just the wavy line part of a machine cancel and gives no clue as to where this perfin might have been used.

The pattern has been reported to the Chairman of the *Catalog of United States Perfins* for his evaluation and possible inclusion in the next A&C.

Technical information:

Scott 331, perf 12, dbl line wm

Pattern height: 5½ - 5/ 5

Number of pins: 13 - 11/ 11

And following are Steve Endicott's comments:

"Congratulations, Rudy, on your finding a new U.S. perfin pattern. I agree with you that this is new. It will be assigned id **B215.5** and will be included in the next A&C set. The technical information you documented was helpful in the identification. In the 1998 Catalog (Randall), the pattern ids go from B215 to B217, with no reference to B216. Pattern B216 is also missing from the previous Catalog (Balough 1979). Going back even farther, B216 was described (with no photo) as pattern BS/AS in the 1966 Catalog (Lougee) and the letters were described to be 4 mm tall. The letters in this pattern are much taller. Therefore, using an alphabetic sort, your new pattern will be assigned id B215.5."



New pattern B215.5  
Discovered by  
Rudy Roy



## Panama-Pacific Exposition Follow Up

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

David Savadge wrote to me about my Panama-Pacific article that appeared in the last issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (January/February 2015, Page 4). David is an expert on this Exposition and has collected the **P188** perfin [PPI/ECO] on and off cover for several decades. I am grateful for the extensive information he has shared with me.

My comments about the cover shown in Figure 3 in the article were misleading (especially the conclusion sentence). The cover shown happened to be a Coins and Medals cover, but was not sent registered mail and was not processed at the Model Post Office, but rather processed at the San Francisco main post office. Several members caught this mistake.

Incidentally, the Model Post Office stopped using machine cancels on closing day, December 4, 1915. Also, the reader will see a round seal on the left side of the cover. This is not original; it was added by Edwin Payne at a later date; he added seals and illustrations to quite a few Exposition covers.

William Lesh also contacted me with additional information on the history and usage of perfin P188. His information, printed in the *Bulletin* in September, 2006, includes a great deal of primary source research. Members are encouraged to read his article.

Thanks to David for your corrections, and to both David and William for providing so much interesting information about the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

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## Bob Szymanski's Puzzler

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

Do you remember the torn strip shown below? It was first seen in the July/August 2014 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*. To refresh your memory, reprinted below the strip is the original puzzler posed by Bob Szymanski.

Bob subsequently selected his choice as the best entry from among those who submitted possible

explanations of how the strip came into being. Due to an oversight on my part, the winner of Bob's puzzler contest was never announced. So here is the winning entry as selected by Bob. Proud winner John Hart has the honor of having his winning entry appropriately displayed—just as promised.

Read on ... and enjoy!



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 perfined with one and a half patterns of L 15 "F" rated from Los Angeles County, CA. The return address is United States Penitentiary at McNeil Island, WA. It was postmarked on Feb 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 congratulations and an acknowledgement printed in *The Perfins 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!

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## Bob Szymanski's Puzzle Winner

John Hart (#3411)

Bob,

No matter what ANYONE else tells you this is the true story behind that envelope !!!!

The L.A. County Sheriff had sent his ace investigator, Farquard P. Parkenfarker, (of the Colorado Parkenfarkers) to the penitentiary in Washington to interview convicted bank robber, Barry M. N. Emah. Barry and his gang had terrorized L.A. before moving off to Utah, Colorado and Washington. While millions of dollars had been stolen, none of the loot had ever been recovered but was rumored to be in Colorado.

Parkenfarker had been given a sheet of perfined stamps and a stack of envelopes with directions to

interview Barry, to get a confession to the crimes, and try to determine the location of the loot by promising the robber anything. He was told to mail back daily reports but eventually he ran out of envelopes and ended up borrowing envelopes from the penitentiary.

One day in early February 1950, he told staff at McNeil Island, Washington, that he had all the information he could get out of Barry and was returning to L.A. However, he was never seen in L.A. again, and the envelope pictured arrived at the Sheriff's Office with a letter of resignation, saying he had recently come into an inheritance.....

Sincerely,  
John C. Hart

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## Writers Wanted

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

You, too, can write for *The Perfins Bulletin*. It doesn't have to be a long article. If you had written even a very short article, it could have filled this

space!

Send in an article about your most recent perfin acquisition or favorite cover. Be a published author!

# Alternate Company Name for Pattern F28

Robert Littrell (#3992)



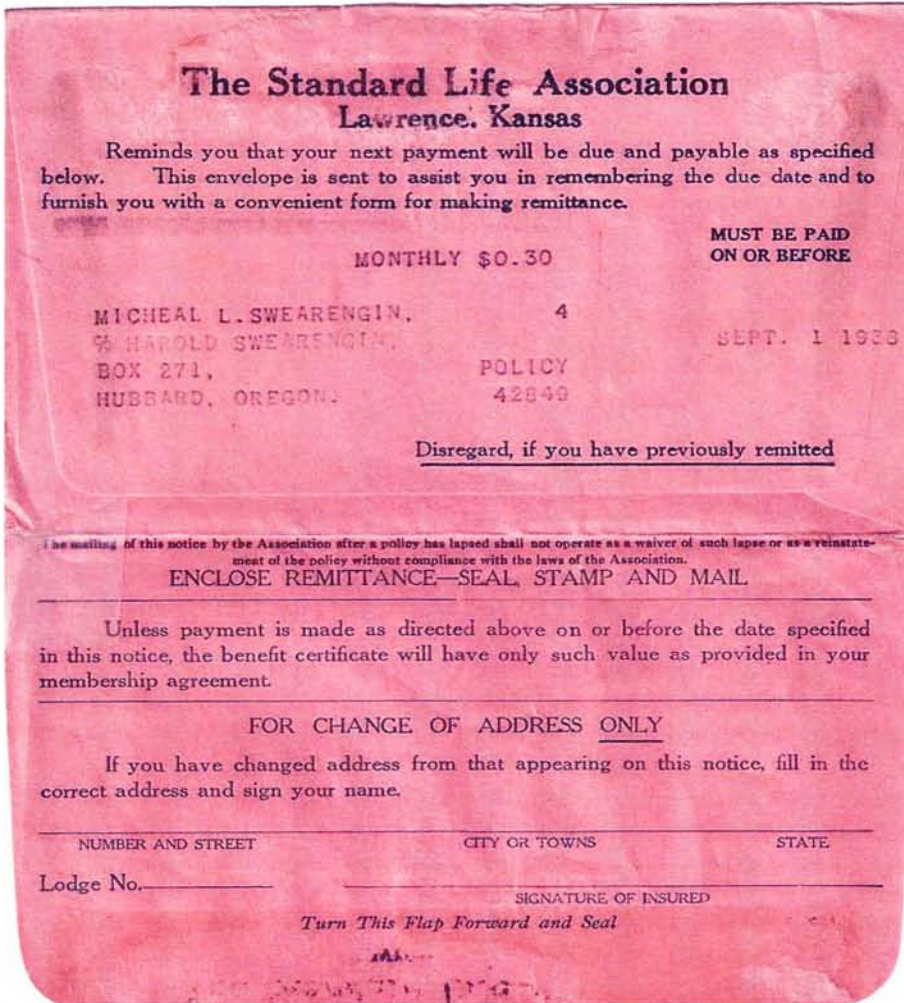
I recently purchased a cover on eBay where the pattern owner was an insurance company, the Fraternal Aid Union of Lawrence, Kansas. According to the fourth revision of the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, pattern number **F28** (FAU) was in use from 1926 to 1940.

However when I received the cover. (Scan is at left.) I found out that it was a self-addressed stamped envelope of The Standard Life Association, also of Lawrence, Kansas. I guessed they were one and the same, so a short internet search confirmed that Fraternal Aid Union changed its name in 1933 to Standard Life Association. This cover from 1936 proves that they continued to use the FAU perfin pattern after they changed their name.

It is interesting to note that the policy premium in the heart of the depression was all of 30¢ monthly. Here the company spent 3¢ to send this return envelope payment request, plus 3¢ on the SASE.

I sent the scan to our go-to man on new perfin documentation, US Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott. He said that he would add a note in the next A&C to the effect that the company name changed in 1933 to Standard Life Association.

I mentioned to Steve that I was surprised to see the attachment of an additional 3 cent stamp, an Oregon Territory Centennial stamp of 1936. The SASE was returned from Hubbard, Oregon. I stated that it may be because he had placed coins in the remittance causing extra weight. Steve responded that "perhaps he was proud of the stamp commemorating [his home state of] Oregon". My response to that was that he would have to be pretty darn proud to spend an extra unnecessary 3¢ in sending in his 30¢ payment to Lawrence, Kansas!



**Pattern F28**  
showing use by  
The Standard Life Association.



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## 72nd Annual Convention of The Perfins Club

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of The Perfins Club will be held from August 4-8 (early-bird August 3) at the Holiday Inn, Boxborough, Massachusetts. You can contact the Holiday Inn at (978) 263-8701. We have a special room rate of \$94.00 per night which can be obtained by mentioning "Precancel Stamp" when making your reservation. There is plenty of free parking. Be sure to make your reservation soon as space at this special rate is limited.

We hope you will join us and the Precancel Stamp Society for a week of perfin and precancel activities in beautiful suburban Boston. The hotel is midway between Boston's Logan Airport and the

Manchester New Hampshire Airport. We have located two van services and will make that information available shortly. There is also Commuter Train service from Boston's North Station to South Acton and the hotel provides shuttle service to and from South Acton.

There are many historical and cultural sites and activities in the greater Boston area. Also, there are many restaurants and shopping areas close to the hotel, but you will need a car or use the hotel van service to visit them, as they are not within easy walking distance.

**Please join us  
in  
Boxborough!!!**



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## 1938 Presidential Series Checklist

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Recently I saw a checklist of perfins in the Presidential Series of 1938 (Scott #803-34 & #839-51). The checklist includes quantities of perfins found in each of the denominations of stamps, and includes 13,647 reported denominations of 2,052 perfin patterns in this definitive series. The quantities were interesting. The most difficult non-coil denomination in which to find a perfin is the 22 cent vermilion Grover Cleveland (Scott #827). The most common prexie? The three cent deep violet Thomas Jefferson (Scott #807), which you might have expected.

You will be amazed at the detail in the checklist as well as totals by pattern and by denomination.

A copy of the checklist is available from Publication Sales Manager Dave Lightle. (His contact information can be found on Page 22.)

A hard copy version of the checklist is priced at \$8.50 to members of The Perfins Club. There is also a version of the checklist available in electronic format.

Please report any new discoveries to US Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott.

## So, Where Is South Washington, Virginia?

Bob Szymanski (LM#145) with Joe Coulbourne (#2574) and Rudy Roy (#1124)

We have always found reading *The Perfins Bulletin* to be both educational and fun. It is fun because of all the thought and research that members put into making it the best philatelic publication in the world!. Naturally, we are writing and when anyone writes they are entitled to their opinions!

My second favorite philatelic reading material is the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog). That might sound like reading the encyclopedia but, believe me, it is not. (I started reading the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* but the world was changing faster than I could read the tome and it seemed like a losing proposition, so I stopped.) Ah, the US Perfins Catalog is much more interesting to me. Here's a case in point.

Look at pattern **C286** on pages C-28 and C-29. This is a B+ rated perfin and although there is no user listed, there is a town of South Washington, Virginia, listed. As there is no asterisk noted; there is no confirmed cover or strip to indicate a user but probably a cancel to designate a town/city of use. This can be helpful as it was with the Bangor, ME oval cancels on parcel post stamps, in which **R16** [~~R~~>B] (now **B199.3**) led to the identification as the Bangor Railways. (See article in July/August 2014 Bulletin, Page 64.)

Note that Figure 1 (above) shows a clipping from a cover recently received for the Private Auctions. It bears the C286 pattern with a South Washington, VA. cancel. Being inquisitive, I looked at my two atlases, my road maps and then the internet but no luck! Following a hunch, I looked in the *Precancel Stamp Society Catalog* but what? No South Washington? South Washington must have been one of very few towns that never had a precancel! Well, I do not give up easily. I called member and my former Vice-President, Rudy Roy. Rudy had never heard of this place and he lives in Virginia! He volunteered to contact his friends in the Virginia Postal History Society. Someone should know.

In the meantime, I clicked on the USPS site looking up some mailing rates and happened upon a

notation of a Postal Historian. Wow! The government has a Postal Historian. I really did not expect much but sent a copy of the scan of the cancel to this e-mail address with a short note asking if

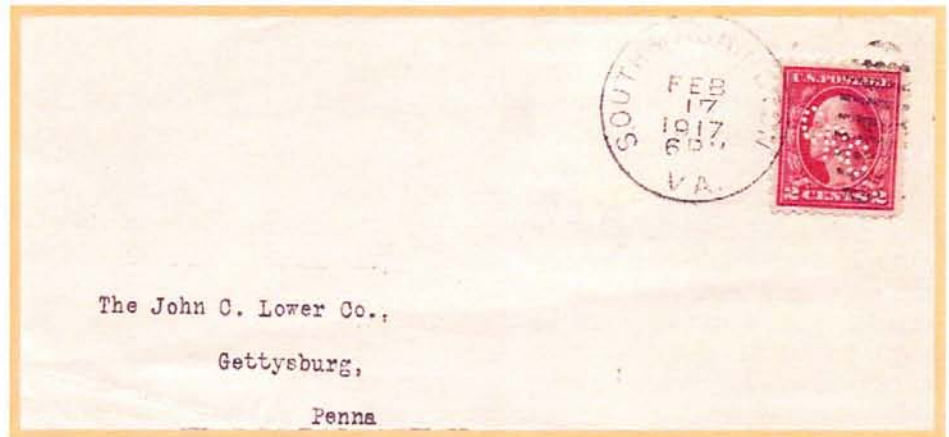


Figure 1  
C286 perfin canceled South Washington, VA.

anyone could identify for me where exactly South Washington, VA was located and when a Post Office was in operation there.

Unbelievably, in less than 24 hours (a record time for any government agency!) I had a response from a gentleman indicating that he did not often get stumped, but after research into the archives he found out that he could look out his window and see where the South Washington Post Office was, if it were still in existence today.

In short, the Post Office was established as Relee (after Robert E. Lee) in Alexandria County, VA in 1909; the name was changed to South Washington on April 14, 1914 and changed again to Arlington County on March 17, 1920. This office was discontinued on June 30, 1936. So we have a window of close to 6 years (1914-1920) for the period of use for the post office cancel. The perfin piece scan shows a date of February 17, 1917 and fits nicely in that window.

Simultaneously, Rudy had e-mailed me the same information with an additional note that the collector who supplied the information was very interested in obtaining the piece from a DPO (Dead/Discontinued Post Office). Must be a good item, I surmised! I called member Bob Garrity, who is quite knowledgeable about DPO's, it rates a #4 which values out at \$10.00. (Author's note: As a "B+" rated perfin, this piece is of much more value to perfin collectors.)

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## So, Where is South Washington, Virginia? (continued)

Well, with all this information it was back to the internet where I met a stone wall which seems apropos as "Stonewall" Jackson was a Confederate General who spend most of the Civil War in Virginia! Maybe he doesn't want me to find out anything else. Stymied!

I pulled out my last, best chance - our President Joe Coulbourne! Joe lives in Virginia, works close to Washington and is a very long time philatelist with many interests ... and, boy, oh boy, did Joe ever come through! I posited to Joe that South Washington sounded like the part of Washington, DC, that was in Virginia but never became part of the District of Columbia! "Hey, I probably work there as I work in Virginia just before you cross the bridge into Washington, DC."

In 1920 the population of the South Washington area was about 24,000. There couldn't be too many companies with CRC that might have used a perforator with those initials. Working from the perfin letters and searching the web for any businesses from South Washington, Virginia, led to an online business directory reference. Very few businesses were found in South Washington, Virginia, and the only one with the initials that fit the CRC pattern was the Capitol Refining Company.

From the June 23, 1913, *Times-Dispatch* --- Capital Refining Company (CRC) was recently organized and has purchased the old Columbia Cotton Oil and Provision Corporation. The company is repairing the plant and will be ready for operations September 1st next. The company will operate an abattoir (public slaughter house) dealing with stock, poultry, fish and game. It also intends to manufacture ice on a large scale. (Author's note: There are many references to petroleum and slaughter house operations but it appears from all records that the company only produced edible oils and rendered meat fats to produce the edible oils. This could have changed after its reorganization in July of 1921 as management of the South Washington plant transferred back to the home office in Buffalo, New York.)

Figure 2 (right, above) is a very nice photo of the company and in the foreground in Figure 3 (right, below) can be seen the tank cars bearing the company's name. The photo is from the National Photo Co. collection, and note that the name on the building has already been shortened to CAPRECO. Now, armed with a company name, searching led to two spellings, both of which refer to the same company, Capitol (proper) and Capital (believed used as it was close to the nation's capital). Continuing searches led to the discovery of the connection to the Jacob Dold Packing

Company acquiring the South Washington plant in 1913 and incorporating it as the Capitol Refining Company in South Washington, Virginia, the same year. So, CRC is a subsidiary of the Jacob Dold Packing Company headquartered in Buffalo, New York. (Author's note: Perfin patterns D80, D80A [no user listed in catalog], D81, and D82 were used by this company.) Further, as manufacturers of refined



**Figure 2**  
**Capitol Refining Company**  
**Home Office,**  
**South Washington, Virginia**

edible food oils (notably vegetable) and cottonseed oil, this led to the discovery that the company also operated the Capitol Tank Line establishing a train connection with this pattern. From 1916 on, the Capitol Refining Company is listed as having tank cars in asset reports, assumed to have carried the edible and



**Figure 3**  
**CAPRECO on building;**  
**Capitol Refining Company on the tank cars**

cottonseed oils. Tax records from many states show that the Capitol Refining Company paid tax on freight to many states in the late teens and early 1920's so the

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## So, Where is South Washington, Virginia? (continued)

company must have been doing quite well in the United States.

A further 1941 article concerning the closing of the Washington-Hoover Airport after the opening of the Washington National and the purchase of the land of the old airport for \$1,000,000.00 by the War Department (now the Pentagon) also mentions purchase of another adjacent 90 acres of two oil refining plants, brickyard and a parcel "where a terrible, constant stench arose ... where meat scraps and bones were rendered into fertilizer." (Author's note: This may lead one to believe that the stench was really bad and long lasting and/or the refinery operated up to the time the land was sold to make room for the Pentagon.)

So, in 30 minutes, one member was able to put the final touches on what three others noticed, wondered about, helped research, and together have brought to a

quite convincing conclusion. It is in the authors' humble opinions that the CRC pattern was used by the Capitol Refining Company and should be assumed to be the identification for pattern C286 until such time, if ever, a full proving cover can be found.

Moral to the story... "One head is good, two heads are better than one; the more, the merrier" Remember the club belongs to you, the members. *The Perfins Bulletin* and the Catalog of US Perfins are part of the club; therefore, *The Perfins Bulletin* and the Catalog of US Perfins belong to the members to use and to contribute to. Use them, contribute to them! Question! Research! Participate! Write! It's fun and benefits all the members!

Editor's Note: Halo effects in Figures 2 and 3 were in the source photos. Still, they show appropriate details.

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## Do You Remember John Martyn?

George Haas (#3788)

It was in between Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2013 that I acquired some perfin material from my good friend and stamp dealer Ernie Alexander. There was an envelope with US perfins and a three ring binder. That afternoon I checked out over 230 perfins and could not find even one addition for my collection. The three ring binder contained some mounted Great Britain perfins and some other papers. I was not interested so I put the binder in my "Roundtoit" pile.

Fast forward to late September, 2014. Running out of room on my desk and needing to do something to get rid of my Roundtoit pile, I started with the biggest piece, that old three ring binder. Inside I found a 1983 Perfins Club roster and some Bulletins addressed to John A. Martyn, Perfins Club member #2310. I called my friend Ernie at The Stamp Shop, and he told me that the lady who sold him this material was not named Martyn. No, he did not know where any of the papers had been hiding all these years.

Now we have a mystery. Where has this material been for the last thirty years?

I do not find John Martyn in the current club roster, the telephone directory or the County listings for Oklahoma County (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma).

The album also contained welcome letters from then Secretary Ralph W. Smith and then President Richard L. Mewhinney. It appears that John's main collecting interest was Belgian perfins, but none were found in this material. Perhaps a Perfins Club member will remember John Martyn and help me solve this thirty year old mystery.

If you have any information to share with me, please contact me:

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## Member Want Ads

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**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)

**Wanted: Perfins and/or perfin covers with Indiana connection.** Specifically needed: G161, I43.7C-5, S315 and U6. Also I have a list of other patterns ready to mail or email.  
**Contact:** Mike Sterrett, 402 Meadow Lane, Ossian, IN 46777.  
**Email:** [msterrett@ifpl.cm](mailto:msterrett@ifpl.cm)

# A New Perforator; A New Perfin Pattern

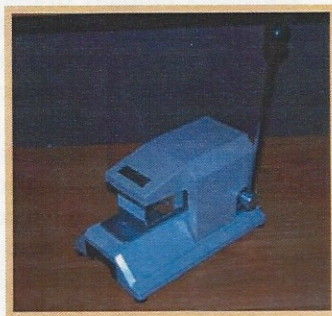
Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

When I began collecting perfins, everything was new to me.

At about 10 years old, my Mom had taught me to mount stamps face up in my stamp album, using hinges on the backs of the stamps. So imagine my amazement some 60 years later when I began mounting my stamps face down in my album. At first, that simply did not seem right! It took a period of adjustment to open my stamp albums and see all of those reversed stamps. Now, of course, it is perfectly normal; I've adjusted to perfin collecting.

One of the segments of perfin collecting that quickly drew my interest was personal perfins. I was lucky enough to be able to purchase the collection of retiring Perfins Club member Ralph Smith. In Ralph's collection he had several personal perfins. I enjoyed studying these interesting and sometimes unorthodox patterns which appear at the end of each alphabetical section of the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog).

Later I was intrigued by the personal perfin pattern now belonging to Dan Baugher, **Des. 49IP** (Man in Wheelchair) as shown in the US Perfins Catalog. One of my daughters uses a wheelchair so that one definitely drew my attention.



**Figure 1**  
Widmer P-400-U  
personal perforator.

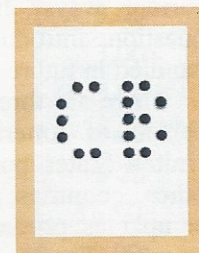
It was difficult to find out where I might find a perforator for my own personal perfin pattern. I talked with many members of The Perfins Club. It seems that each member who had a personal perforator had either obtained it from someone else or had "re-manufactured" an existing commercial perforator by taking apart the perforator and adjusting the pin pattern. That latter option sounded like quite a project – above my pay grade.

I searched the Internet trying to find a manufacturer of perfin punches. Such a manufacturer was very difficult to find.

But finally I did discover a company which produces devices which can be used as a personal perforator. (See Figure 1, above.) The device is known as a Widmer Model #P-400-U. The head is factory set to any alphanumeric characters (up to six characters) of the customer's choice. Once set at the factory, the

device is not adjustable by the customer. A symbol might be possible to achieve using the grid that Widmer provides to request the customer's personal perfin pattern.

They are not cheap!!! But their device works smoothly and delivers a crisp pattern. US Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott has examined a copy of my personal perfin and has assigned it pattern **C33.5IP** (CB). (See Figure 2, above.) He has rated mine as an E pattern.



**Figure 2**  
C33.5IP pattern  
approx 100%.

I started to request three letters (my initials ECB), but the width of a three letter pattern would have meant that the pattern would have to be punched into a regular definitive stamp from top to bottom instead of from side to side. My two letter pattern measures 7/8 inches wide by 7/16 inches high, which should work with any stamp. My three letter pattern would have measured 9/16 inches wide by 7/16 inches high.

My new personal perfin pattern is now officially C33.5IP, and I am very pleased with it.

Please be aware that my personal perfin pattern was awarded the dreaded "I" designation for "illegal" since the perfin holes exceed the allowable diameter.

By the way, the earliest known use (EKU) of C33.5IP is in the Batman Forever stamp (Scott #4934). (See Figure 3.)

If you want to purchase your own personal perforator, the Widmer Model P-400-U Manual "Universal" Text Perforator is available from J. H. Finch, Inc. of Brooklyn, New York. The easiest way to contact them is through Dennis Rotolo (dennis@jhfinch.com). Dennis is very helpful. He was a stamp collector, but has switched to collecting coins and paper money. Feel free to use my name (or not!) in talking with him. He did a great job for me in facilitating my purchase.

Oh, yes, there is that little matter of price. The Widmer costs \$799.00 including freight. Above, I did say "not cheap," didn't I???



**Figure 3**  
C33.5IP  
in Scott #4934.

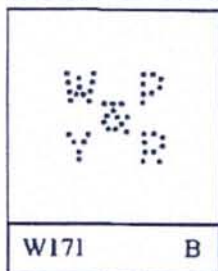
# United States Perfins—International Usages

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

How should the use of perfins be recorded in *The Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) when they involve other countries in various ways? In this article I will discuss this question, introducing a plan for how this will be handled in future editions of the US Perfins Catalog.

There are three scenarios to be considered: (1) perfins of American companies primarily used in United States postage but also seen in postage of other countries; (2) perfins of non-American companies primarily used in the postage of other countries but also seen in United States postage; and (3) perfins used in other countries that are very similar to United States perfins which could easily be confused with United States perfins.

Currently the US Perfins Catalog considers only the first two of these three situations. They are handled by notations in the supplemental sections of the Catalog. Railroads that operated near the United States – Canada border quickly come to mind as examples in the first and second categories. But there are quite a few other examples, such as those involving International Harvester (**I43.7-x**) and New York Life (**N113-x**). John Welsch provided us the example of US perfin **M97** (MDR), shown at right, owned by the Momsen Dunnegan & Ryan Company of El Paso, Texas, also used in a 10 centavo stamp (Scott 614) from Mexico. Refer to the July/August 2014 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (page 68) to read John's article. The White Pass & Yukon Railroad, headquartered in Skagway, Alaska, used perfin **W171** (WP/&YR), also shown at right, in United States and Canadian postage. This perfin is very desirable in US postage.



The second scenario involves companies headquartered in other countries whose perfins have found use in United States postage. An example is perfin **N481**, (N.C.H.) shown at right, owned by the *North China Herald* used in Chinese stamps and in a US 1870 2 cent Jackson (Scott 135), discovered by Doug Turner. The *North China Herald* was an English-language newspaper published in Shanghai, China from 1850 to 1941.



British American Tobacco is another example of this second scenario, but one that illustrates the complexity of this second group. British American Tobacco Ltd. is an English company headquartered in London that established operations in many countries. It was originally established in 1902 as a joint venture between the Imperial Tobacco Company of the United Kingdom and the American Tobacco Company of the United States. U.S. perfin



**B26** (BAT), shown at left, was used by the British American Tobacco Company in New York City from 1902 to 1926. Sometime before 1905 British American Tobacco, Ltd acquired tobacco operations in Shanghai, China. This subsidiary(?) used the U.S. perfin **B26.51** (B.A.T./Co.Ld.), also shown at left, in United States and Chinese postage stamps. Finally, several of the Canadian railroad perfins used by the Canadian Pacific Railway headquartered in Calgary, Alberta fit into this category. There may also be Canadian Railway instances better fitting into the first

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See you in Boxborough, Massachusetts  
August 3-8, 2015

## Prices Realized—Auction #141 (December, 2014) Joe Giampietro (#2968)

Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount
1	NB	26	NB	51	NB	76	\$ 3.00
2	NB	27	NB	52	NB	77	\$ 3.00
3	NB	28	NB	53	NB	78	\$ 3.00
4	NB	29	NB	54	NB	79	\$ 3.00
5	NB	30	Nb	55	NB	80	\$ 8.25
6	\$ 4.00	31	NB	56	NB	81	\$ 16.50
7	\$ 4.00	32	NB	57	NB	82	\$ 10.00
8	NB	33	NB	58	NB	83	\$ 7.25
9	NB	34	NB	59	NB	84	\$ 3.00
10	NB	35	NB	60	NB	85	\$ 3.00
11	NB	36	NB	61	NB	86	\$ 3.00
12	NB	37	NB	62	NB	87	\$ 7.25
13	NB	38	NB	63	NB	88	\$ 8.25
14	NB	39	NB	64	NB	89	\$ 15.00
15	NB	40	\$ 4.00	65	NB	90	\$ 4.50
16	NB	41	NB	66	NB	91	\$ 5.00
17	NB	42	NB	67	\$ 4.00	92	\$ 3.75
18	NB	43	NB	68	NB	93	\$ 3.75
19	NB	44	NB	69	\$ 3.00	94	\$ 5.00
20	\$ 4.00	45	NB	70	\$ 3.00	95	\$ 7.00
21	NB	46	NB	71	\$ 3.00	96	\$ 3.00
22	NB	47	NB	72	\$ 3.00	97	\$ 7.75
23	NB	48	NB	73	\$ 3.00		
24	\$ 2.00	49	NB	74	\$ 3.00		
25	NB	50	NB	75	\$ 3.00		

### US Perfins—International Usages (continued)

situation described in an earlier paragraph. Both, the British American Tobacco and Canadian Pacific Railway situations need to be carefully researched.

Although listed last in this article, the third scenario is the one that caused me to start to think carefully about the entire problem, one which has resulted in my naming the subject "United States Perfins—International Usages". To start me thinking, Robert Littrell shared with me examples of the two perfins shown above. The perfin on the left is a variation of the control hole patterns seen with the R.



G. Dun & Company (later Dun & Bradstreet) perfins; the perfin on the right is a variation of the control hole patterns seen with the Parke, Davis perfins. Both perfins shown here are seen in Cuban stamps, postmarked in different Cuban cities, including Havana, Cuba. They have not (yet) been seen in United States postage. I believe that these should be documented somewhere in the U.S. Perfins Catalog so that they are not confused with United States perfins. Or, perhaps they should be included as

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## 2014 Financial Report

Dan Baugher (#3825)

I am pleased to report that the financial status of The Perfins Club is still strong.

The total financial assets for the Club are \$111,219 up 3% from December 2013. The major Club sales, auctions, and circuits all reported increases 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 18 years! Our only area of concern is the gradual decline in membership.

While having these financial assets looks like we are wealthy, it is important to note four escrow categories in that total: life memberships, the escrow for member's 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 \$39,280.00, 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.

### 2014 Financial Report

Balance Sheet		Income & Expenses	
<b>Assets</b>		<b>Income</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 30,680	Dues	\$ 6,455
CD's	\$ 70,819	Club Sales (net after expenses)	2,957
Catalog Sales	1,195	Auction, Covers, Circuit and Catalogs	
Sales Circuits	4,911	Interest	501
Paypal Account	3,614	Club Transit Insurance	699
		Donations	4,214
Total Assets	\$ 111,219	Other	-
		Total Income	\$ 14,826
<b>2013 Year End Summary</b>	<b>\$ 107,855</b>		
<b>Increase to Assets in 2014</b>	<b>\$ 3,364</b>		
<b>Liabilities and Reserves</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Liabilities	0	Bulletin - printing & mailing	\$ 7,841
		Officers and Editor	761
Reserves		Chairs (Catalog and Auction)	770
Life Memberships	\$ 36,685	Conventions	887
Donations - general	27,262	Promotional Activities	-
Floyd Walker Memorial Fund	2,689	Club Transit Insurance Claims	361
Escrows for members	762	Paypal Expenses	126
Self Insurance - Transit	4,541	Club Insurance Premium	666
Operating Fund	39,280	Annual non-profit charter - Missouri	50
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$ 111,219	Total Expenses	\$ 11,462



## Perfins Club Auction #143 Closes April 30, 2015

**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 are returnable if misdescribed; this does not apply to larger lots or mixtures with the exception of gross miscounts.

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

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 #3 and #4.

Lot	Description	Rate	Lot	Description	Rate	Lot	Description	Rate	Lot	Description	Rate
Auction All US											
1	A136	C+	21	C71/370	C+	40	E27	A	54	H189/573	E
2	A142/E12	D	22	C93/C12	C	41	E28A/E12	C		\$5.00 stamp	
3	A143/515	C+	23	C134/E12	C	42	E94/C32	D+	55	H192 (se)	B
4	A199/438 (se)	C+	24	C202/552	B+	43	F32.5/378	B+	56	H218.3	B
5	A221-3A/560 (2h)	B+	25	C234/C31	C	44	F35/807	C	57	I17/414	C
6	A221-30.5B/720 (3h)	A	26	C300	C+	45	F54/583	B	58	I26/C10	C
7	A257/406	B+	27	C301/807	C	46	F170/480	E	59	I26.5	C+
8	A288 (se)	B	28	C349/319	B		\$5.00 stamp		60	I43.7H-7/901	C+
9	B35 (onedge)	B	29	C356.5/E15	D+	47	G40/499	B+	61	I68/Q8 (se)	D
10	B61/905	C	30	C356.12/901	C+	48	G55/	B+	62	I80.5/832	A
11	B65	B+	31	C356.13/807	C		499 or 500		63	I91-11/398	D
12	B92	C	32	C365 (se)	C+	49	G181/887	E		Pan. Pac.	
13	B116-36/427	C+	33	C382A/562	B		MNH & RR		64	J31/527 (se)	C+
14	B137	C	34	C392.5 (se)	B	50	G188/427	B+	65	J82	C
15	B137.5/512	B+	35	C393/720	C+		pulled perf		66	J140	C+
16	B160B	B	36	D102/634	C+		crease		67	J142/642	B+
17	B227	C+	37	D116/571	B	51	H109	C		pulled perf	
18	B247/642	C		pulled perf		52	H122	B	68	J178/425	B+
19	C5	C	38	D144.5/634	B	53	H156/635	B		on edge	
20	C63/C11	E	39	D152	C				69	K22/627 (se)	C+

End of Auction

Good Luck!

# Two Discovery Covers Document Pattern Owners: RHW and MT/Co

Robert Littrell (#3992)



Figure 1  
Robert W. Hunt Company  
cover.  
Cover shown  
approximately 75%.

I paid about seven bucks on an eBay sale for a cover of Robert W. Hunt, Company, Engineers, Chicago, IL. (See Figure 1, above.) The perfin pattern **R145** (RHW) as shown in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog) is well centered in the stamp and inverted, but it beautifully shows up through a 6¢ prexie. Previously, the US Perfins Catalog had no identification for this D+ rated perfin.

Likewise, the cover of **Metropolitan Trust Company**, New York, NY, was purchased fairly inexpensively. (See Figure 2, below.) It was drawn to my attention because a fellow in Germany was

offering six covers in package deal. The cover that originally attracted me was one of Banco Nacional de Cuba (Cuba!!). It didn't sell at its asking price, so after the auction I contacted the seller and asked if he would sell just the two covers for \$15. He agreed. The perfin is pattern **M262** (MT/Co) rated C and is clearly seen perforating a 4¢ Martha Washington which serves to uprate a 2¢ postal stationery envelope. As with the Hunt cover, this, too, was only previously identified in the US Perfins Catalog by the city of New York.

That's my month in U.S. perfins. What have you found?

Figure 2  
Metropolitan Trust  
Company of the City of  
New York cover.  
Cover shown  
approximately 75%.



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## Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

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Membership

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### US Perfins—International Usages (continued)

usage by branches of American based companies, similar to other situations.

As Catalog Chairman, I have decided that it is too cumbersome to document these situations within the supplemental sections of the Catalog and the resulting information would be too scattered. A new section will be added at the end of the Catalog to document these three types of usage. In discussions with members, other instances fitting into this future section have been documented, including usages involving the Philippines, the Canal Zone, and the Netherlands.

I envision that the new section will be an appendix to the US Perfins Catalog. The plan at this time is to list the perfins in pattern id order with the user identifications and the illustrations repeated in this section along with additional text discussing international perfin usage in each example. A code (a

hotlink in the eCatalog) will be added in the main Catalog sections to direct the reader to this appendix where relevant.

Here is where I request help from the membership. Please share with me instances you know of or own perfins fitting into this discussion which are NOT already documented in the US Perfins Catalog. If your example involves a stamp with a perfin from a country other than the U.S., then please send me a scan of the front and the back of the stamp as a .jpg or .tif file at 300dpi.

I want to acknowledge the assistance of several members in the initial brainstorming of this U.S. – International perfin usage, including Robert Littrell, John Randall, Robert Schwerdt, Doug Turner, Dominic LaBarbiera, Bruce Brunell, John Welsch and Ken Masters. Their input and examples have been very helpful.

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## New York City, 2016

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

Just a quick reminder that the World Stamp Show, held in the United States only once every ten years, has been scheduled for the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City from May 28 through June 4, 2016.

The Perfins Club has already reserved space for a Society Booth, adjacent to a similar space reserved by the Precancel Stamp Society. Volunteers to man our booth throughout the show will be sought as

plans become more definite.

Even though it is early, this Show definitely will be an event worth planning to attend. I remember well the Washington World Stamp Show held in 2006. Scott #4075 (a souvenir sheet including reprints of the 1923 \$1, \$2 and \$5 stamps) was issued during that show and some similar philatelic commemoration of the 2016 New York Show is anticipated to be issued by USPS. Start planning!

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