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## Our Governing Documents

Steve Endicott (LM2284; Club President)

Since February 2012 The Perfins Club, Inc. has held Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit corporation in the State of Missouri, in addition to our Constitution (June 2002) and our Bylaws as amended in November 2015.

We are incorporated as a non-profit corporation for several reasons, including:

- (a) to maintain the favorable postal rates for *The Bulletin*,
- (b) to maintain our Federal income tax benefit as a non-profit organization, and
- (c) to protect the opportunity for our Club to register with the IRS as a non-profit 501c3 corporation that can accept donations without taxation consequences.

To be registered as a non-profit corporation in the State of Missouri, we needed to have Articles of Incorporation in place and our Bylaws need to conform to the statutes of Missouri for non-profits.

The Executive Board had an independent professional well-versed in these matters review our Governing Documents. His recommendation is that we use the Articles of Incorporation to replace the Constitution. His observation is that our Constitution is not necessary since we have Articles of Incorporation and all of the topics in the

Constitution are covered, and in more detail, in our Bylaws.

Your Executive Board has been diligently working to update our Governing Documents in a manner which maintains the advantages we have as a non-profit corporation.

We will discuss replacing the Constitution with the Articles of Incorporation at our Annual Meeting in Portland this August. Then, depending on the outcome of this discussion, we will request that a ballot be sent to the membership to vote on taking this action.

Three ancillary notes: Our Club was formerly registered as a non-profit corporation in the State of New Jersey but we no longer have a resident agent in New Jersey as required by that State. Secondly, our Constitution and Bylaws have evolved over time. I notice that since the 1960s our Constitution has been amended or replaced five times (1962, 1964, 1974, 2000 and 2002). Thirdly, we note that the Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) is now undergoing similar updates to their governing documents.

If you would like to learn more about this situation, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

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## Convention Update and Registration Information

Current information relating to the Perfins Club Convention, being held together with the Precancel Society's Convention in Portland Oregon, August 8

-13, 2016, will be found in the center four pages (p. 73-76) of this *Bulletin*.

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## Auction 148 Results

Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount
1	\$2.00	29	NB	58	NB	87	NB	115	NB	143	NB
2	NB	30	NB	59	NB	88	NB	116	\$4.00	144	NB
3	\$2.00	31	NB	60	NB	89	\$6.00	117	\$4.00	145	NB
4	NB	32	\$4.00	61	NB	90	\$4.00	118	NB	146	NB
5	\$4.00	33	\$6.00	62	\$6.00	91	NB	119	NB	147	NB
6	NB	34	NB	63	\$6.00	92	\$6.00	120	NB	148	\$6.00
7	NB	35	NB	64	\$6.00	93	NB	121	NB	149	NB
8	NB	36	\$2.00	65	NB	94	\$6.00	122	NB	150	NB
9	NB	37	NB	66	WD	95	\$6.00	123	NB	151	NB
10	NB	38	NB	67	\$6.00	96	\$6.00	124	\$6.00	152	\$2.25
11	NB	39	NB	68	NB	97	\$6.00	125	NB	153	\$18.00
12	\$2.00	40	NB	69	NB	98	\$18.00	126	NB	154	NB
13	NB	41	NB	70	NB	99	NB	127	NB	155	\$2.00
14	NB	42	NB	71	\$6.00	100	\$6.00	128	NB	156	NB
15	NB	43	NB	72	NB	101	\$18.00	129	NB	157	\$6.00
16	NB	44	NB	73	NB	102	\$6.00	130	NB	158	NB
17	NB	45	\$2.00	74	\$2.00	103	\$6.00	131	NB	159	\$18.00
18	NB	46	NB	75	\$6.00	104	\$6.00	132	WD	160	\$6.00
19	NB	47	NB	76	\$6.00	105	NB	133	NB	161	\$4.00
20	NB	48	NB	77	NB	106	\$6.00	134	NB	162	\$9.50
21	NB	49	NB	78	\$6.00	107	\$6.00	135	NB	163	NB
22	NB	50	\$2.00	79	\$18.00	108	\$6.00	136	\$6.00	164	NB
23	NB	51	NB	80	\$6.00	109	\$6.00	137	NB	165	\$10.50
24	NB	52	NB	81	\$18.00	110	NB	138	\$6.00	166	\$6.00
25	NB	53	NB	82	\$6.00	111	\$6.00	139	NB	167	\$5.00
26	NB	54	NB	83	\$6.00	112	\$6.00	140	NB	168	\$4.00
27	NB	55	\$6.00	84	NB	113	NB	141	\$6.00		
28	\$2.00	56	\$18.00	86	\$6.00	114	\$6.00	142	NB		

## Portland Perfins

Edited from materials submitted by Daniel Fellows (#3364)

With the Portland Convention fast approaching, Daniel Fellows took a look back and located several bits of information related to the perfin patterns used in Portland, Oregon. An article by Ed Haack in the February 1985 *Bulletin* lists the 62 known patterns used in Portland. The list has grown only slightly to the 64 patterns listed below (70 patterns if the 6 listed only for North Portland are included). Ed's catalog numbers have been updated in the list below where necessary to agree with the current Randall (1998) catalog numbering.



A120	E101	M204	P43	U60
A270-16	E101A	M272	P82	U61.5
B1	F124	M287	P100	W7E
B33	F168	M288	P195	W7.7
B103	G72-30	N113ABb-	P202A	W57
B119	<i>G72-38</i>	12	S2.7	W72-86A
C43	G11	N113D5	S31	W199-1
C142	G132	N129.5	S92	W199-10
C152A-25	<i>H11.5P</i>	N130	S170	W199-22
C152G-16	<i>H213</i>	O46	S215	Des. 52P
C423	<i>I43-7A-25</i>	O69	S216	Des. 53P
D67	<i>I43-7G-16</i>	O70.5P	S232	
D153	K61	O93	U42	
D154	L5	O94	U59	
E22.5P	M84.5	P7	U59A	

Patterns used in Portland, Oregon; *Italicized numbers* = North Portland usage per Ottenheimer (1999).



Dan is planning on being at the Portland Convention and would appreciate any updates to this listing from members of the Club who may know of other patterns used in Portland. Either contact him at [hwy51collector@yahoo.com](mailto:hwy51collector@yahoo.com) or visit with him at the Convention.

He also suggests that someone in Louisville, or who is interested in the patterns used in Louisville, might begin now preparing similar usage information for next year's Convention – and also possibly might even generate a one or more

frame exhibit of the perfins used in Louisville.

#### References

Haack, Ed. 1985. Portland Perfins. The Perfins Bull. 38(02): 25.

Ottenheimer, Adele, ed.. 1999. Catalog of United States Perfins by Location. Long Beach, NY: The Perfins Club, Inc.: 103-104.

## New Patterns, Deleted Patterns and Changed Ratings


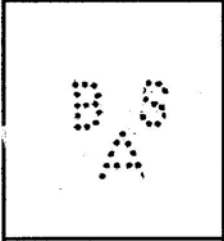
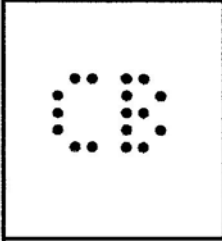
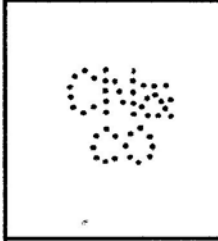
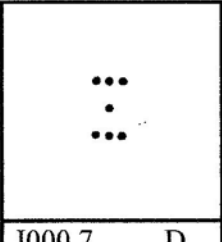
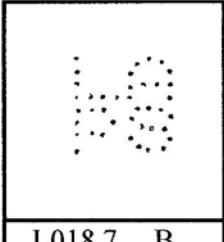
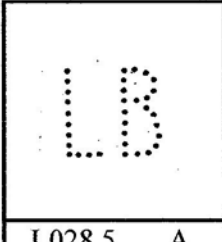
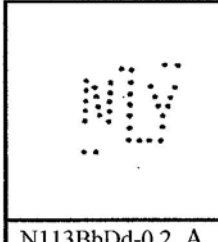
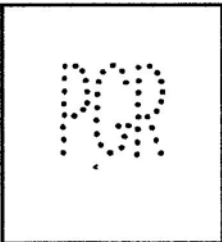
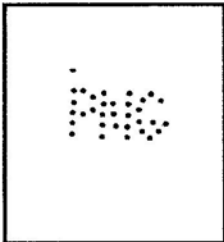

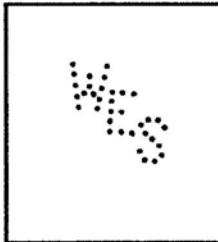
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U. S. Catalog Editor

Periodically I like to publish the significant changes to the Catalog that have occurred since the last A&C set was released (A&C #4). Here are illustrations of new patterns found in U.S. stamps (12 items), patterns that have been deleted (12 patterns), and ratings that have been changed

(46 patterns). The deleted items all resulted from seeing the pattern attached to a stamp with a similar pattern, thereby confirming that these items are die varieties. Due to several technical publication issues, the illustrations of the new patterns may not be exactly to the correct size.

## New Patterns

			
A040B    A	B215.5    A	C033.5IP (E)	C236.5    A
			
I000.7    D	L018.7    B	L028.5    A	N113BbDd-0.2    A
			
P099.5    A	P153.2    A	R130.5P (C)	W082.5    A

## Deleted Patterns

B139A	G155.2	I039.5R	M146A	N90.5A	O1.5
G155	H183A	I91-16	M261.3	N176A	No. 15.5

## Changed Ratings

Pattern	Change rating	Pattern	Change rating	Pattern	Change rating
A221-01C	from B+ to B	G072-01B	from B+ to B	M110	from B+ to A
B090.5	from B+ to B	G105	from B+ to A	M127	from B+ to B
C175	from A to B+	H151	from A to B+	M142.3	from A to B+
C321.5	from B+ to A	I043.7G-18.5	from B+ to A	M192A	from B+ to B
C346.06	from B+ to B	J115P	from B to C	N113BbDd-03	from C+ to C
D030A	from B+ to B	J147	from B+ to B	N113D-10	from D+ to D
D093	from B+ to B	K014	from A to B+	O087.5	from A to B+
D153	from E to F	L013.5	from B+ to B	P039A	from B+ to B
F191	from B+ to B	L110	from A to B+	P056.13	from B+ to A
F218	from B+ to A	M011.5	from B+ to B	R061	from A to B+
G040	from B+ to B	M022	from B+ to B	S139	from B to C+

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## Changed Ratings (Cont.)

Pattern	Change rating	Pattern	Change rating	Pattern	Change rating
S145	from B+ to B	S252	from B+ to B	W073	from B+ to B
S186	from C+ to C	T063	from A to B+	W146.3	from B+ to B
S195-54A	from B+ to B	T101A	from B+ to B	No. 29.2IP	from (A) to (B)
S195-62	from B to C	T107	from B+ to B		
S235.5	from A to B+	W017	from B+ to B		

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## An Update: Delisting of Certain Newfoundland Perfins

Barry Senior (#3924)

In 2013 a short article was published in four major Perfin publications (PB July/August 2013: 72) requesting feedback to verify the existence of certain Newfoundland perfins based on the results of a survey published in 1995. At the time I received no responses so a request was made to the editors of *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials* to delist the stamps in question. This was done and should have been the end of this saga; but, not so.

Forward to 2016 where I purchased a small collection of Newfoundland perfins. Lo and behold what should appear but one of the stamps in question. It is a Scott #226 with an A11, Ayre and Sons Limited, perfin in position 2.

This stamp was issued on May 6, 1935 and has a clear "Buy Goods Made in Newfoundland" slogan cancel. This slogan is listed as NFS-13 in the handbook *Slogan Postmarks of Canada* by Cecil Coutts, and as PS-12 in the *Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalog*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, by Walsh and Butt. There are 2 versions of this slogan with Die 1 being used from May 1934 – December 1935 and Die II used from May 1935 – November 1937.

The previous Latest Known Date of Usage of the A11 perforator was April 16, 1932 and in the absence of a readable date on this stamp the LKU now has to be the date of issue of this stamp or May 6, 1935, over 3 years later.

This little exercise just proves that no matter how much information is known and confirmed in the perfin world things are always subject to change with the next auction purchase or trader lot that you receive. We have just added a new issue and a new LKU for the A11 perforator.

Happy Hunting!

Editor's Note: For those unfamiliar with the classification of Canadian perfins, this article refers to the relisting of a single stamp issue perfined "AYRE" and not to the relisting of the "AYRE" pattern (which was not delisted). Unlike the current U.S. catalog, the Canadian catalog lists all issues in which the pattern is known to be punched. For reference see the Canada catalog at: <http://www.bnaps.org/PerfinHandbook/PerfinHandbook.htm>.



## Hens' Teeth

### So You Want a Nice Manageable Collection

Larry Cohen (LM-3724)

As everyone in the Perfin Club knows, with perfins comes massive numbers of stamps. There are approximately 6500 patterns in the 1998 edition of the US Perfin Catalog. When you add to that, positions and "prepers", the number quite literally increases exponentially.

Even my "specialized" collection of 2c Black Harding now boasts nearly 1300 reported patterns between 2 perforation varieties and covers.

Is there no such a thing as a *manageable* "Specialized" collection?

I do have a suggestion! Here's a collection that makes hens' teeth look common place - The **2c Black Harding "PREPERS"** (precanceled perfins), of which, by the way, there are a grand total of 34 reported, to date!

Just think of it, a perfin collection that will fit on one page.

For those of you who feel the need for some real pain, here is the *Complete known, all encompassing, every variety, without exception, total list* of all the 2c Black Harding "prepers" ever reported. And I've been looking for 5 decades!

STATE	TOWN	PERF	PATTERN	T&T	LETTERS	USER
Arkansas	Pine Bluff	10	S284	L-2 TS	STL/SW	St Louis Southwestern Railroad
California	San Francisco	11	F073	L-3 E	FF	Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.
California	San Francisco	11	G072.26	L-3 E	GE	General Electric Co.
California	San Francisco	11	S080	L-3 E	S/CO	Shreve & Co.
Connecticut	New Britain	11	DES:003	205	ANCHOR*	North & Judd
Georgia	Atlanta	11	N124	L-4 E	NOR/RIS	Norris Co.
Illinois	Moline	11	V014	203	VELIE	Velie Motor Co.
Massachusetts	Gardner	11	C239	549	COC	Central Oil & Gas Stove Co.
Michigan	Detroit	11	P055	204	PD	Park Davis Co.
Michigan	Detroit	11	S-25	204	SAI	Standard Accident Insurance Co.
Michigan	Grand Rapids	11	S-195-33	205	SO	Standard Oil Co.
Michigan	Kalamazoo	11	U014	204	U/CO	Upjohn Co.
Minnesota	Minneapolis	11	M096	205	MD/CO	<i>unknown</i>
Minnesota	Minneapolis	11	S081	205	S(CO)	Sharood Co.
Missouri	Columbia	11	U041	222	U(M)	University of Missouri
Missouri	Saint Louis	11	A073.5	L-6 E	ACI	American Central Insurance Co.
Missouri	Saint Louis	11	N0122	L-6 E	NON/CO	N.O. Nelson Co.
New York	Brooklyn	11	F008	219	(F) diamond	Eberhard L. Faber Co.
New York	Brooklyn	11	S273	219	SS/&CO	S. Sternau & Co.
New York	Long Island City	11	S132	207	SGS	Smith Grey & Co.
North Dakota	Grand Forks	11	I043.7B-16	462	((I)H)C	International Harvester Co.
North Dakota	Grand Forks	11	I043.7B-16	462*	((I)H)C	International Harvester Co.
North Dakota	Minot	11	S195-21	L-1 HS	SO	Standard Oil Co.
Ohio	Cincinnati	11	B-279	205	B&O	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
Ohio	Cleveland	11	J177	225	J&F	<i>unknown</i>
Ohio	Cleveland	11	M154	225	MLC	M.C. Lilley & Co.
Oregon	Portland	11	B103	204	B..F	Blumauer-Frank Drug Co.

Oregon	Bend	11	O094	PROV*	OW/RN	Oregon Washington RR & Navigation Co.
Pennsylvania	Altoona	11	T081	404**	TRAV	Traveler's Ins. Co.
Pennsylvania	Altoona	11	T081	563**	TRAV	Traveler's Ins. Co.
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	G036	L-10	GB	Gimbel Brothers
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	Q005	205	QLC	Quaker Lace Co.
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	S167	205	SKF	Smith, Kline, French
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	U082-4	205	US/MC	United Shoe Machinery Co.
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	W072-3	205	WE	Western Electric Co.

\* These are perfined on INVERTED precancelled impressed stamps.

\*\* These are perfined on UP precancelled impressed stamps.

That's it folks, the entire, no holds bared list. Oh and by the way, *no covers have ever been reported, and no one has a complete set!*

If you think you have something not on this list, please send me an e-mail @ (reb.cohen@roadrunner.com) with a scan of both the front and the back of your submission. Good luck and happy hunting.

### Clubmembers ads:

**Wanted:** 2c BLACK HARDING PREPERS (PRECANCELLED PERFINs). I am looking for the following prepers. I will pay very aggressive prices for any of these little "Black Beauties" Multiples and on cover examples are really desirable and will have commensurate prices.

STATE	TOWN	PERF	PATTERN	T&T	LETTERS	USER
California	San Francisco	11	G072.26	L-3 E	GE	General Electric Co.
California	San Francisco	11	S080	L-3 E	S/CO	Shreve & Co.
Connecticut	New Britain	11	DES:003	205	ANCHOR*	North & Judd
Illinois	Moline	11	V014	203	VELIE	Velie Motor Co.
Massachusetts	Gardner	11	C239	549	COC	Central Oil & Gas Stove Co.
Michigan	Detroit	11	S-25	204	SAI	Standard Accident Insurance Co.
Michigan	Grand Rapids	11	S-195-33	205	SO	Standard Oil Co.
Michigan	Kalamazoo	11	U014	204	U/CO	Upjohn Co.
Minnesota	Minneapolis	11	M096	205	MD/CO	<i>unknown</i>
North Dakota	Grand Forks	11	I043.7B-16	462	((I)H)C	International Harvester Co.
North Dakota	Minot	11	S195-21	L-1 HS	SO	Standard Oil Co.
Oregon	Bend	11	O094	PROV*	OW/RN	Oregon Washington RR & Navigation Co.
Pennsylvania	Altoona	11	T081	404**	TRAV	Traveler's Ins. Co.
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	G036	L-10	GB	Gimbel Brothers
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	Q005	205	QLC	Quaker Lace Co.

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THE PERFINS CLUB  
73rd Annual Convention



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August 8 – 13, 2016

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Indoor pool  
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## 2016 Portland Convention Schedule

### Monday August 8, 2016

8 am – 10 am Dealer setup  
10 am – 10 pm Early Bird Session

### Tuesday August 9, 2016

8 am – 5 pm Registration  
8 am – 10 pm Trading & Bourse  
8 pm

### Wednesday August 10, 2016

8 am – 4 pm Registration  
8 am – 10 pm Trading & Bourse  
10 am First PSS Business Meeting

After Business Meeting PSS & Perfins Club Photos

2 pm PSS Catalog Committee  
latest plans for next catalogs  
4:30 pm Precancel Professor's Seminar and Slide Show  
Cayford, Selengut, Gutman

### Thursday August 11, 2016

8:30 am – 10:30 am Ladies Breakfast and Book Club  
8 am – 4 pm Registration  
8 am – 10 pm Trading & Bourse

1 pm – 3 pm Perfins Club Annual Meeting  
6:30 pm Perfins Club Dinner

### Friday August 12, 2016

8 am - 4 pm Registration  
8 am – 10 pm Trading & Bourse  
10 am Second PSS Business Meeting  
2 pm Auction  
7 pm Sundae Bar

### Saturday August 13, 2016

8 am – 2 pm Registration  
8 am – 4 pm Trading & Bourse  
4 pm – 8 pm Bourse Holders' Breakdown  
6 pm Convention Banquet, Awards, Cash Bar

Our basic agenda for the Club's Annual Meeting (1-3 pm Thursday August 11) was published in the May-June *Bulletin*. See it there.

If you would like to have a specific topic considered as New Business during our Annual Meeting, please send a written request specifying the topic to the attention of Steve

Endicott (addresses on page 66) for receipt prior to July 20, 2016. ***Because of time limitations, it may not be possible to consider unscheduled topics at the Annual Meeting.*** Any such topics that are not discussed at the Annual Meeting will be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration at a later date.

# REGISTRATION FORM

95th Annual Precancel Convention  
August 8 - August 13, 2016  
Portland Airport Holiday Inn  
Portland, Oregon  
PLEASE RETURN by July 1, 2016

Name(s) as desired on name badge:

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PSS or Perfin Member Convention Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Wednesday, August 10, PSS Convention Photo \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Saturday Evening, August 13, Convention Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee Urn with Your Name in Main Bourse Area \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Questions—email: [ralphcollector@gmail.com](mailto:ralphcollector@gmail.com)  
Phone: (831)-338-2088

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## Convention Leisure Time Opportunities

I have unabashedly “borrowed” almost everything below from the Precancel Stamp Society’s announcement of the Portland Convention.

For starters the average temperature for the time we will be there averages around 80°F during the day and in the 50s at night. Remember, it is Portland – expect it to rain sometime during the week...

Below you will find a list of *some* of the many possible activities possible in the Portland area.

### In Portland:

- International Rose Test Garden – In the hills with views of Portland the 4.5 acre gardens house a collection of more than 10,000 plantings of more than 550 varieties of rose. Private tours are available for a nominal fee. There is no entrance fee to the gardens. Preview at: <http://www.rosegardenstore.org/international-rose-test-garden.cfm>
- Portland Japanese Garden – featuring 5 different traditional style gardens, a teahouse and an outstanding koi pond. Entrance fees: Adult - \$9.50; Senior & College Student - \$7.75; Youth (6-17) - \$6.75; Children 5 and under – free. Preview at <http://japanesegarden.com/>
- Pittock Mansion - The Pittock Mansion is a French Renaissance-style chateau in the West Hills of Portland, it overlooks the city’s skyline and also has a “classic” view of Mt. Hood. Entrance fees: \$10 per adult with several special reduced fees. Overview at: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittock\\_Mansion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittock_Mansion). Also see: [Pittockmansion.org](http://Pittockmansion.org).
- Various neighborhoods – Pearl District, Alberta neighborhood boasts 20 blocks of restaurants, arts emporia and shopping; street fair on August 13.
- Powell’s City of Books (in the Pearl District) – Boasting the largest selection of new and used books in the world, Powell’s

hosts different events almost every evening. A bibliophile’s “Must See”.

- Portland Saturday Market – Arts and crafts market.
- Willamette Jet Boat Excursion – See Portland from the river; history, wildlife, waterfront homes and Willamette Falls. Two hour tour; \$44 per adult; 12:45 and 4:15 daily. Reservations recommended. <http://www.willamettejet.com/toursrates/>.

### 30 minutes from Portland

- Oregon City and the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center – Oregon City is the first incorporated city west of the Rockies and is loaded with history. See: <http://www.orcity.org/planning/historic-sites> (has link to the E.O.T. Interpretive Center website).
- Columbia River Gorge bike tour - Bike and hike excursion (bike and helmet are included in the tour price) we’ll jump into the Pedal Bike Tours van and drive 45 minutes to the Historic Columbia River Highway. This easy 9-mile ride gives us a sense of what it was like to travel along the first National Scenic Highway in the nation; view six waterfalls including Multnomah Falls. Including r/t transportation from Portland to biking tour site \$99 per adult. Start times: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. See: <http://pedalbiketours.com/oregon-tours/>

### Food Tours

Several food tours are offered with prices ranging, for those previewed, from \$50 per person to a full day Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge Private Food and Sightseeing tour for \$254 per guest with a 4 guest minimum. Preview several at the following: [www.eatadventures.com](http://www.eatadventures.com), [www.forktownfoodtoursportland.com](http://www.forktownfoodtoursportland.com), and [www.foodcartsportland.com](http://www.foodcartsportland.com).

Note: At the time I am preparing this no organized day trips had been planned. But check when you arrive.

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## Help Needed - Possible New Patterns

Steve Endicott (LM2284)

Discovering new information is one of the more interesting and enjoyable things I get to do as the U.S. Catalog Chair, especially when it is the result of new information sent to me by members, such as new dates, new usages, new identifications and especially possible new patterns. A group of candidates as being possible new patterns were recently submitted. Sometimes the decision about new information is easy to determine; sometimes other collectors with extensive perfins experience are consulted – similar to when traditional stamps are submitted to expertizing committees such as PF, PSE or APS.

Here are four examples of perfins about which neither I nor the Advisory Committee are certain. They could be new or they could be varieties of known patterns: die varieties or stamps with random holes; but we would like to see more evidence. I request your help with these. Please check your collections and then let me know if you can answer any of the following questions.

Thank you !



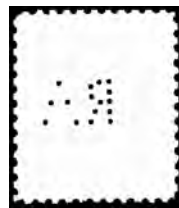
J&F – Do you have a copy with the extra hole shown here in exactly the same place? Do you have a copy with other random holes? Also, note deleted pattern J177A on page

J-21 of the 1998 Catalog. This copy is identical; are there more identical copies? If so, this would be a new pattern



NLY – This pattern is puzzling in that we haven't seen this combination of control holes until now. Do you have a similar copy?

NWN/LIFE – Do you have a copy of this pattern with the five holes in the left leg of the letter N? There is a supplemental note in the 1998 Catalog about this item (as N175). Again, what is shown here is an identical copy as shown in the 1979 Catalog; therefore this may be a copy of this pattern.



RA – Do you have a copy of the pattern shown here with the 'missing' holes? Do you have a copy with some of the holes of perfin R010 breaking down?

Any relevant information?

Please email to me at [perfins@gmail.com](mailto:perfins@gmail.com) or at my address on the second page of this Bulletin

## Auction #150 Closes July 31, 2016

**Guidelines:** Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder: \$1-5 - a \$0.25 advance; \$5-\$20 - a \$0.50 advance; \$20-100 - a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher - a \$5.00 advance. No 'Unlimited' bids. No bids under \$1.00. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good

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

**Send all bids to: Joe Giampietro,  
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### Abbreviations used:

(cc) creased corner (cr) creased (?h) number of missing holes (mc) missing corner	(oe) on edge (pp) pulled perf(s) (sc) scrape on vignette (se) straight edge	(ss) shaved side (th) thin
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Scott #s are used and die #s from most recent catalogues when available.

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes	Lot	Description	Rate	Notes	Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
1	A87.8/707	C	th	27	G110A/334	B	pp cr	53	W103A/425	B	2se pp cr
2	A112	B	oe	28	I43.7MA1/642	B		54	W132/508	B	pp
3	A112/504	B	se pp	29	J6	C+	oe 2h	55	W132/469	B	6h
4	A163A/637	C		30	J31	C+		56	W132/470	B	se pp
5	A181/720	C		31	K53/653	C+		57	W188	B	2se 4h
6	A221-28/905	B		32	K54.5/425	B	pp	58	W199-6	B	se 1h
7	A253	B		33	M89	C+	2 se	59	Y16	C+	se
8	A261/510	C		34	M172	B	cr mc	60	Des23/375	B	5h
9	A304	C+		35	M183.5/468	B	ss	61	Des23/405	B	5h
10	B222	C		36	M192.5/406	B+		62	Des44P/1276	B	
11	B291/634	C+		37	M207.5/332	B	oe 1h	63	<b>B33</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>ih</b>
12	C72.5/1046	B		38	M289.5/515	B	pp 3h		<b>E55.5P</b>	<b>C</b>	
13	C97	B	sc	39	M301A	B			<b>O70.5P</b>	<b>E</b>	
14	C232.5/583	B	pp oe	40	P186/634	B	oe 1h		<b>Des53P</b>	<b>C</b>	
15	C232.5/424	B	pp oe 3h	41	P189/554	C+			<b>Above 4 as a block of 4 prepers</b>		
16	C315/729	B	pp oe	42	R32	B	1h				
17	C324/374	C+	5h	43	R118.5/471	B	oe cc	64	C261.5/512	C+	205
18	C356.12/811	C+	1h	44	R147/425	B+	pp	65	F34.5/559	B	202
19	D72A	B+		45	S2.1A/901	B		66	5 D & D+		
20	D100/567	C+		46	S253	B	pp	67	1922-32 issue		150 D & D+
21	E79/Q1	D		47	S286	B		68	1938 prexies		80 D & D+
22	F19	C+		48	T46/720	C+		69	commems		45 D & D+
23	F40/642	B		49	T97A/557	B+	1h 3h		Canada		
24	F83/322	B	mc	50	T99	C+			25 small hole		
25	G53	C+		51	W41	B	11h	70	OHMS		
26	G81	C+	mc	52	W94	B	2h				

# New York Central Railroad - Study Appeal

Bob Szymanski (LM-145)

I am currently trying to determine whether the two listed Canadian NYC perfins are two or possibly more different patterns or actually die varieties from a single perforator.

Over the past several years, I have noticed much confusion with the Canadian NYC perfins. Canadian NYC perfins are much less common than their US counterparts. The "E" rating applied to Canadian pattern #N30 indicates that between 101 and 300 are known to exist while the "B" rating for Canada's #N31

indicates that only between 4 to 10 are known to exist. On the other hand, both U.S. NYC perfins number in the many thousands! As there are fewer Canadian perfins, these may have been studied in more detail. Furthermore, the indication is that the Canadian NYC perfins were probably punched in the US (by the US perforator[s]) for use in Canada where the NYC had affiliated offices and/or for self addressed return envelopes. Thus, a study of the US multiples may well lead to a definitive answer.

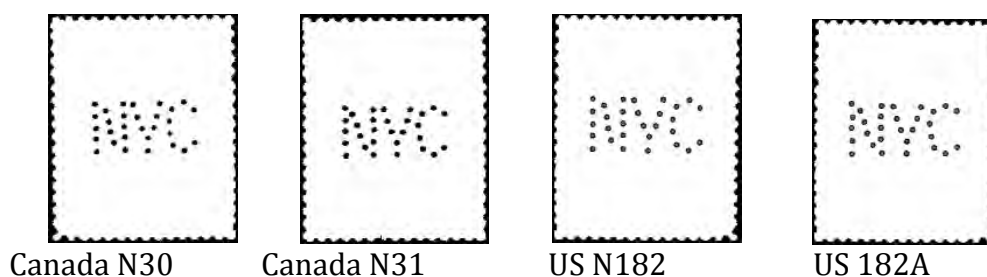


Fig.1 – The four New York Central Railroad patterns being considered

Although the US patterns are not noted in the catalog as being produced by multi-head dies, the US NYC patterns are so numerous, and the company so large and with many locations, it is difficult to imagine that a single head perforator made all these perfins. Possibly, this perforator was manufactured so well that no discernible die differences exist, or, possibly the patterns are so numerous no one ever gave a second thought to searching for differences. The differences in the Canadian perfins are difficult if not impossible to discern by eye.

After requests to Canadian Club members, too few multiples of the Canadian perfin were available to come to any conclusion. So, you can see the problem with using only Canadian perfin examples to try to solve this dilemma. If indeed the US perforator punched the Canadian perfins, the U.S. NYC perfins will be very helpful.

I am requesting that all US members please help our perfin collecting neighbors to the North! Try to find any US NYC multiples you

may have. Every one counts! Let's have a good response from US Club members! Better yet, if you happen to possess any multiples of the Canadian NYC, by all means I would like to examine these as well.

Please, help us find some answers! All information gathered will be shared with both the Canadian and US catalog editors for their further study. Thank you!

Please send scans or multiples of US Cat #N182 and #N182A and Canadian #N30 and #N31 (Canada catalog - 5th Edition; #N28 and #N29 [Canada Cat - 4th Edition]). Multiples may be a series of joined perfins (strips or blocks) or more than one perfin on a single, large stamp.

Send all information to Bob Szymanski --- e-mail at [perfinman@comcast.net](mailto:perfinman@comcast.net) or mail to 10 Clarridge Circle Milford, MA 01757-1371.

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**Editor's Note:** I was intrigued by the question raised by this note from Bob and so did a little comparing on my own. Below are

presented the results of the several comparisons and a couple of very tentative conclusions for Bob.

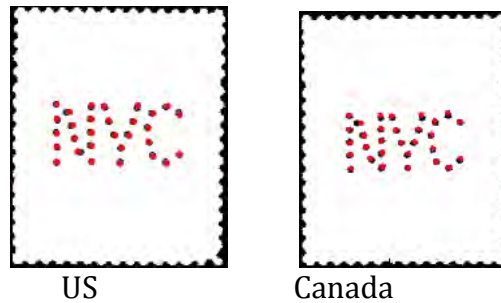


Fig. 2 – Comparison of the basic patterns being discussed by country of origin. Left: US #N882 over N182A; Right: Canada #N30 over N31 (oversize to better show comparison).

My first conclusion is that (assuming that the catalog illustrations used for the comparisons are accurate to a very high degree) both comparisons show sufficient differences between compared patterns to justify *at least* separate listings as different perforator dies for each country of use.

I then made a second set of comparisons to determine if there was concordance with the US and Canadian dies to support the theory that the Canadian patterns were punched on the American machine(s). Below are those comparisons.

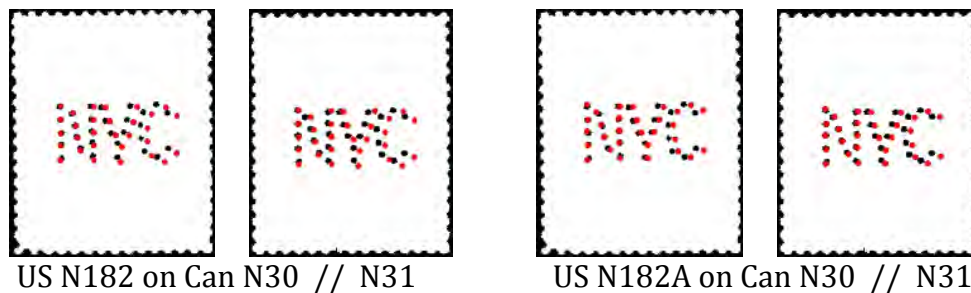


Fig. 3 – Comparison of the US and Canadian patterns being discussed (oversize to better show comparisons).

Conclusions from the above comparisons are based on the fact that the holes forming the left upright stroke of the Ns are extremely closely aligned in all cases, suggesting close concordance of scale between the four illustrations. While the left stroke of the Ns are

very similar, the farther right you move in the patterns, the poorer the agreement of hole positions becomes. So, the main conclusion from the comparisons presented in Figure 3 is: the patterns are clearly punched from 4 different dies.



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Another pair of very tentative conclusions is drawn from the comparisons in Figure 3. The first, based on the lack of reports of the Canadian die patterns in US stamps and vice versa, suggests that at least two perforators were used to produce the four patterns illustrated. And the second, *very speculative* conclusion is that at least one perforator was located in at least one office in each country. If, however, the Canadian dies are confirmed in US stamps, this latter conclusion will immediately fail.

Thus the question still remains – are these patterns punched from four dies on different perforators, two dies from two different perforators, or some other combination of dies and perforators.

Given the E and F ratings of the US patterns there are probably many multiples out there to support Bob's research. Let's help as we can and maybe unscramble this puzzle!

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## Cover IDs Pattern

Larry Cohen (LM3724)

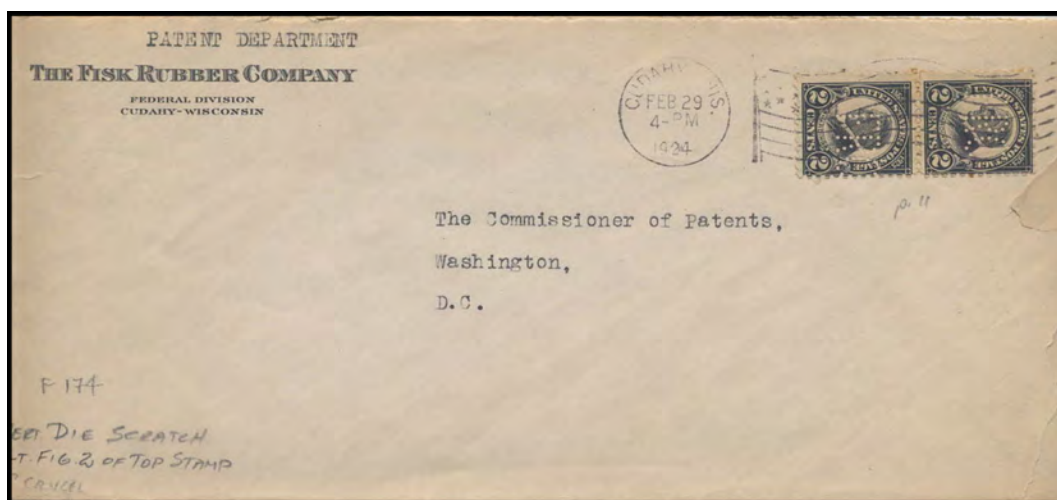
Sometimes it's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time. I attended the APS sponsored show in Boxborough MA at the beginning of May and as always I went from dealer to dealer asking if they had any Black Harding precancels or perfins on cover. Over the years I have gotten used to "sorry, no". Finally I came to one cover dealer who scratched his head and then said "I think I have one, but you probably won't like it, it's pretty ugly".

I assured him I didn't care, and he produced a No. 10 business cover opened roughly on three sides with a vertical pair of my favorite stamps machine cancelled and perfined.

I asked how much he wanted for it, trying to not to seem too eager, and when he hesitantly asked for \$3.00 I paid him as fast as I could and was on my way.

What I had was an engraved business envelope franked with a Black Harding perfined **pattern F-174** which up until that moment was only identified as being from "Cudahy, WI" in the Perfin catalog.

Now we know the pattern belonged to The Fisk Rubber Company, Federal Division, Cudahy, Wisconsin. And to add a little frosting to the cake it's a leap year cover (being dated FEB 29 1924)



Discoveries are being made every day and sometimes when you least expect it!  
and for almost nothing.

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# Secretary's Report

John Hart (#3411)

## Annual Dues Were Due by June 30

See last page for more information concerning Dues

### New Members:

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Dan Baugher - (correction to zip code)  
63017-5659

#4108 Joe Chinnci (correction)  
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### Changed/corrected emails:

David Coath - (correction to published email)  
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**Membership:** 446

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## Our Readers Write

**Richard Matthew** (LM#49) writes: "First off would like to say that N.B.T. is not an acronym, it is an abbreviation only. Acronyms are abbreviations of two main types: abbreviations that form an existing word or almost so, such as MADD, and abbreviations that can be pronounced like a word, such as NATO and NASA. Of course, some acronyms have become words, the best known is probably radar. But, coming back to N.B.T., it appears that the most valid meaning of this abbreviation is "nothing but trouble".

While I appreciate the tongue-in-cheek translation of the "initialism" N.B.T., Richard's note sent me to the dictionaries. Several are ambiguous: Miriam Webster actually states "...also: an abbreviation (as *FBI*) formed from initial letters..." Several others are relatively imprecise and less than helpful in clarifying the issue. However, the definition found at: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/acronym> set me straight while simultaneously hurting my feelings... "**Usage Note:** In strict usage, the term *acronym* refers to a word made from the initial letters or parts of other words, such as *sonar* from *so(und) na(vigation and) r(anging)*. The distinguishing feature of an acronym is that it is pronounced as if it were a single word, in the

manner of *NATO* and *NASA*. Acronyms are often distinguished from initialisms like *FBI* and *NIH*, whose individual letters are pronounced as separate syllables. While observing this distinction has some virtue in precision, *it may be lost on many people* (italics added – Ouch – my feelings are hurt...), for whom the term *acronym* refers to both kinds of abbreviations."

So, apologies for my imprecision and thanks to Richard for letting me know the precise meaning of acronym. I'll try to remember the distinction in the future.

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**Larry Oliver** (#4077) wrote in response to my Schermack article in the Jan/Feb *Bulletin*: "One question I had, though, based on your discussion of Case 17, has to do with the small, but significant shifts in hole positions. Is it possible that the small shifts are due to paper shrinkage/expansion over time, rather than the use of different dies?"

This is a valid question which deserves a stronger answer than I was able to provide.

Is anyone out there willing to tackle the subject of the influence of time and humidity on stamp papers?

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## Cover Sales / Website Report

By Robert Littrell (#3992), Club Cover Sales Manager

Cover sales got off to a brisk start. I started out with about 1,000 covers. Many were duplicates and rag-tag, and most were rated D, E or F, but I was able to repair and catalog over 750 of them. I then made the catalog listings available to those who had provided wish lists. I sold about 180 covers at price ranging from \$2 to \$10 a cover, with total sales of \$722. Then I got a shipment of 114 covers of better quality and sold every last one within a day! That was an additional \$1,222. That netted the Club its 20% seller's fee of \$390. The sellers netted \$1,555.

If you have covers to sell, or if you want to be on my email list of offerings, let me know.

As to the website, scanning of covers continues at a brisk pace. Have you seen the site? It is at: <http://www.perfins.org/US-Perfin-Covers/US-Covers.html>. The website now has almost 1300 covers online! Each of the covers is first scanned at 300 dpi resolution and the perfin stamps are scanned at 600 dpi. The stamp images are cropped, straightened, bordered and placed on the cover image in such a manner as to not hide any corner card information or illustration or any postmark information. The result is an archive image showing the perfin in an image that can be used in overlay verifications. It also makes for an interesting time just to peruse the images. These same images will be available as links from the electronic version of the Catalog, which is presently under construction.

Members of the Perfins Club are encouraged to join in this important activity. Scans can be sent

to the author at [robert.littrell@comcast.net](mailto:robert.littrell@comcast.net). I wish to thank those who have contributed so far, including Dan Baugher, John Welsch, Ken Masters, Lawrence Cohen, Douglas Cutler and Rudy Roy. All have very interesting and valuable collections and by sharing they make their collections accessible to all.

Why don't you give some thought to scanning material for the website? Don't hold back! For instance, we have one contributor, Lawrence Cohen, who almost exclusively collects the black Harding issue of 1923 and he has contributed scans of over 140 covers so far.

It's fairly easy to contribute if you have a printer/scanner. The cover needs to be scanned at 300 dpi (dots per inch) and the stamp at 600 dpi. Leave a little room around the cover and stamp so I can straighten and crop the images. The filename should be taken from the pattern number, such as: M129-cover.jpg and M129-stamp.jpg.

I'm looking for 3 types of covers:

- I have no cover of a particular pattern on the website;
- I have a cover, but the perfin is split or has broken pins; and,
- I have a cover, but need to replace a private or spurious use with a company's corner card.

Thanks in advance for all your help!



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### Sold! But Why So Pricey?

Doug Cutler (LM126) spotted the item at left, Haiti Sc#58, in a Delcampe auction. It sold for €74.05 (approx. US\$84.40). I (your editor) have a copy of this pattern (Schwerdt #A1) in Haiti Sc#52 which virtually guarantees that the pattern is relatively common, and both base stamps catalog at \$0.25. Anyone have a suggestion as to why the incredible price?

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## Reminder

Dues for the 2016-17 fiscal year are payable to the Secretary by June 30, 2016

Here we are again at that time of year.

Please look at the mailing label on this *Bulletin*. If the date above your name is 6/30/2016 **IN RED** you need to renew your membership.

**Paying by check:** Make your check payable to “The Perfins Club” and mail it to John Hart, 6500 Upper Applegate Rd., Jacksonville, OR 97530-9314.

**Paying by PayPal:** Pay at [perfin@charter.net](mailto:perfin@charter.net). In the information line, please make sure you indicate that the payment is for dues and include your

membership number so that we can correctly mark you paid.

**Life members:** Please confirm that you are still an active member of the Club. Send an email to John Hart ([jg.hart@charter.net](mailto:jg.hart@charter.net)) or in lieu of an email send a post card confirming your active status to John at the same address listed for sending checks.

All members: Any Active Member (including Life Members) who wish their *Bulletins* to be delivered by first-class mail should send that surcharge to John by the end of July.

<b>Fees</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
Annual Dues	US\$15	US\$18	US\$25
First Class Mail	US\$5	US\$7	US\$10
Non-member Subscription	US\$20	US\$23	US\$28

Life Memberships are available as shown below. Contact John Hart if interested.

<b>Age</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
54 or less	US\$375	US\$450	US\$625
55 through 69 years	US\$300	US\$360	US\$500
70 years or older	US\$225	US\$270	US\$375