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#### Convention wrap-up

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### A Great Convention

Steve Endicott (#LM2284)

We had a very successful Convention and Annual Meeting in Portland Oregon this year. Thirty eight members participated in the Convention, plus several that I failed to remind to register. Thirty two people attended the Annual Meeting. We had a great time trading stamps, buying and selling perfins and socializing with our friends. A special award

was presented to John Randall for 50 years of consecutive attendance at these Conventions and for his research and catalog work for our Club over many decades. I am already looking forward to the Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in August 2017; I hope to see many of you there.

# Perfins Club Annual Meeting

Summary of the Secretary's Report submitted by John Hart (#3411)

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by President Steve Endicott who noted that a quorum of the Executive Board was present. (In fact all of the current Board members and all of the nominees for Club offices [later] were present.) At the time of the meeting, 34 Club members had registered at the Convention prior to the meeting and of the 32 attendees at the meeting 28 were members in good standing of the Club.

Minutes of previous meeting were promptly accepted as published in the Bulletin (September-October 2015). Then the Treasurer's report for calendar year 2015 as published in the March-April Bulletin was accepted.

Managers reports were read (by Steve if the Chair wasn't present): Auction Chair, Joe Giampietro the auction is still functioning but there is lower interest and less material available than in the past; US Catalog Chair, Steve Endicott - work on a new, edition of the catalog is progressing. He is hoping to have it finalized prior to the next Convention; US Revenue Catalog Chair, Art Mongan – updates are

continuing though there is little new information being reported. A little humor here - Art [who turns 90 next year is proposing a fully revised version of the catalog for 2022 - Steve allowed that he doesn't know what he [Steve] is going to be doing next week...; Librarian, Doug Cutler - reported 7 new catalogs added to the library during the past year and also observed that several of the worksheets are missing from the files and requested that they be returned for the use of other members; Perfins Sales Manager, Robert Combs - Bob reported a serious decrease in material available for sale and requests Club members get their duplicate material out and prepare it for sale; Cover Sales Manager, Robert Littrell - Robert reported brisk sales of materials on hand (one consignment of lots sold out within 24 hours of description). He also reported on the progress of the user documentation (by cover use) being done on the Club's website, which is an ongoing project; Publication Sales Manager, David Lightle - Dave reports a slight downturn in catalog sales during 2015 but is still actively working with

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his publisher to review the print-to-order materials which the Club sells; *Sunshine Chair*, *Francis Stunzi* – during the past year 10 get well cards and two sympathy cards were sent. Francis requests that anyone with information regarding sick or deceased members let him know; and, almost forgotten among the reports, *Foreign Catalog Chair*, *John Randall* – John reports that due to health progress on the foreign catalog has been limited this past year. He requested a replacement to continue the ongoing work, and stated that he would continue his work until a replacement is identified.

At this time Virginia Randall, John's wife, joined the meeting to be present for the presentation of a plaque by President Endicott to John Randall for 50 consecutive years of attendance at the PSS/Perfins Club Annual Meetings. Among other things John has researched and published the Catalog of U. S. Perfins (1998), The Perfinned Precancels Catalog, and the Catalog of Precancelled Envelopes. He has also served as both US Catalog chair and Foreign Catalog chair.

<u>Board Elections</u> were the next order of business. Nominations were made by the Nominating Committee Chair Paul Mistretta.

The nominees were: for *Director-at-Large - Mike Hynes*, to replace Duane Spidle when Duane's term ends the end of this year; for *Director-at-Large - David Smith*, to fill the vacant Directors position, to join the Executive Board immediately; for *Secretary - John Hart*, for a three year term in office beginning January 1; and, for *Vice President - Ken Masters*, for a three year term in office beginning January 1.

The nominations were accepted, and nominees elected by unanimous vote.

#### Old Business

Two Complaints were filed with the American Philatelic Society (the APS) during the past year. Steve presented a brief summary of the content and status of both complaints.

Complaint 1: A member filed a complaint with the APS against another member for nonpayment of items lost in the mail. After review, APS dismissed the complaint as being "....without merit."

Complaint 2: A second complaint was also filed with APS. It has two parts: that the Executive Board is improperly constituted and is acting improperly; and, that a formal financial audit has not been done, and needs to be. This complaint also noted that the Treasurer is not bonded and that income and expenses, especially in regards to donations, are not being accounted for correctly. The complaint requested that the APS administer special elections, and, that a formal audit of the Club's finances be conducted.

The Executive Board has responded to these complaints. The member then provided follow-up questions and concerns. The Executive Board responded to these as well. The APS considered the complaint (Friday August 5, 2016, in Portland during the APS show). We expect to hear from the APS in a month or so.

We are holding elections today for positions as called for by our ByLaws (see above). Discussion of an Audit will be held during the New Business section of this meeting.

Jerry Hejduk reminded us of the discussion last year to rename the "Club" to "Society". Based on a call for input from Club members made at last year's Convention, only 9 responses were received. No further action will be taken on the proposal at this time.

#### New Business

**2018 PSS Convention** - 2018 will be the 75th anniversary year of the Perfins Club and we want to be a very active and strong participant in the 2018 PSS/Perfins Club convention. Steve asked that people pitch in to help and asked all who are willing to help to contact him.

**Bonding & Audit** – Bonding: This is no longer required by our Bylaws. It would require two signatures on every check written, a difficult constraint on our Club with small transactions and no central office where all of the Officers and Directors have offices.

Audit: The question of how to proceed with an Audit was deliberately deferred by the Executive

Board to the Annual Meeting and will be voted on today. A full audit is expensive - \$10k to \$15k per year audited, which would result in a bill of \$105,000 for only seven years, the full amount currently in the Club's bank accounts (note that a formal audit of the Club's finances has never been done since this requirement was included in the adoption of the Bylaws of the Club in 2002). We have searched for a more economical solution and have not gotten anywhere

The Executive Board recommended a one-time Process Review by an independent CPA to determine if the monies in the Club's treasury are correctly allocated to the various categories of money currently in bank accounts and in the Club's operating fund, and of more importance, to determine if the proper tax records are being filed annually as required by the IRS and the State of Missouri. Action on this proposed Process Review would be deferred until we hear from the APS regarding the findings of their review of the complaint still pending. A process review will cost the Club about \$3,000.

There was some discussion among members generally based in the "why bother - is there a real need" opinion. No support was expressed for the proposed formal full audit. The Chair entertained a motion to proceed with authorization of a Process Review pending the APS decision. This resolution proposing the Process Review passed unanimously.

Articles of Incorporation - We are incorporated in the State of Missouri as a non-profit corporation. We are registered in Missouri because that is our principal place of business and also our primary point of mailing of the Bulletin. To comply with Missouri law and also with IRS regulations, we needed to update our Bylaws. We hired an independent professional, a lawyer well versed and qualified in such matters in Missouri, to review our governing documents

The lawyer recommended a series of updates to our Bylaws (for instance, the inclusion of a noconflict-of-interest provision and a strengthened non-discrimination clause). He also recommended a significant format revision to better reflect the recommended Missouri standard format. (FYI – PSS is now undergoing similar changes to their governing documents.)

In addition to the recommended changes to the Bylaws, the Executive Board recommends an amendment to one sentence of the Constitution – relative to the composition of the Executive Board. The language "Two appointed members, who will be the immediate past president and the Editor of the Club's journal", is recommended to be changed to "Two appointed members, who will be a past Officer and the Editor of the Club's journal." Discussion was informal and primarily informational at this time because a vote of the full membership is necessary to amend the Constitution. After brief discussion of the proposal the matter was tabled pending a vote of the membership. More information and a ballot will be published in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Floyd Walker Award - Ken Masters, Chair of the Nominating Committee, began by saying that last year 4 members (Robert Littrell, Rudy Roy, Steve Endicott and Bob Szymanski) contributed a total of 21 articles to *The Bulletin*. The issues would have been very thin without their input. Ken appealed for all members to write something and contribute.

He then announced that *Kurt McCoy* is the recipient of the Award for 2016 for his extensive research and his articles on Schermacks with control holes. Steve will call Kurt to inform him of the award and congratulate him.

*Hallock Card Award* - Steve Endicott presented the award to Jerry Hejduk who graciously accepted it on behalf of the Executive Board.

Closed Albums - a moment of silence was observed for the following members/spouses who died since the last convention: Neilen Boatwright, Mary Masters, wife of Ken Masters, Paul McDonnell, Donald D Nelson and Louis Repeta.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20p with the announcement that the annual Club dinner would be held at the local Red Robin at 6:30pm.





Steve Endicott presents John Randall with a plaque commemorating his 50 consecutive years of participation in the PSS/Perfins Club Convention.

Club Business meeting



### Unreported Pattern MP/R

Stephen Tauber (#2949)

Among a batch of my stamps which a colleague recently examined, a copy of U.S. Scott #635 (3¢ Lincoln, Series of 1926, perf. 11x10½) appeared punched with the pattern MP/R. It is shown in Figure 1 from the front against a white background and against a black one and from the reverse.





Fig. 1. United States Sc#635 perfinned MP/R

No such pattern is listed in the 1998 edition of "Catalog of United States Perfins", nor in the working copy of the revised edition currently being edited.

Steve Endicott, upon examining this scan, pointed out that pattern M211 (MP/RR, used by the Missouri Pacific Railroad) has been seen with the second R broken down. He views the pattern shown here as an extreme example of such breakdown. Absent any contrary evidence, the Endicott hypothesis is certainly tenable.

Nevertheless, in the total absence of any trace of the putative second R and the complete absence of any

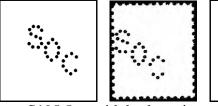
blind perfs, I suggest that this MP/R must be accepted as a distinct pattern (deliberate removal of the second R is also a tenable hypothesis in the absence of contrary evidence). Such deliberate alteration might have happened if someone with authority over the perforator die found the messed-up pattern to be unsightly and (or for any other reason) removed the pins which punched the second R. In any case, it makes no difference whether the R was removed deliberately (as is the case with several altered patterns) or by drastic deterioration of a die from use — this MP/R pattern is patently distinct.

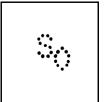
I hereby request Club member's input: Please examine your holdings for any stamp with clean examples of this MP/R pattern, and report them to Steve Endicott (perfins@gmail.com), our editor for the new U.S. catalogue, with copy to me at ejtsit@rcn.com appreciated. Of particular interest would be a se-tenant pair with this deteriorated pattern and an unmistakable M211. Such would be evidence to support the Endicott hypothesis. By contrast, a se-tenant pair with both stamps showing this pattern would argue for deliberate removal of the second R. A se-tenant pair, either a vertical pair with the perfins in positions 1 and 7 or (less plausibly) a horizontal pair with the perfins in positions 1 and 5, would merely demonstrate that the sheet of stamps had been folded before punching and would be silent on the question of deterioration vs. the deliberate removal of pins.

# And Another Similar Conundrum

Paul Mistretta (LM111)

In a recent sending to his committee of experts Steve Endicott notes that the Committee has not come to a consensus on the relationship between the pattern "SO" which was clearly derived from pattern S195.5.





S195.5 - with broken pins - deleted S195.3

He notes: the "SO" exactly match the 'SO" characters of S195.5; there is no evidence of the "C" from that pattern (no dimples or chads); and, the "SO" is in a stamp from 1962 – later than any reported use of "SOC". "SO" was assigned the catalog number S195.3 in the 1979 Balough catalog, but was deleted by Randall in 1998. Very few copies of either pattern exist (S195.5 = B rated; S195.3 = A rated) but one shows broken pins. It would be instructive to see se-tenant copies as described above for these patterns, should any even exist. Please help.

# Catalogs Available Through the Catalog Sales Department

Dave Lightle (#3480), Catalog Sales Chairman

Our printer has been reviewing the costs for printing our catalogs. The good news is that very few changes (only three increases; Bavaria supplement, India and India supplement #2) resulted from this review. Given that there have been changes, it seemed a good time to update the listing of all catalogs currently available through the Club's Catalog Sales Department. Orders for any item can be placed using my contact information found on the second page of this *Bulletin*. To avoid any surprises, a double-check of pricing is recommended before ordering any item.

The Catalog prices listed include postage to members and mailed to United State addresses. Members outside the United States and Non – Members the price will be plus postage

	M	ember	Non - ember
World Perfin Catalogue - America's: Schwerdt, Robert. 1992. The World Perfins Catalog. American Section. Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 91 p.	\$	15.00	\$ 17.25
<b>World Perfin Catalogue – Africa</b> : Schwerdt, Robert. 1995. <u>The World Perfins Catalog. African Section</u> . Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 51 p.	\$	10.00	\$ 11.50
World Perfin Catalogue – Asia: Schwerdt, Robert. 1996. <u>The World Perfins</u> Catalog. Asian Section. Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 59 p.	\$	10.00	\$ 11.50
World Perfin Catalogue – Europe: Schwerdt, Robert. 1994. <u>The World Perfins</u> <u>Catalog. European Section</u> . Poughkeepsie, NY: The Perfins Club. 70 p.	\$	10.00	\$ 11.50
<b>Austria:</b> Nussbickel, John J. 1991. <u>Austria Perfins.</u> The Perfins Club. 160 p. Plus Five Supplements.	\$	32.00	\$ 36.80
<b>Australia</b> : Mathews, John.; Grant, J. 1992. <u>Handbook of Australian Private</u> <u>Perfins</u> . The Perfins Club of New Zealand and Australia. 372 p.	Tem	porarily out	
<b>Bavaria</b> : Needham, John. 1990. <u>Catalog of Bavarian Perfins</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. [67p.]	\$	10.00	\$ 11.50
Bavaria - Supplement 1	\$	5.50	\$ 6.50
<b>Belgium</b> : Hammink, Ruud J.; van der Hoorn, Jac M. 1997. <u>Perfins van Belgie: Timbres Perfores de Belgique</u> : The Perfins of Belgium. [in Dutch with English introduction] Tilburg, Netherlands: Perfins Club Nederland. 145 p.	\$	22.00	\$ 25.50
<b>British Malaya</b> : Giffen, P. 1989. <u>Perfins of British Malaya.</u> Nelson, NZ: MacKenzie Print. [66p.]	\$	2.50	\$ 2.88
<b>Denmark</b> : Køster-Kofoed, Ove; Hansen, Ole; Mathiesen, Kaj. 2012. <u>Katalog over danske firmaperforeinger</u> . [in Danish with English instruction for use] Odense, Denmark: A/S Handelstrykkeriet. 109 p.	;	\$60.00	\$ 69.00
<b>France</b> : Dedecker, R.D.; Dumas, Oliver; 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition. 2014 <u>ANCOPER: Timbres</u> Perfores France et Colonies. [in French] Aniche, France: ILP. 406 p.	\$	90.00	\$ 115.50

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<b>France- Colonies:</b> Dedecker, R.D.; Herbert, M.; Janot,; Tschaen, E.; Leger, G. [in French] 2008. 106p.		OUT		OUT	
<b>Germany</b> : Nachtrag zum <u>Katalog der deutschen Firmenlochungen</u> . Sept. 2010 [In German with introduction in English] West Germany: ArGE. [1966 p]		\$ 200.00	\$	230.00	
<b>India</b> : Werner, Magnus. 1990. <u>The Perfins of India and Indian States</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 116 p.	\$	25.00	\$	28.75	
India - Supplement 1	\$	3.00	\$	3.45	
India - Supplement 2	\$	5.50	\$	6.50	
<b>Ireland</b> : Mewhinney, Richard L. 1994. I <u>reland: Catalog of Perfins</u> . USA: The Perfins Club. 34 p.	\$	8.00	\$	9.25	
Italy: Bertazzoli, Enrico; Ermentini, Beppe. 2009. Catalogo dei Perfin Italiani: Italian Perfins Catalogue. [in Italian with English preface] Vignola, Italy: Vaccari.253 p. with 32 Transparent Plates and CD	\$	85.00	\$	97.75	
Ottoman Empire, Turkey, Crete: Scheper, Dick. 2009. 69p. English	Ter	nporarily out			
Netherlands: Verhoeven, Jan L. Perfins Club Nederland. 2007. 320p.		\$ 50.00	\$	57.50	
Romania, New: Llerwellyn-Edwards, Tam. 2016. Catalog of Romanian Perfins. Romania Perfins Club. FREE: <a href="http://www.romaniastamps.com/perfin/perfins.htm">http://www.romaniastamps.com/perfin/perfins.htm</a>					
<b>Switzerland</b> : Baer, Martin. 1998. <u>CH Perfins: die privat gelochten marken der Schweiz; les timbres perfores privees de Suisse; the private perfins of Switzerland. [in German with French &amp; English introductions] Zurich, Switzerland: 240p.</u>		OUT		OUT	
<b>United States</b> : Randall, John M. ed. 1998. <u>Catalog of United States Perfins</u> . Long Beach, NY: The Perfins Club. 812 p. Plus the Addendum #4	\$	75.00	\$	90.00	
United States e-Catalog Updated Catalog with supplement on CD -Initial Purchase Update of previously purchased Version to include Supplement 4	\$ \$	53.00 8.00		MBERS ONLY	
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The Addendum #4 to The Catalog of United States Perfins: Endicott, Steve. 2014	\$	18.50	\$	21.30	
U.S. Blank PagesMinimum Order 25	\$	0.15	\$	0.17	
<b>U.S. by Location:</b> Ottenheimer, Adele. 1999. <u>Catalog of United States Perfins by Location.</u> Long Beach, NY: The Perfins Club. 123 p	\$	12.00	\$	13.80	
U.S. Check List: Lightle, David. 2012. Checklist of United States Perfins. USA: The Perfins Club. 23 p.	\$	5.00	\$	5.75	

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<b>U.S. Perfinned Precancels</b> : Randall, John M.; 2009. <u>Catalog of Perfinned Precancels of the United States</u> . El Cerrito, CA: The Perfins Club. 231p.	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.25
<b>U.S Rev-Perfins Volume 1:</b> Mongan, Arthur J.; 2010 A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents – Transaction Revenues (Documentary, Stock Transfers, Future Delivery, etc.). USA; The Perfins Club. 384p.	\$ 33.00	\$ 38.00
<b>U.S Rev-Perfins Volume 2:</b> Mongan, Arthur J.; 2010 A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents – Commodities Revenues (Beer, Wine, Tobacco, Oleomargerine, etc.) USA; The Perfins Club. 436p.	\$ 40.00	\$ 46.00
<b>U.S Rev-Perfins Volume 3:</b> Mongan, Arthur J.; 2010 A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents – Fiscal Paper and Others (Checks, Stocks, Sales Slips, etc.). USA The Perfins Club, 284p.	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.00
U.S Rev-Perfins – All Three Volumes	\$ 80.00	\$ 95.00
<b>U.S. Railroad</b> : Baugher, Dan 2010. Railroad Perfins of the United States and Canada. USA: The Perfins Club. 56 p.	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.80
<b>1902 Issue Checklist:</b> Endicott, Steve; 2010 Checklist of perfins on the 1902 Issue. USA: The Perfins Club. 24 p.	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.50
<b>Exhibit Guide</b> : Gersch, Sylvia; Schwerdt, Robert. 1995. <u>Guide to Perfin Exhibiting</u> . USA: ThePerfins Club.	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.30
<b>Perfin Bulletin Cumulative Index</b> ; Roy, Rudy. 1993. <u>Cumulative Index to Perfins and the Perfins Bulletin:</u> Issues 1-453 (1945-1992). USA: The Perfins Club. 125 p.	\$ 15.00	\$ 17.25
New Member Handbook	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.30
How to Speak Perfins	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.15

Two additional catalogs are available – but are in very short supply. They are the 2010 hard bound catalog of the perfins of Japan (\$50.00) and the 2015 soft covered catalog of Argentinian perfins (\$30.00).

In addition to the printed version, the following items are available at no charge to members only as an electronic email attachment from Dave Lightle, <a href="mailto:perfinpaul@msn.com">perfinpaul@msn.com</a>

- U.S. Checklist
- 1902 Checklist Cover Page
- U.S. 1902 Checklist
- How to Speak Perfins
- U.S. Blank Album Page
- U.S. Blank Album Page Large
- U.S. Non-Denominational Checklist (electronic only)
- Straits Settlements Perfins Album Pages -- 81/2X11 (electronic only)

- Straits Settlements Perfins Album A4 Pages (electronic only)
- College and University Checklist (May 2010)
- U.S. 1908 Perfin Checklist for Scott #331 and 322 (electronic only)
- Railroad Perfins Checklist (May 2014)
- Schermack Control Perfin Census
- Schermack Study
- U.S. National Defense Issue Stamps

# Cover Identifies User of US Pattern S125

John Welsch (#3832)

**Identification**: The cover shown below, with C+ rated U.S. perfin pattern S125, SF/PE, identifies the pattern's user. I acquired a collection of 100 US Perfin covers, patterns of Federal, State and County agencies, along with some Certified and Special Delivery covers originally put together by Perfins Club member Paul H. Gault of Columbus, OH (closed album,

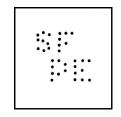
Feb. 27, 2015). In the write up of this cover, he identified it as: Federal, War Department, use of SF/PE perfin die by the San Francisco Adjutant General Regional Records Office, Oakland Army Base. "Usually the initials of the perfin are derived from the user, but in this case they do not match. No other user of the perfin has been reported in the U.S. Perfin Catalog."



With a search of the Internet, I found the confirming information. SFPE stands for the U. S. Army's San Francisco Port of Embarkation. The only other information on this pattern is in the Addendum, Section F, Additions for Supplemental Information: "A cover has been seen with a return address of War Department, Casual Post Office, Fort Mason, CA." The cover

will be scanned into the Perfins Club site PERFIN COVERS of the UNITED STATES managed by Robert Littrell (#3992). Catalog Editor and Perfins Club President Steve Endicott (LM2284) will add the user identification in the next Catalog, and the cancel date of this cover, July 9, 1948, will be entered in the Postmark Database.





**History:** The headquarters for the San Francisco Port of Embarkation was at Fort Mason. Located on a hillside promontory, Fort Mason served as a harbor defense post for San Francisco, California. The massive buildings of the SFPE, known as Lower Fort Mason were originally built between 1912 and 1915 to warehouse army

supplies and provide docking space for army transport ships.

During World War II, more than 4,000 voyages by freighters and over 800 troop ships originating from the San Francisco Port of Embarkation carried nearly 1,650,000 soldiers and 23,600,000 ship tons of cargo to support the

efforts of General Douglas McArthur in the Southwest Pacific Area and Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Ocean Area.

General McArthur wrote, "The U.S. Army's San Francisco Port of Embarkation and its subsidiary Oakland Army Terminal gave magnificently of their full support-- support which in no small measure contributed to the victorious march which carried our arms to the heart of the Japanese empire."

World War II involved such a large effort that the SFPE soon was overwhelmed, and expanded onto land across San Francisco Bay in Oakland, where it built a subsidiary Oakland Army Terminal much larger than its headquarters. The port and its subsidiary, served by three transcontinental railroads, handled more than 350,000 freight car loads, and employed 30,000 military and civilian employees, not counting the

longshoremen who loaded and unloaded cars and ships.

In 1972 the SFPE was listed as a National Historic Landmark. Now on the National Register of Historic Places in San Francisco (National Register #85002433), the SFPE Historic District is comprised of 210 acres with 14 buildings and 5 other structures.

To learn more go to www.nps.gov/nr/travel/wwiibayarea/embarkation.htm and www.nps.gov/goga/learn/historyculture/port-of-embarkation.htm.

In conclusion, it's amazing that no user was identified for so many years since with our enhanced internet resources we can in minutes find out a wealth of information on just about any subject. I learned a lot of history by just searching War Dept. SFPE. And another piece of the U.S. Perfins History puzzle has been put in place.

### Clubmember's Ads

**Wanted:** ANY US E52 (EI) perfin in any US stamp. Let me know if you have one (or more) available (and your price). Thanks.

Clark Buchi, 816 High Point Ridge Road, Franklin, TN 37069.

**Wanted:** 2c BLACK HARDING PREPERS (PRECANCELLED PERFINS). I am looking for the following prepers. I will pay very aggressive prices of 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	<b>LETTERS</b>	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	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	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	unknown
North Dakota	<b>Grand Forks</b>	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	0094	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.

Larry Cohen (LM 3724) P.O. Box 356, Plymouth, NH, 03264-0356. PLEASE E-MAIL ME: reb.cohen@roadrunner.com.

# Perfin Substitutes of Droguería Sarrá

by Robert Littrell (#3992)

Droguería Sarrá was established in 1853 in Havana by Dr. José Sarrá to provide pharmaceutical and homeopathic products. Under his son, Dr. Ernesto José Sarrá, Droguería Sarrá expanded to become the largest pharmaceutical and distribution company in Cuba and in Latin America until 1960 when the government confiscated all private businesses.

Collectors of Cuban stamps at one time or another encounter SA/RRA perfined stamps. They are everywhere. For a period of thirty years, 1914–1954, Droguería Sarrá used a perforating machine to protect their valuable stocks of postage stamps from theft. Thereafter, at least in theory, the stamps could not be mailed by anyone other than an authorized agent of the company.



Figure 1 – Timbre Nacional revenue stamps issued in the period from 1919–1924 (blue stamp);  $2\phi \& 1\phi$  issues of 1937; and surcharged overprint issue of 1956 (light red stamp), all bearing the printed legend "SARRÁ".

But if they had a perforation machine already in use, why would they *print* SARRÁ on their revenue stamps? (See Fig. 1). This author cannot provide the answers – he can only note that this occurred in the same time period. Perhaps perforation of the revenue stamps invalidated them. Perforation after all was a common form of cancellation of revenue stamps, so this appears to be the most likely explanation.

OK, then, why do you see perfins on the first issues of the Timbre Nacional revenue stamps? (See Fig. 2) Perhaps they did this initially until some government official told them that the perforations invalidated the stamps. An interesting mystery remains.



Fig. 2 – SA/RRA perfins on early *Timbre Nacional* revenue stamps.

# Washington Bicentennial Perfin Checklist is Now Available

Bob Szymanski (LM 143)

Almost ten years ago, I started developing a checklist of perfins in the Washington Bicentennial issues as this series was of special interest to me. I soon realized that I could not do justice to this project working alone, so I enlisted the help of

manycollectors over the years from whose collections much additional information was added.

Those who helped include Bob Schwerdt, Pat Callis, Bob Murrin, Harvey Tilles, Larry Owen, John Randall, John Lyding, Dan Fellows and Bob Blackman.

Several members who have passed on are to be thanked as well. These include Dick Mewhinney, Bill Gersch, John Suffka, Ken Aws, Juho Krepp, Allan Oleksyn, Robert McQuown, Albert Spencer and Steve Koning.

So as not to confuse perfin collectors, there are two lists. The first contains only perfins in Washington Bicentennial issues without precancels. The second contains only Washington Bicentennial perfins with precancels. The second list does not list inverted precancels, double impressions, colored inks, errors or spacing differences, or cancels other than recognized precancels (no incidental, questionable, post-cancels or fakes). This second list has been generated from the "Washington Bi-Centennial Catalog" wonderfully written by Perfin Club member Arnold Selengut. Permission has been asked for and was graciously granted by Board of

Governors of the Precancel Society to reprint the information concerning the Bi-Centennial precancels that are found with perfins in the Selengut catalog. This catalog is available through the "Precancel Society" for those interested in the comprehensive study of this stamp set or for those wishing information on anything other than listed perfinned precancels. An additional 18 perfinned precancels have been added to this check list.

An electronic version of both lists will be provided free of cost to all members of the Perfins Club who wish it and may be obtained from Dave Lightle, Publications Manager. The lists will also be available in hard copy - price not yet set. Any additions to these lists may be sent to me and they will be updated on a periodic basis. I may be reached at (508) 478-7303 or perfinman@comcaast.net.

Thank you all who have graciously helped on this project.

# Many Thanks to Our Member Volunteers at WSS NY

Jerry Hejduk (LM 3710)

The World Stamp Show in New York City from May 28th to June 4th drew a large crowd of International Stamp Collectors and Dealers. Members of the Perfins Club produced a Single Frame Exhibit on Collecting U. S. Perfins, presented a Seminar on the ABCs of Collecting U. S. Perfins and staffed a Society Booth that 90+ collector visits to learn more about collecting perfins.



Jerry with Club's exhibit

The Publicity and Public Relations Chair would like to thank Joe Chinnici, Jeanne Hejduk, Ed Linn, Russell Sampson and Stephen Tauber for spending significant amounts of time at the Club's Specialty Booth. They were of tremendous help in providing Perfins information to collectors who were interested in learning more about the value of holes in postage stamps. With their help nine new members were welcomed into the Club!



The next International Stamp Show to be hosted in the United States will be in Boston in 2026.

Jerry & Ed Linn at Club's table

# A Twisted Path Leads to the Identification of S193's User

Ken Masters (LM #3589)

Near the end of December 2015 Rudy Roy spotted the cover shown below (Figure 1) in an eBay auction. The seller identified the perfin as "'CN&' on the top line and 'CO' on the bottom line" (his words) or "CN&/CO" in our nomenclature. However, there is no such pattern listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US

Perfins Catalog). Is this a new pattern or has the seller misidentified the perfin? To help answer this question, Rudy sent me the eBay image of the cover and asked me to assist him identify the perfin using electronic overlay techniques that have been demonstrated several times in previous *Bulletin* articles.

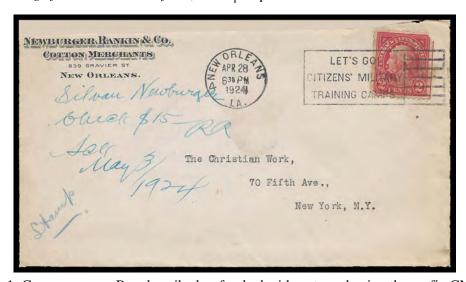


Figure 1: Cover seen on eBay described as franked with a stamp having the perfin CN&/CO

I did not get very far in this effort when I noticed the resolution of the eBay image was only 72 dpi - sufficient for illustration of the cover on eBay but not nearly high enough for the electronic overlay work. I could tell that the perfin was missing several holes and the letter "C" on the top line of the perfin did not look quite "right." Both Rudy and I contacted the seller and asked for a higher resolution image. Unfortunately, he was on holiday at that time and could not send us any more information before the auction closed.

The eBay image was sharp enough to read the user, "Newburger, Rankin & Co., New Orleans" on the corner card. Based on this information, I started an Internet search and found that Newburger, Rankin & Co. was formerly Silvan, Newburger & Co., New Orleans, LA. There were three investors in the firm - Silvan Newburger, Joe Newberger, and H. M. Rankin. In addition, there were several subsidiary firms with the names of these three individuals. (1,2,3)

That is when the light bulb blinked on in my mind. Could the letter "C" on the top line be a partial letter "S?" Off I went to the "S" section of the US Perfins Catalog and found pattern S193 (SN&/CO) - a B rate. The only information provided is the user city, New Orleans, LA. With the matching city and the possible match of the perfin letters with the company's original name, I placed a bid on speculation and won the auction!

Upon receiving the cover, a visual inspection of the perfin seemed to support my suspicion that the letter "C" on the top line is a partial letter "S," making the perfin a partial of pattern S193. Next, I electronically compared the perfin on the cover with the Catalog's S193. The results of this work, shown in Figure 2, seem to confirm my suspicions. The holes in the letters "S" match very closely and the letters "N," and "C" are almost the same. However, the "&" and the letter "O" appear to be shifted to the left compared to the Catalog's S193.

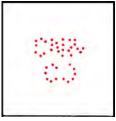




Figure 2: Pattern from cover (on left) superimposed on catalog illustration of pattern S193 (at right).

Because of the relatively poor match of the "&" and the letter "O," I electronically compared the perfin from the cover with a loose copy of S193 from my collection. This comparison (Figure 3) shows a very close match of the two perfins.

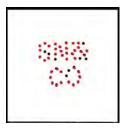


Figure 3: Pattern from cover superimposed on Perfin S193 in my collection.

As a double check, I compared the loose perfin from my collection with the Catalog's image of S193. Figure 4 shows the results. Similar to the perfin from the cover, the "&" and "C" in my perfin are shifted to the left.

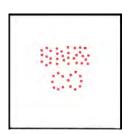




Figure 4: S193 from my collection (on left) superimposed on catalog illustration of pattern S193 (at right).

I sent all of this information to the U.S. Catalog Chairman with the suggestions that the perfin on this cover is a partial punch of pattern S193, making this the identifying cover for S193.

Based on the above discussion, there are obvious differences between the perfin on the cover and the S193 perfin from my collection when both are compared to the Catalog's S193 image. Thus, a "y" should be added to the Catalog listing to indicate die varieties are known or the Catalog's image of S193 should be revised.

The original user of S193 was probably "Silvan, Newburger & Co., New Orleans, LA." However as there is no verifying cover, it might be preferable to include this possibility in the Supplemental Information section of the Catalog.

The Catalog Chairman agreed with my suggestions. Thus, the US Perfins Catalog's next A&C will indicate the following for pattern S193:

The primary user will be "Newburger, Rankin, & Company, New Orleans, LA," verified with an "\*" and with "x" and "y" codes.

An added note in the Supplemental Information section will state: "Silvan, Newburger & Company is the parent firm of several textile companies involving Silvan Newburger, Joe Newburger, and H.M. Rankin. The only known cover with confirmation is one used by Newburger, Rankin & Company."

The April 28, 1924, postmark will be added to the EKU/LKU postmark database.

This is one case where I am very happy that I followed my instincts and placed the speculative bid on this cover. Believe me, I have several other examples where this was not the case. I hope you enjoyed reading about my good fortune and I encourage you to share yours in a future *Bulletin* article. Both the Editor and your fellow members will appreciate it.

#### References:

- 1) https://books.google.com/books?id=rO09AQ AAMAAJ&pg=PA55
- 2) https://books.google.com/books?id=D\_ZYA AAAYAAJ&pg=PA18
- 3) https://books.google.com/books?id=Qck9A QAAMAAJ&pg=PA759

# The New U.S. Perfin Catalog – You Can Help!

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

While updating and organizing information for the new edition of the Catalog, I have spotted two types of issues involving user identifications - here is where you can help me and the Club.

As new postmark and other data were submitted, there are situations where it appears that we should probably know the primary user. However, the records do not indicate this.

Table 1 below is a list of 44 perfins where postmarks and other information have been reported but not the user. Do you have a cover with the user?

A155	F087	N139A
A275.5	F117	O105
B178	F222	P053.3
B222	F232.5	P136
B260	G165A	P186
B276	H108	P232
B294.5	J111	R066A
C007	L049.3	R086.3
C162	L051	R128A
C206	L080A	S020
C265.5	L113	S194
C361	L156A	U045
D099	L162	W030
E096A	M093	W177A
E101A	M300.5A	

Table 2 (next column) is a longer list of perfins where postmarks have been reported and we know the user, the city, the State and the period of usage. But the Catalog does not show verification ("\*") for the user. I am willing to bet that quite a few of the postmarks reported in this group are to be found on covers with the user shown. Do you have verification?

In both groups, the postmark may just be from an incidental usage or on a cover without corner card information. I ask members to check their perfin cover collections and let me know if they have user information for any of these perfins. Thank you.

Table 2.

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A038	D028	N113Dd-10
A039	D070	O101
A069	F012	P026
A081	F136	P062I
A107	F138	P081
A166	F164	P082
A167	F171	P089
A184	G007	P128
A221-01A	G073	P143
A221-21	G095	P152
A221-36	G146	P190
A221-42	G155.2A	P201
A247A	G171	R041
A248	G187.5	R075.5
A250	H010	R153
A251	H021	S002.11
A254	H179	S004
A265	H216	S083
A280	J003	S094
A288.5	J096.15	S131
A305	K007	S137
B028	K019.5	S181
B068	K039	S189
B074	K062	S195-06
B078	K067	S195-36
B079	L081	S195-62
B081	L092	S338.2
B081A	L159	S340
B082	L177	S367
B087	L188A	T071
B099	L189	T079
B133	M050A	T088
B139	M191	U089
B145	M258.5	V029.5
B153A	M286	W072.53
B166	N113-06	W109
B281	N113A-03	W203-2.5
C127	N113AB-09	W205
C128A	N113B-06	W209
C175	N113Dd-04	W226
C356.09		
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# Usage Dates for Some U.S. Perfins

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

I am asking help from members to update the periods of usage from some perfins as reported in the Catalog of United States Perfins.

In the course of developing a new edition of the Catalog, I would like to remove the date references of "current". Secondly, there are a handful of perfins (admittedly rare ones) for which we have no date of usage. Really, a listed perfin but no record of it being in any stamp?

Lists of perfins falling into these two categories are shown below. Coincidently, there are just 15 instances in each list.

		Current	
Perfin	Description	Known Use	Primary User
		range	
B090.5	BE	Current	
C010	Star (C)	1938-Curr	Comptroller,
			State of Texas
C085	C(Co)	1954-Curr	Cook County
I000.5	I	1954-Curr	State of Illinois
I002.5	I	Current	
M000.5	M	Curr.	State of
			Michigan
M001A	M	Current	State of
			Michigan
M009.7	Circle (M)	1954-Curr	State of
			Michigan
M050A	MCC	1938-Curr	City of
			Baltimore
M059.5	MCC	Current	
N097.5	NJ	1981-Curr	State of New
			Jersey
N164.5	NU	1965-Curr	University of
			Nebraska
S007.5	Circle (S)	Current	State of
			Michigan
U040.5	UM	1965-Curr	University of
			Missouri
Des 62	Star	Current	State of Texas
			Post Office

The third area that I would like to get more data on for the Catalog is the personal punches.

I would appreciate if members could send me a list of their stamps in these three categories, letting me know what stamp the perfin is in. I can take care of the usage periods if members will tell me the stamp or the U.S. Scott number. And no need to send a scan of the perfin in the stamp if the identification is clear.

Please try to provide your input before the end of October.

Thank you.

Perfin	Description	Current Known Use	Primary User
		range	
A139.5	A.H/CO		
A221-39	AR + hole		American
	19		Radiator
			Company
B031.6	[ <b>B]</b>		
D044.5	DFI		
F194.5	FSM		
I043.7M-	[IHC] +		International
02	holes M1-		Harvester Co.
	M10		
J104.5	JMc/DS		
K040.1	KLH		
L014.5	LA/Co		
L018.3	LA/RSCo		
M001.5	M		
M286.5	M&D		
O045.5	OL		
P089.5	P.G		
W000.5	W		
W222.5	W&T		

### Secretary's Report

John Hart (#3411)

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Membership: 450

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### Reminder

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