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- Nominations solicited – for 4 Officers and 2 Awards
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Hallock Card Award Nominations Solicited – 2016

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

It is time to submit nominations and consider a selection for 2016. Members are requested to nominate, in writing with supporting evidence, one of their colleagues who they think is deserving of this prestigious award in 2016.

Consider the questions: Who has done the most for our Club this last year? Who should receive recognition for outstanding services? Why do you

think it is deserved?

Nominations for members to be considered for the 2016 Hallock Card Award should be sent to one of the following Hallock Card Award committee members: Ken Rehfeld - Chair, 17208 E 3rd Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99016, kenrehfeld@comcast.net, Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg, FL 34749-0450, flprepers@comcast.net, Millard (Bill) Driscoll, 301 Driver Ave Summerville, SC 29483, mdriscoll@sc.rr.com, or Steve Endicott, committee member ex-officio, 20 Greensburgh Ln, San Anselmo, CA 94960, perfins@gmail.com.

Floyd Walker Award Nominations Solicited - 2016

The Floyd Walker Award was initiated in 2003 in memory of Floyd Walker, a three-time Editor of *The Bulletin*. One of Floyd's great joys was the opportunity to write, organize and edit for *The Bulletin* and to meet with many members of The Perfins Club through articles submitted to *The Bulletin*.

This award, given annually to a member of The Perfins Club, recognizes contributions to *The Bulletin* for original articles or series of articles published in 2015. Criteria for consideration include the general interest of the article(s), scholarly research, and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of the collection of perfins.

It is time to submit nominations and consider a

selection for the 2016 Floyd Walker Award. Members are requested to nominate, in writing with supporting evidence, one of their colleagues who they think is deserving of this award in for materials published in the *Bulletin* in calendar year 2015 and that exemplifies the profile described.

Nominations for consideration by the 2016 Floyd Walker Award Committee should be sent to one of the following committee members: Paul Mistretta - Chair, 4148 Commodore Dr, Atlanta GA 30341, paulmistretta70@gmail.com, Ken Masters, 111 NW 9th St Apt 102, Kansas City, MO 64155 (note: this is a new address), Robert Littrell, 8150 Chipita Park Rd, Cascade CO 80809, robert.littrell@comcast.net, or Steve Endicott, committee member ex-officio, 20 Greensburgh Ln, San Anselmo, CA 94960, perfins@gmail.com.

Please submit nominations by May 31, 2016.

Presentation of the award will be made at this year's annual convention in Portland, Oregon.

More nomination requests on p. 47.

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The Perfins Club Annual Meeting

Steve Endicott (LM2284)

Please plan to join us for our annual convention and business meeting this August 8-13, at the combined conventions of The Perfins Club and The Precancel Society to be held at the Holiday Inn Airport in Portland Oregon (hotel information on last page).

Please remember that in addition to the Business Meeting discussed below, there will be many, many hours for stamp collecting: buying, selling, trading and discussing perfins! More about the availability of activities in the next *Bulletin*.

A tentative agenda for our annual business meeting is shown nearby. *If members would like to have topics considered as New Business, they are requested to send a written request of the topic to my attention for my receipt prior to July 20, 2016.* Because of time limitations it will not be possible to consider unscheduled business items at the Annual Business Meeting. Any such requests that are not discussed at the Annual Business Meeting will be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration at a later date.

The Perfins Club 2016 Annual Business Meeting

Thursday August 11, 2016, at 1:00pm

Agenda

Call to Order
Member self-Introductions
Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Managers' Reports
Old Business
New Business
Report on nominations for Executive Board Positions
Ballot of election entered by Secretary for the Club for all non-contested Positions
Award Announcements:
 2015 Floyd Walker Award
 2015 Hallock Card Award
Other Announcements
Closed Albums
Announcements
Adjournment

I hope to see many of you in Portland.

Executive Board Elections – Nominations Solicited

Steve Endicott (LM2284)

In 2016, as is the case every year, one or more Club Officer and/or Director positions become open for election. This year four positions are open for election. Nominations are being accepted for any or all of these positions.

The Vice President position is currently held by John Randall and **the Secretary position** is currently held by John Hart. Both positions have three-year terms of office beginning January 1, 2017.

Two Director-at-Large positions are also to be elected. The position currently held by Duane Spidle (who having served two full terms is ineligible for immediate reelection), is for the full 3-year and will be effective January 1, 2017. The second position is that of the unexpired 2½ year remainder of the term of the currently vacant Director-at-Large position, a

position left vacant when Bob Szymanski chose not to serve in that position. This second Director-at-Large will take office immediately after the vote.

You many nominate yourself or other members for any of these four positions. I encourage you to consider service to our Club. Please contact me, or any member of the Committee, if you would like to discuss the responsibilities of one of the positions.

Nominations should be sent, by May 31 to one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Paul Mistretta (Chair) Mike Hynes, or Dan Baugher. Their contact information can be found on page 46 (the second page) of the current *Bulletin*.

Nominees will be announced by the Committee at the Annual Meeting in Portland, OR.

Story of the Stamp on the Seal for the Perfins Club 73rd Annual Convention

Jerry Hejduk (#LM#3710) and Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

Patterns E22.5P (Ed), H11.5P (Flag(H), Des. 52P (Beaver) and Des. 53P ([Portland] Rose), were all designed and used by Ed Haack, a deceased member of the Perfins Club.

The perforators that produced patterns E22.5 (which was put into use in 1976) and Des. 53P (FDOU May 22,1983), were produced in England by Baddley Bros. (*The Perfins Bulletin* 1984(01):16)

In a letter from Ed written early in 1984 he notes: "The new pattern, the Beaver, I made myself." He went on to describe modifying an old corporate seal by thinning the embosser, drilling the pattern into the seal using a drill press and then affixing the carbon steel pins using super glue. The beaver's FDOU was May 25, 1984 (from FDOU cover).

There appears to be no written record which documents the maker of the perforator for the Portland Rose, first used by Ed on May 22, 1983 (*The Perfins Bulletin* 1984(01): 16).

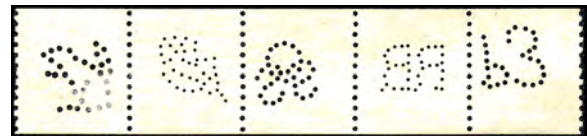
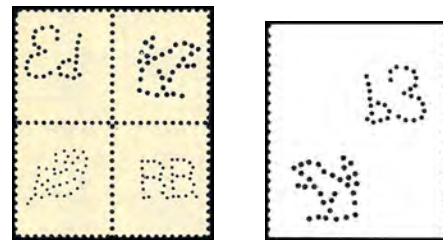
The FDOU for pattern H11.5P is September 5, 1986. The manufacturer is unreported.

For completeness, it must be noted that Ed also managed to acquire, from a friend, the perforator used by Butler Brothers, New York (B33), which he also used in his personal and philatelic postage.

The perforator that punched pattern O70.5P, the official perfin of the Oregon Stamp Society, was produced by Baddley Bros. of London and predates all of Ed's patterns. It is unclear, though highly probable that Ed had direct input into the creation of the pattern, and this experience may very well have been the inspiration which caused Ed to develop his own patterns.

Initially produced to be used on the official mailings of the Society, P70.5P was first used (FDOU) on January 19,1980 (from a FDOU cover), with concurrent usage on the covers and also on mailings of the Society's monthly journal, *The Album Page*.

While primarily used on Oregon Stamp Society mailings, Ed later also used it in several combinations punched se-tenant with his patterns; in coil strips, blocks of four, and even in an oversize US booklet stamp (Sc#2198-2201) in several different combinations or sequences.



The perfined precancel shown below, on the Perfins Club Convention seal both advertises and commemorates the 73rd Annual Perfins Club Convention. The seal bears: the vignette of John Jay isolated from the 15¢ stamp in the 1954 Liberty Series (Scott #1046); a local precancel from Portland, Oregon; *and* the perfin of the Oregon Stamp Society (pattern O70.5P) of the. Although the use of these stamps was considered to be philatelic, the stamps were used, as noted above, to mail the Society's journal.

THE PERFINS CLUB
73rd Annual Convention



August 8 - 13, 2016
Portland Holiday Inn Airport

Another perfinned precanceled 15¢ stamp, this one from the Prominent American Series (Sc. #1288 picturing Oliver Wendell Homes) was also used to mail *The Album Page*. These are the only two precanceled stamps known to have been perforated “[O/SS]”.

An extensive collection of U.S. Postage Stamps with perfin pattern O70.5P will be offered in the Precancel Stamp Society’s Auction at the Portland Convention.

Gems Abound in WSS-NY 2016

Paul Mistretta (LM111)

Edited from press releases by Thomas M. Fortunato, Chairman,
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World Stamp Show-NY 2016 is pleased to announce that it has finalized arrangements to display an unprecedented array of priceless philatelic material in the exhibition’s Court of Honor and Invited Exhibits, some listed below. Many can be viewed [online here:](http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Rarities_on_Display.aspx?id=484)
http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Rarities_on_Display.aspx?id=484.

- The world’s most valuable stamp will be there, the unique British Guiana one cent magenta, which was sold at auction June 17, 2014 for \$9.48 million to fashion shoe designer Stuart Weitzman.
- The world’s first two postage stamps will be represented by truly remarkable items courtesy of The Postal Museum of Great Britain and their National Archives. Two specially designed frames will feature two sheets: the very first printed registration sheet of the Penny Black, plate 1 before hardening, dated April 15, 1840; and the earliest known example of the two penny blue, a sheet from plate 3 from January 1841. Both sheets, originally of 240 examples, are nearly intact with just a couple dozen of each removed
- The earliest known example of the Penny Black postage stamp from the collection of Alan Holyoake will also be on display.

The stamp, lettered A I, comes from the first row of the sheet printed from the first printing plate 1a completed on April 8, 1840. The stamp is attached on a sheet of stout paper together with a proof of a Mulready lettersheet.

- The postal history of the small Indian Ocean island of Mauritius will be represented by a cover franked with a 1d orange red (14 known) and a 2d deep blue (12 known) stamp. These stamps are on a “Ball cover” (Lady Gomm, wife of the governor, was planning a lavish ball and decorated the invitation envelopes with new-fangled postage stamps) one of only three Ball covers and the only one in public hands.

In addition to the stamps a historic Jenny Biplane (a Curtiss JN-4H) will be on display in the show’s registration area at the Javits Center May 28-June 4. This is the same type of aircraft depicted on America’s first airmail stamps (Scott C1-3) and on the famous ‘Inverted Jenny’ error stamp (C3a).

The fully working plane is on loan from the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome (<http://www.>

oldrhinebeck.org/) in Rhinebeck, NY, two hours north of New York City. Its Museum and Airshows date to 1960, when Cole Palen, a fan and collector of vintage aircraft, began doing airshows and demonstration flights of his WWI and Lindbergh-era aircraft. The museum and non-profit organization were

formally founded in 1993, the year of Palen's passing.

Arrangements to have souvenir covers carried on the Jenny before and after World Stamp Show are being worked out with the aerodrome.

Want Ads

Wanted: Perfins in Bavarian issues - for exhibit: Scott #s 112, 153,209, 237 B1, and B2. Contact Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Wanted: Information on E. G. Soltzman Co. (S201), the company and the stamps they used; particularly interested in exchanging information on their use in pre-1908 stamps. Contact Len McMaster, 27 Fairfield Lane, Capon Bridge, WV 26711. Email pegnlen@aol.com.

For Sale: LARGE WORLDWIDE PERFIN COLLECTION FOR SALE.

Fifty years of gathering worldwide perfins. Contains tremendous varieties from 1872 to present day. Collection almost fills 10x15 climate controlled storage room VALUE?? Spent well over \$250,000.00 acquiring them. Including SCHERMACKS, Harry Rickard's "A", "B" and "C" rated duplicates, Block of eight of the US - 50 cent Columbian with official Post Office perfin cancellation punch, US 1876 perfin on revenue from Fur Trader in St. Louis, numerous 1 penny REDS from Great Britain, lots of high value Great Britain Queen Victoria and Edward the VII, GV, GVI and QEII, large assortments from Germany, Great Britain, France, Argentina, Belgium, Romania, Hungary, Canada, Czechoslovakia, India and Denmark. Including smaller collections from Norway, Russia, China plus Sinking Officials, Poland, Venezuela, Japan, Sweden and Italy. Almost

all countries represented except the Falkland Islands, Iceland and some of the "offices in" and "Dependencies" of various Countries. Worldwide mint SPECIMENS perfins included.

COVERS: Large selections of US, GB, France (no cow), Germany and Denmark. Including covers from; Offices in Constantinople, German Occupation of Belgium, Norway, Argentina, Italy, India, China, Venezuela, Czechoslovakia, Romania (no coffee grinder), Spain, Canada, Hungary, Portugal, South Africa and US SCHERMACKS.

ALSO, large Worldwide "precancel" collections, including GB private overprints. Mostly contains US, but includes Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Monaco. Thousands of US duplicates for the "flyspeck" collector, 1922 thru 1938. Lots of US blocks, including Plate numbers.

ALSO, 3 Perforator Machines, 1 is an electric one (all heavy). Plus, there are 2 handheld circular "macerators" that appear like perfins, but don't actually punch out the paper.

There are no CTO's that I know of, but I see that most countries are offering these on just about everything nowadays, so can't guarantee.

Seeking \$100,000.00+. You pickup, or shipment can be arranged at your expense. Collection can be viewed. Contact Doug Cutler (LM126), phone: 248-212-0821. Housed at San Diego Storage.

Advertisements are published without charge for members on a space-available basis. Members are entitled to one free ad per year. Additional ads will be accepted at the following rates: one insertion at 10¢ per word (do not count membership number and heading); three consecutive insertions of the same ad at 20¢ per word; six insertions of the same ad at 40¢ per word. Paid ads relating to perfins are accepted from non-members. Non-member rates are 15¢ per word for a single insertion, 30¢ per word for three consecutive insertions, and 60¢ per word for six consecutive insertions of the same ad. Neither the Perfins Club nor the editor accepts responsibility for the validity of the advertisements. Payment for the ads should be made payable to 'The Perfins Club' and sent to the editor with the request for insertion.

Punching Stamps Instead of Tickets

Stephen Tauber (#2949)

These pages have dwelt on stamps issued by railways (in contradistinction to central postal authorities) in the past (18, 19, 20). During recent months there has been a flurry of such stamps with perfins being offered on eBay. Additionally, another unusual offering was a stamp bearing a commercial advertisement.

In 1924 the Italian postal authorities sold advertising space attached to the stamps of the then-current regular issue. The stamp image and the advertisement were combined into a single stamp of double the normal height (Fig. 1). The stamp image is the same as Sc#56, and the lower half is the advertisement. Scott lists this stamp as #87d (appearing after Sc#174G), with a catalog price of \$950. A copy perfined with one of the many common CI (Credito Italiano) patterns, with three holes missing, was offered with a “buy-it-now” price of a mere \$855. Who said perfins are inexpensive?! Stamps in the denominations of 15, 25, 30, and 50 centesimi were also issued, with twelve different advertisements. This is the only advertisement issued in the 1 lira denomination.



Fig. 1. Italy Sc#87d perfined C.I

The first of seven distinct perfined railway stamp offered on eBay is a threepenny parcel delivery stamp issued by the Midland and Great Western Railway (12) and perfined M/GWR (Fig. 2). This pattern was reported in the same stamp in 2011 by Bob Schwerdt (18). This railway is the third largest Irish gauge railway in Ireland. The perfin pattern probably was used for the company’s internal

correspondence, comparable to Canada’s OH/MS patterns or Australia’s OS.



Fig. 2. A 3 pence parcel stamp from the Midland and Great Western Railway of Ireland perfined M/WGR

The second is a North Eastern Railway Company (2) sixpenny Parcels Express Night Service stamp perfined DUNN on the diagonal (Fig. 3). This British railway began overnight parcel delivery service in 1904; a similar central postal service stamp would carry a Scott QE number.



Fig. 3: A 6 pence Parcels Express Night Service stamp from the North Eastern Railway Company of Great Britain perfined DUNN

The third offering is a twopenny news parcel stamp of the Mersey Railway (10), with the pattern WHS/&S. (Fig. 4) The Mersey was primarily a local passenger railway providing service, via a tunnel, between Liverpool and Birkenhead on opposite banks of the River Mersey in England. The passenger service operated from 1886 until nationalized in 1948.

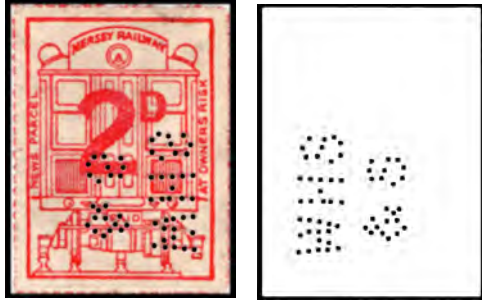


Fig. 4: A 2 pence news parcel stamp issued and used by the Mersey Railway of Great Britain perforated WHS/&S

The fourth offering is a twopenny newspaper stamp of the London & Northeastern Railway (9), with a pattern DM, (Fig. 5) appropriately belonging to the *Daily Mail*. L.N.E.R. was the second largest of the “Big Four” railways created by the Railways Act of 1921, operating from January 1, 1923 until it was nationalized on January 1, 1948.



Fig. 5: A 2 pence newspaper parcel stamp of the London & Northeastern Railway perforated with large-hole DM

The fifth offering is a twopenny stamp (Fig. 6) of the Metropolitan Railway. The stamp is also a newspaper stamp and also perforated DM (the *Daily Mail*), but with smaller holes and missing two of them. This railway (also known as the Met) operated from 1863 to 1933. The initial section in downtown London was the world’s first underground railway (11).



Fig. 6: A 2 pence newspaper parcel stamp of the Metropolitan Railway perforated with small-hole DM

The sixth railway offering is not from the British Isles, but from Australia: a sixpenny parcel stamp issued by the New South Wales Government Railways and perforated SH/&Co. (Fig. 7) The NSWGR was an Agency of the Government of New South Wales (Australia) that administered rail transport in NSW between 1855 and 1932 and was succeeded by the Department of Railways New South Wales (3, 4). The perfin is one of several patterns used by S. Hoffnung & Co Ltd, a wholesaler in a wide variety of goods (16).



Fig. 7: A 6 pence parcel stamp of the New South Wales Government Railways perforated SH/&Co

The seventh railway perfin from eBay was actually hiding in a lot of some 3 dozen stamps, not all railway issues. The perfin was not mentioned in the description, and I did not notice it among all of the stamps in the scan. The 20 øre stamp was issued by the Danish State Railways and perforated with a monogram HP (Fig. 8). The watermark of a large DSB is clearly visible. The fee was good for a parcel of up to 10 metric pounds, i.e., five kilograms. This perfin was used by Herman Pahl A/S, pattern H56 in the system of the Dansk Perfin Samlerklub. The Danish State Railways were formed on October 1,

1885, from two state-owned companies which had previously absorbed numerous private railways (5, 14). This railway continues in operation, but it has not used stamps since October 2004 (1).



Fig. 8: A 20 øre parcel stamp of the Danish State Railway for a parcel of up to 10 pounds perfined monogram HP

The remaining three stamps were already among my holdings before the eBay flurry, but they are likewise railway issues with perfin. One was a threepenny newspaper parcel stamp issued by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway and perfined WHS/&S, with several holes missing (Fig. 9). This pattern appears to be the same as in Figure 4. This railway was formed in 1847 from the amalgamation of the Manchester and Leeds Railway and several smaller railways (17). It merged into the London & North Western Railway on January 1, 1922 (8).



Fig 9: A 3 pence newspaper parcel stamp of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway perfined WHS/&S

The second of these was a twopenny newspaper parcel stamp issued by the Midland Railway and perfined JF/&Co (or is that JE/&Co?), with several missing holes. The Midland Railway came into existence in 1844 by the merger of several railways, and in 1922 it was merged into the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (13).



Fig 10: A 2 pence newspaper parcel stamp of the Midland Railway perfined JF/&S

The final item is a 25 pfennig freight stamp issued by the Grandducal Baden State Railways perfined E.P. (Fig. 11) This pattern was reported in 2011 by Bob Schwerdt in a different Baden State Railways stamp (18). It was used by Eduard Printz, a dyeworks and laundry, pattern 1-EP-6 in the system of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Lochungen. An E.P. pattern is also known in a 10 pfennig express stamp (14), but it need not be the same since at least four German E.P. patterns are known. Baden was the second German state, in 1840, to establish a governmental railway. In 1872 it was reorganized as an independent (state-owned) enterprise with the name seen abbreviated on the stamp, Großherzoglich Badische Staatseisenbahnen (6, 7). In 1919 reference to the grand duchy was blacked out by overprint on the stamps, and this railway, like all German state railways, was incorporated into the Deutsche Reichsbahnen in 1920. The railway operated over the border into Switzerland and issued express stamps in both German and Swiss currency (15).



Fig. 11: A 25 pfennig freight stamp of the Grandducal Baden State Railways perfined E.P.

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News from your Cover Sales Manager

Robert Littrell (#3992)

The inventory of the cover sales stock is now complete! If you email me at robert.littrell@comcast.net, I will email you an Excel file describing the pattern, pattern number, rating, asking price, corner card information and notes that tell if an envelope is oversized or on a postcard. If you insist on a hard copy, I will even send you a hard copy by snail mail.

To get to where I could conduct an inventory, I first had to go through about a 1,000 covers and properly identify them. This was a laborious task, because a Pennsylvania Railroad cover, for instance, could be one of five patterns and to get the right one, I would have to scan the stamp and do an overlay from the catalog page. It took me three weeks to complete that portion.

Once the patterns were identified on the covers, I picked out the ones that I needed to post on the Club's website. Almost 400 scans were made for posting. Finally, I could go through the covers, one by one and post the information gathered on an Excel spreadsheet.

While preparing that inventory, I came across one that I had put on the web that only had a return address on the corner card – “112 North Broad Street, Philadelphia” – with no identification of the sender. (See Fig. 1). The FML perfs matched the F110A pattern. I checked the Catalog which had only “Philadelphia, PA” for identification. A similar pattern, F110, has a company identification of Fidelity Mutual Life, Philadelphia, PA”. Now one could assume the same identity with a similar pattern and city, but it is not proof.

I turned to my friend Google for the answer. I Googled “112 North Broad Street, Philadelphia”. First I found many hits to the various tenants over the years, but after more searching I found a reference in the book, *“Images of America – Philadelphia's Broad Street, South and North”*. It was a fine 1895 photograph of 112-116 North Broad Street identifying the building as the Fidelity Mutual Life Association building. (See Fig. 2). Case closed. Identification established.



Fig. 1: FML pattern F110A with corner card reading “112 Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA”



The Fidelity Mutual Life Association's building, at 112-116 North Broad Street, is still standing today but hardly noticed because it is overshadowed by the United Gas Improvement Building next door. Built in 1894, the office building was designed by F.S. Newman of Springfield, Massachusetts, in an eclectic mix of styles that includes a front entrance in the Romanesque style. Newman designed the fireproof building with four elevators, steam heating, electric lights, letter chutes, and fireproof and burglarproof vaults on all the office floors.

Fig. 2: Old photograph of 112-116 North Broad St, Philadelphia, PA, and legend identifying the buildings the Fidelity Mutual Life Association.

Our Readers Write

With respect to the article on pattern I97 (IBT), Brad Hayes (#3869) wrote:

I read Robert Littrell's article about the ISF pattern and M. W. Savage with interest since I live in the greater Minneapolis area. When I saw that the letter's recipient was named "Byerly" I perked up because that is a familiar family name in this area and an upscale grocery chain in the Twin Cities has the same name. But I find those stores began operation in 1968.

I did some research on the internet and found that H. V. Byerley of Sharpsville, PA was an egg producer in 1924. Byerly also appears in Wallace's Yearbook of Trotting and Pacing for 1909. It seems he owned a purebred stallion, "Van Sielen",

Although Mr. Byerly and Mr. M. W. Savage (of Savage Minnesota) could certainly have been communicating about stock feed, my bet is that they commiserated on pacing horses. An elementary school is named after Myron W. Savage and a horse racing track remains to this day in Savage, Minnesota.

Thanks for an enjoyable read.

With respect to the article on the Babson Brothers Schermack patterns Melvin Getlan (#4068) wrote in with additional information from covers in his collection. The covers include:

- A set of four covers with the Des 90-15 (unpunched at 3 and 7).
 - In Sc#344 mailed 8/23/10 by Insurance & Fidelity to Drake in Connecticut,
 - In Sc#345 with undated oval cancel mailed by Edison Phonograph Co (F. K. Babson) to Ward Kansas,
 - In Sc#344 mailed 6/25/10 by Allen Vacuum Cleaner Co to Brown in Texas, and,
 - In Sc#344 on an unused Babson Bros reply envelope.
- A set of four covers with Des. 90-72 (unpunched at 3 4 6 7 and 8)
 - In Sc#383 mailed 12/1/11 by Babson/Edison Co. to Clough in Maine,
 - In Sc#384 mailed 10/21/11 from Burlington Watch Co. to Hale in New Hampshire ,
 - In Sc#384 mailed 12/10/11 by Babson Bros. to Clough in Maine, and,
 - In Sc#384 on unused reply envelope.

These covers were included in the information collected by Curt McCoy (#3962) during his survey of Schermacks and have been subsequently included in the database maintained by Steve Endicott (LM2284).

And finally, Dave Lightle (#3480) writes with another suggestion for the meaning of "N. B. T." (N38).

"How about National Best Tailored clothes company. That's my two cents worth.

Don't you just love a mystery? Or, as noted last issue hate a cliffhanger?

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With that invitation tendered here's a bit of what to expect should you attend.

In Newsletter No. 11, the final quarterly newsletter issued before the Show, exhibition president Wade Saadi explains that "World Stamp Show-NY will have something for every collector and in most cases, way more material than you can consume."

This newsletter, released on February 28, 2016 was too late to note in the March-April *Bulletin* which was already in the mail at that time. The newsletter was the organizers' largest (12 pgs.) about the once-in-a-decade event. The full newsletter may be downloaded at:

<http://www.ny2016.org/images/ny2016newsletters/2016-02-newsletter11.pdf>.

The newsletter again notes that the Show will be held in the Javits Center, 22 East 35th St., New York, New York from Saturday May 28 through June 4, 2016, with full show information at:
<http://www.ny2016.org/>.

The Show will feature seven FDC ceremonies by the USPA and two FDC ceremonies by the UNPA.

Each day will have a different theme as follows:

May 28 – The World of Stamps
May 29 – Learning Never Ends
May 30 - Armed Forces Day
May 31 – Science Meets Stamps
June 1 - U. S. Stamps
June 2 Beautiful Americas
 And United Nations
June 3 – Children of the World
June 4 – Topical Collecting

There are 128 societies attending, manning booths and sponsoring meetings. The exhibit area will feature 697 exhibits from 76 countries; including a total of 4,118 frames of stamps, covers and related documents.

Again, due to length of lists not all information is given in this *Bulletin* however all of it is available online at the previously referenced:
<http://www.ny2016.org/>.

Journals of Other Societies and Clubs

Paul Mistretta (LM111)

One of the few perks of being the editor of the *Bulletin* is the receipt of complementary copies of the journals of other clubs and societies.

Recently copies of the *South Pacific Perfin Bulletin*, *The BNA Perforator*, and *Texas Precancels* have been received. A brief note on each follows.

South Pacific Perfin Bulletin

The issue received (No. 112 – January 2016) is a twenty eight page journal or .pdf file published by the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia and edited by David Coath. It includes a specialized article (part 2) on the complex dies involved in the production of the G/NSW Type A pattern, including a 1:1 reference sheet to help sort the various dies. Also included are articles discussion questionable listings in the 2003 *Handbook of Australian Private Perfins*; a member profile (Murray Lawson); a history of Eliza Tinsley and the company she founded (reflected in 9 different “ET” patterns (ET.1-ET.9); a discussion of patterns FA.1 and FA.2; a discussion of pattern FBCOLD.1; additional information regarding pattern HB&S.1, HUB.1, IAF.1; a note on the “WA” perfins of Western Australia; alphabet letter perfins in Australian cheques; several reports of new patterns; and several notes relating to Club business.

If you have an interest in Australian perfins, this journal is an invaluable source of information from the historic to the highly specialized. Club dues (including the *Bulletin*) are \$15.00 (A and NZ) per annum for New Zealand and Australian residents, and A\$25.00 for residents of other countries (including airmail postage). Worldwide emailed copies of the *Bulletin* are available from the Secretary in both hardcopy and on CD. Contact: David Coath, 4 Fleming Court, Research, Victoria, 3095, Australia or email: davidcoath@onthe.net.au.

The BNA Perforator

The issue received (Vol. 37 No. 1; Whole No.145; February 2016) was a ten page .pdf file. *The BNA*

Perforator is the newsletter of the BNA Perfin Study Group of the British North American Philatelic Society (of Canada) and is edited by Jim Graham. This issue includes a well illustrated discussion of the use of Photoshop to unmask fakes of patterns O8 and O9 (OH/MS) perfins, and also its use to determine actual cataloging of an apparent pattern N30 (NLY); a listing of changes to the 5th edition of *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials*; a note on RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) related stamps; a question related to an apparent letterpunch pattern masquerading as a perfin; a cover with a question of official usage; a brief catalog of JB MacLean corner cards with perfins.

If you are a serious collector of Canadian perfins – or even an interested starter – this newsletter provides significant useful information. If you are interested in this publication contact Jim Graham by email (jdgraham2@gmail.com) or snail mail (2 Grandview Drive, Dartmouth, NS Canada B2W 1X5).

Texas Precancels

Issue 16-1 (January 2016) of *Texas Precancels* arrived as a 12 page printed newsletter. This newsletter, published quarterly and mailed to all members of The Texas Precancel Club, is edited by Katie Foster, wife of John Foster, past vice President of the Perfins Club. The newsletter includes an extensive calendar of stamp collecting related events; an announcement of the availability of a digital copy of the newsletter (in color); a call for perfin collectors with stock available for sale to come join the Precancel Club at their meetings (announced in the newsletter).

Annual dues (by calendar year) for the Club are \$5 for US addresses, \$6 for Canadian addresses and \$8 for other foreign addresses. Application and payment (checks payable to “Texas Precancel Club”) should be made to John Foster, 4113 Paint Rock Dr., Austin, TX 78731-1320.

Auction #149

Closes June 30, 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.

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Email: mo13jo@aol.com

Abbreviations used:

(cc) creased corner (ce) close to edge (cl) clipped (co) coil (cp) clipped or cut perf (cr) creased (?h) number of missing holes	(hc) heavy cancel (kn) known (mc) missing corner (oe) on edge (pp) pulled perf(s) (rr) railroad related (sb) shaved at bottom	(sc) scrape on vignette (se) straight edge (sl) split (sp) short or shaved perf(s) (ss) shaved side (st) shaved top (tm) missing top of stamp
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Scott #s are used and die #s from most recent catalogues when available.

United States

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
1	A24/504	C+	
2	A90	C+	
3	A93	C+	(se)
4	A112/504	B	(pp)
5	A133/332	B	(pp)
6	A221-1C	B+	(2h, oe)
7	A254A/554	C+	(5h, cc)
8	A288.5/510	B	
9	A304	C+	(h in perfin)
10	B46A/610	B	(2h, oe)
11	B106A	B	(pp)
12	B178	B	(pp, se)
13	C54	C+	

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
14	C129.5/416	B+	(7h)
15	C177.5	C+	
16	C187/332	B+	
17	C188/504	B+	(sp)
18	C188.5	B	(1h, sl)
19	C197.5/506	B	(cc)
20	C265	C+	(st)
21	C303/332	B+	(cc)
22	C328/509	C+	(se)
23	C355	C+	(ce)
24	C356/807	C+	
25	C378	B	(st)
26	C392.5?466	B	(2h in marg)

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
27	D14	B	(st)
28	D72A	B+	(2h, oe)
29	E31A/732	B	(pp)
30	E45/638	B	(cc, pp)
31	E84/332	B	(mc)
32	F46/332	B	(se)
33	G64/332	B	(cc, pp)
34	G86/1008	C+	(6h, pp)
35	G97/634	B	(sp)
36	G119A/499	B	(pp, cc)
37	G126/406	B	(pp)
38	G193/378	B	(pp, cc)
39	G205/583	B	(pp)
40	H46/406	B	(pp)
41	H52/424	B	(pp)
42	H88/506	B	(pp)
43	H90	C+	(se, cr)
44	H105/406	B	(pp, cr)
45	H113/333	B	(pp)
46	H118/332	B	(cp)
47	H126/463	B	(pp)
48	H140/499	B	(pp)
49	H140/634	B	(pp, cr)
50	H142/405	B	(1h, oe)
51	H156/562	B	(pp)
52	H191/463	B	(pp)
53	H192/499	B	(pp, cc)
54	H197/583	B	(pp)
55	H218.3	B	(ce)
56	H227/554	B	(pp)
57	I26.5	C+	(ce)
58	I95/642	B	(2cc, 4h off stamp)
59	I98/643	B	
60	J79/595	C+	(str/3, sb)
61	J130/549	B	(pp, se)
62	J178	A	(cp, 13 kn)
63	K51	B	(se, 3h, oe)
64	K54.5/406	B	
65	L13.5	B+	
66	L35/425	B	(pp)
67	L43A	A	(cr, 10 kn)
68	L55-2/332	B	(pp, cc, sc)

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
69	L90/425	B	
70	L97/556	C+	
71	L97/557	C+	
72	L97/568	C+	
73	L97/685	C+	
74	L104/332	B	(cp)
75	L117/567	B+	(pp)
76	L119/332	B	(pp)
77	L169.5/557	B	(pp)
78	L172/406	B	(pp, cr, tear)
79	L176/720	B	(pp, 1h)
80	L191.5/900	B	(pp)
81	L191.5/901	B	(pp)
82	M38/634	B	(pp)
83	M63/465	B	(se, st)
84	M66	B	
85	M71/913	B	(pp)
86	M127/499	B+	(pp)
87	M135/332	B	(pp, se)
88	M142.5/335	B	
89	M143/427	B	(pp, cr)
90	M166/332	B	(pp)
91	M187.9/556	B	(pp, se)
92	M207.5/332	B	(pp)
93	M235	C+	(5h)
94	M244/557	B	(pp, se)
95	M175/499	B	(pp, cr)
96	M187A/634	B	(pp)
97	M207.5/405	B	(pp)
98	M217/375	B	
99	M236/634	B	(pp)
100	M242/905	B	
101	M244/463	B	
102	M276/634	B+	(pp)
103	M282/499	C+	
104	M289.5/510	B	
105	M301A	B	(se)
106	N36.5/591	B	
107	N76.5	B	(cp)
108	N82/498	B	(pp, thin)
109	N82/506	B	(pp)
110	N91I/569	B	(pp)

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
111	N90.5C/634	B	(1h)
112	N94/554	B	(pp)
113	N95/632	B	(pp)
114	N104.3/707	B+	(pp)
115	N169.5/499	B	(pp, tear)
116	P93.5/528	B+	(pp)
117	R12/406	B	(cc)
118	R147/525	B+	(tp, cc)
119	S2.1A/807	B	
120	S206	B	
121	S303	B	(8h, se)
122	T97A/463	B+	(sp)
123	W132/469	B	(6h)
124	B5.5/562	B	(preper L 1E)
3 Cs per lot			
125	H47, H59 & H75,		
126	H80, H97.5 & H130		
127	H149, H150 & H164		
128	H173, H228 & I3		
129	I43.7B-18, I43.7B-23 & I43.7C-4		
130	I43.7D-1, I51 & I58		
131	I69, I70 & I73		
132	I94, I97 & I105		
133	I107, J42 & J81		
134	J125, K3 & K26		
135	K34, L37 & L56.5		
136	L60-4, L82 & L89		
137	L95, L106 & L117		
138	L148, L154 & L156A		

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
139	L179, L190 & M36		
140	M37, M54 & M56		
141	M67, M84 & M98		
142	M101, M146 & M185		
143	M194A, M195 & M198		
144	M258.5, M273 & N65		
145	N104.5, N113-3 & N113-7		
146	N113Aa5, N113ABb-5 & N113ABb-69		
147	N113B-2, N113C-6A & N113Cc-11		
148	N113D-3A, N113Dd-1A & N121		
149	N204, N205.2 & N205.3		
150	N136, N146 & N202		
151	O52, O79 & O81		
152	O102, P11 & P22A		
153	P26, P28R & P80		
154	P81, P95 & P99		
155	P129, P134 & P165		
156	P182, P185A & P192		
157	P202, P221 & P252		
158	R3.7, R30 & R52		
159	R69, R86A & R109		
160	R117, R136 & R154		
161	S16, S17 & S37		
162	S85, S101 & S140		
163	S158, S195-10 & S195-37		
164	S195-44, S195-66 & S201		
165	A270-2/270-19		8 dif. - 2 dups
166	B116-1/B116-44		10 dif. - 4 dups

User of US Pattern No. 16 Identified

John Welsch (#3832)

It started with an eBay search of US perfin covers. I saw a listing starting at \$0.01 and took a closer look.

A close up revealed the corner card of Lake View State Bank and with "2/164" punched in the 2¢ red franking the cover. This didn't look familiar. I checked the US Perfins Catalog and found it was a B+ rated perfin with no user identification. I checked the Addendum and A&C#4 for any information on the user of the pattern. --- Nothing...! I



Fig. 1: Corner card of the Lake View State Bank, Chicago, Ill.

I told myself, "I've got to have this cover and share it with the Perfins Club." I put in a couple of bids, but by the time the listing was ending there were two more bidders and I had been out bid. I waited for the clock to tick down to the last few seconds and placed a much larger bid, and barely won the cover.



Fig. 2: Sc#634 perforated 2/164 (pattern No. 16) which franks the subject cover.

I later found out that I had outbid fellow Club Member Robert Littrell, but all's well. He later informed me that a second cover franked with No. 16 was offered the next week and he won it outbidding four other collectors.

Historical Information

In Chicago between 1908 and 1913 the rate of financial growth was rapid. State Banks increased from 46 in 1908 to 69 in 1913. Owing to a rather forced interpretation of the law, communities like Hyde Park and Lake View were regarded as independent municipalities requiring no more than \$50,000 in capital to establish a bank under the national banking acts.

The North Shore Exchange Bank (precursor to Lake View) was founded in 1910 with the minimum capital of \$50,000. By 1926 its assets had increased to \$700,000. But, on August 16, 1930 the bank suspended operations. Why?

The Stock Market crash of 1929 and the resultant banking panic led to widespread runs on banks, not only in New York, but also in Chicago as well as across the country.

During 1930-1933, Chicago, of all the leading cities, experienced the greatest number of bank failures and the largest revenue loss in the failed banks. The peak of Chicago's bank failures were in August 1930, when five out of nine failures occurred.

With the help of an internet search by Robert Littrell, we know that in 1933, the former president

of Lake View State Bank, Edward McCabe, seriously ill from heart disease, was arraigned in his bed for having made false statements to a bank examiner. And from his obituary in *The Chicago Tribune* (September 7, 1934) we learn that the bank was founded by his late brother George W. McCabe, and that Edward had moved to Chicago in 1924 to take control of the institution. When the bank closed in 1930, Edward McCabe lost his fortune.

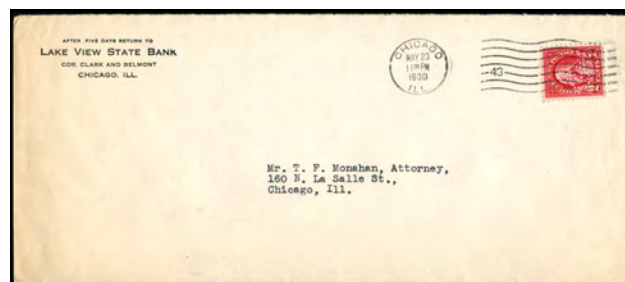


Fig. 3: Cover which identifies the user of US perfin pattern No. 16.

My cover is dated May 30, 1930 and Robert's is dated July 9, 1930, just months before Lake View State Bank's failure. Both are franked with Scott #634, the 2¢ Rotary Press issue of 1926, perforated 11x10.5.

Steve Endicott adds that, up till now there was zero postmark information on this pattern. The postmarks will be added to the postmark database and will be included in the next edition of the Catalog.

It was fun and challenging to acquire this cover and dig up some related history, and we now have another piece added to the puzzle in our Perfins collecting hobby.

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Editor's note: So why the perfin 2/164? A quick internet search of "2 164 and Lake View State Bank" directs you to the "Key to the Numerical System of the American Bankers Association" in which the Lake View State Bank of Chicago is listed as number 2-164.

Secretary's Report

John Hart (#3411)

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August 7 – 12, 2017 – **PSS Convention** (Perfins Club annual meeting); Ramada Plaza, 90700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299. PSS Convention room rate is \$82.00 + tax per night. Tele: (502)-491-4830 (make reservations by July 23, 2017).

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