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Award Nominees Sought

Hallock Card Award

In 1967 the Perfins Club began making an annual award in memory of the founder of the Club, Hallock Card. The Hallock Card Award is presented to a member who has performed outstanding service in the field of perfins or for the Perfins Club. It is the Club's premier award and it is time to submit nominations for consideration as the selectee for 2017.

Members are requested to nominate, *in writing with supporting evidence*, one of their colleagues who they think is deserving of this prestigious award in 2017. Consider the questions: Who has made the most significant contribution(s) to our Club this last year? Does the contribution(s) deserve recognition as outstanding service to the Club? Why do you think so?

Nominations of members to be considered for this award should be sent **by May 31, 2017** to one of the following Hallock Card Award Committee members: Jerry Hejduk, Chair, P.O. Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34749-0450, flprepers@comcast.net;

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Floyd Walker Award

Of more recent origin, the Floyd Walker Award is the Perfins Club's award (presented annually to a member) for scholarly research or time spent on the resultant article(s), and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of U S and worldwide perfin collecting.

Nominations of members to be considered for this award, with brief justification for the nomination, should be sent by **May 31, 2017** to one of the following: Curt McCoy, Chair, 10253 Collard Dr., Lakeview, MI 48850-9143, cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com; Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231; or Ken Masters, 111 NW 94th St., Apt. 102, Kansas City, MO 641552993, kmasters@aol.com.

The Perfins Club Annual Meeting

Steve Endicott (LM2284)

Please plan to join us for our annual convention and business meeting this August 7-12, at the combined conventions of The Perfins Club and The Precancel Society to be held at the Ramada Plaza, 90700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY (hotel information on last page).

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

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Perfins Club Annual Meeting (Continued from p. 1)

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, 2017.* 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 2017 Annual Business Meeting

Thursday August 10, 2017, at 1:00pm

Agenda

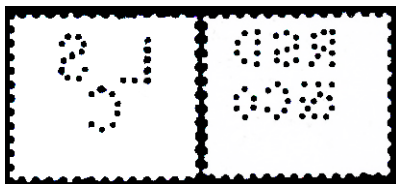
Call to Order
Member Self-introductions
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2017 Floyd Walker Award
2017 Hallock Card Award
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Announcements
Adjournment

I hope to see many of you in Louisville.

Revenue Discoveries Still to be Made

Jack Brandt LM14

Illustrated below are two U.S. perfins – LS/C and RSD/&Co. The first is listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* as L139 used by Lindstrom Smith & Company of Boston, Mass; the second is not listed. However, both are punched in US revenue stamps, so use of the catalog of postal perfins is improper; One must refer to Section A of the *U. S. Revs – Perfins: A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs in United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents*. Neither is listed there (yet).



From the back of the stamp these look very much like postal perfins. However, as seen from the face both are Federal Documentary stamps. New discoveries are still relatively common in US revenues despite the huge effort made by Art Mongan in the production of the first version of the U.S. rev-perf catalog.



So, why don't you collect US revenue perfins?

The following article is the first half of the second of six articles previously published in the *United States Specialist* (due to space constraints in the *Bulletin*).

I wish to thank both the United States Stamp Society (USSS) and Curt McCoy for permission to reprint these articles. The USSS maintains an active and very informative website, <http://www.usstamps.org/>. Those interested in detailed studies of the issues of the United States should visit this site for information regarding membership.

The 2014 Schermack Control Perforation Census - Part II

By Curt McCoy (#3962)

First, let me say "Thank You!" to all of those collectors who contributed to this census. From large and small collections alike, all information was appreciated. I had the pleasure to make the acquaintance of many fellow collectors and am very grateful for that.

Information came to me in all forms. Many times I had questions. Together we worked through it and recorded the information to the best of our ability. Stamps that were reported without being watermarked were assigned as if they were the most common watermark already recorded for that particular pattern. If you were one of those that hadn't watermarked your stamps, perhaps you should. You might have a much rarer stamp than you realize.

In my original request for data, I promised that those sharing their information would get a copy of the data when it was complete. Because of my computer hard drive crash, I've lost all of your email addresses - I'm sorry for that. So if you wish to receive a copy of the data in Excel spreadsheet form, please re-send your email address to me (cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com) and I'll see that you get a file. If you don't have email, you can drop me a note (10253 Collard Dr., Lakeview, MI 48850) and I'll send you a copy.

The Census

The format for tabulating the census was built around the tables for control perforations presented by Steven Belasco in his 2009 book *Guide to United States Vending and Affixing Machine Perforations 1907-1927*. Data was supplemented with additional information from Steve Endicott, the U.S. Catalog Chairman for the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, published by The Perfins Club.

The census (Table I) was recorded by control pattern and by Scott number in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format. Other data include *Perfins Catalog* number, number of control pattern stamps still on cover, and EDU and LDU by

control pattern and primary user when known. Items that are blank or show zero went unreported in this census.

Over 3 100 stamps with control perforations were reported. I'm sure that this is by far the largest recording of control perforations ever taken. Even so, there is no way possible that we have counted everything. I know of several collectors who, for whatever reason, did not share their data. Like any census, you never expect to count every last item out there. What you do hope to achieve is to get a large enough, broad enough sampling to get a good representation of the total population. I think we accomplished that with this census.

New Discoveries

The following are previously unknown (i. e., unrecorded) items that surfaced during the census:

- A Scott #314, previously unknown with a control mark, was found on a postcard.¹
- A Scott #384 with Mailometer Type V perfs with a control perforation was reported.
- A Scott #346 was found with control pattern 34678, previously unknown on this Scott number.
- A Scott #344 was found with new control pattern 234569.
- A Scott #346 with the 12-hole open square control pattern was reported on piece postmarked 2/2611 9 10, Wall Street Sta., New York. The return address is missing, so the user is still unknown.
- An additional user, the Michigan Anti-Saloon League of Detroit, was found with control pattern 28.
- An additional user, Wilber Mercantile Agency of Chicago, was found with control pattern 48.
- An additional user, The Anglo-American Insurance Company of Chicago, was found with pattern 37.

Table 1. Census Data Summary — Schermack Coils With Perforated Control Marks.

9-Hole Design	Perfins Catalog	1906 Series		1908 Series				1911 Series		1912 Series		Total count	On cover	Earliest use	Latest use	Primary user	City*	
		#314	#320	#343	#344	#345	#346	#383	#384	#408	#409							
NONE	90-1			12	43			9	1	11	1	77	6	1909	2/14/1911	Review of Reviews/Spencer Trask & Co.	NY	
1	90-2										1	1		7/1/1910	7/1/1910	Spencer Trask & Co.	NY	
3	90-3			6	21					1	2	30	2	5/16/1910	5/16/1910	Smith Gray & Co.	NY	
4	90-4				1							1				Unknown		
5	90-5		2		11						2	15	2	11/13/1909	7/7/1910	Hill Publishing Co.	NY	
7	90-6				29					4	2	35	3	4/9/1910	6/15/1910	John Wanamaker	NY	
9	90-7				54				2	26	3	85	21	4/13/1910	2/15/1912	Fidelity-Phenix Insurance	CHI	
1-3	90-8			11	41					3	2	57	14	3/3/1910	5/2/1910	The Cosmopolitan Group	NY	
1-4	90-9											2	2			Success Magazine	NY	
1-7	90-10			1								1				Unknown		
1-9	90-11			9	8				1	27	1	46	5	7/20/1910	7/16/1911	Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.	DET	
2-5	90-12			6	29					1	2	38	7	2/15/1910	7/27/1910	David Williams Co. & Others	NY	
2-8	90-13	1		38					3	1	11	10	19	2/2/1910	2/2/1914	Anti-Saloon League/Tax Payers League	DET	
3-6	90-14				45					23	13	81	6	1/3/1910	7/28/1911	C.A. Strelinger Co.	DET	
3-7	90-15			24	39	10			8	14	3	98	19	5/6/1910	2/26/1911	Babson Brothers & Others	CHI	
4-5	90-16				61					42		103	6	3/15/1910	5/5/1911	Hammacher Schlemmer Co.	NY	
4-6	90-17										2	2				Unknown		
4-7	90-18			29	19				18	4	1	71	2	5/28/1910	1/2/1911	Ohio Electric Co.	CHI	
4-8	90-19			15	20				7	46	3	36	127	18	9/23/1910	2/10/1914	Kabo Corset Co.	CHI
4-9	90-20											0				Unknown		
5-6	90-21				60					20	1	81	17	1/25/1910	8/22/1912	Chalmers Motor Co.	DET	
5-7												0				Unknown		
5-8	90-22										2	2				E.F. Houghton & Co.	NY	
6-8	90-23										2	2				Unknown		
6-9	90-24			4	29					12	2	16	63	12	3/25/1910	1/31/1913	National Fire Insurance Co.	CHI
7-9	90-25				16					2	2	20				Third National Bank	STL	
1-2-4	90-26				4						1	5	1	3/6/1910	5/16/1910	A. Saks	NY	
1-2-7	90-27				4						1	5		7/11/1910	7/11/1910	Unknown		
1-3-4	90-28			7	15				2	1	1	26	3	8/24/1910	8/24/1910	Smith Gray & Co.	NY	
1-3-6	90-29										2	2				Unknown		
1-3-7	90-30		1	20	45				2	5	1	74	15	5/2/1910	11/18/1910	Cosmopolitan Group/J. Walter Thompson	NY	
1-3-9	90-31				1					1	1	4				Unknown		
1-4-9	90-32				1				1	10	3	8	23	1	6/4/1912	6/4/1912	Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.	DET
1-7-9	90-33				3							3				Unknown		
2-3-6	90-34			21	70				4	31	1	127	47	12/9/1909	8/30/1911	The Cosmopolitan Group/Quaker Oats Co.	NY/CHI	
2-3-7	90-35										2	2		2/7/1910	2/7/1910	Unknown		
2-4-6	90-36										2	2				Unknown		
3-4-9	90-37											0				Unknown		
3-6-7	90-38										2	2				Unknown		
3-7-8	90-39								2			2				Babson Brothers & Others	CHI	
3-7-9	90-40										1	1				Unknown		
4-6-8	90-41			12	7				4	16	15	11	65		4/18/1913	4/18/1913	Meyer Both & Co./Graphic Art Co.	CHI
4-7-8	90-42			42	53				12	6	1	114	9	1909	4/15/1910	A.W. Shaw Co./Success Magazine	NY	
5-7-9	90-43										2	2				Unknown		
6-8-9	90-44			1	98					11	2	112	17	1/19/1910	1/16/1911	Hill Publishing Co./The American Machinist	NY	
1-2-4-5	90-45			136						24		160	17	12/10/1909	1911	Review Of Reviews and others	NY	
1-2-4-9	90-46											0				Unknown		
1-2-7-9	90-47				1							1				Unknown		
1-2-8-9	90-48											0				Unknown		
1-3-7-8	90-49											0				Unknown		
1-3-7-9	90-50											1	1			Unknown		
1-4-6-9	90-51											2	2			Unknown		
1-6-7-9	90-52											0				Unknown		
2-3-5-6	90-53			67	33				7	6		113	14	12/2/1909	12/23/1910	Osborne Co.	NY	
2-4-6-8	90-54											1	1			Unknown		
3-4-6-7	90-55											0				Unknown		
3-6-7-8										2		2		3/28/1911	3/28/1911	Babson Brothers and others	CHI	
4-5-7-8	90-56			21	36					4		61	23	11/19/1909	1/5/1911	De Laval Separator Co.	NY	
4-6-7-8	90-57									1		1				Unknown		
4-6-7-9	90-58				1						1	2				Unknown		
5-6-8-9	90-59			25	144				1	11		181	27	1909	10/1/1910	John Wanamaker Co.	NY	
1-2-3-5-8	90-60											0				Unknown		
1-2-4-5-6	90-61			5	31					4	2	42	2	9/27/1910	9/27/1910	W.M. Crane Co.	NY	
1-2-5-8-9	90-62				1							1				Unknown		
1-3-4-6-7	90-63											0				Unknown		
1-3-5-7-8	90-64											0				Unknown		
1-3-5-7-9	90-65			175	60				12	5		252	6	3/29/1910	3/29/1910	Julian Hawthorne Co.	NY	
1-4-6-8-9	90-66				1							1	2			Unknown		
1-4-7-8-9	90-67											0				Unknown		
2-3-4-5-6	90-68			11	12				2		2	27	1	5/4/1910	5/4/1910	Dealers Protective Assn.	NY	
2-3-5-7-9	90-68.5				1							1				Unknown		
2-4-5-6-8	90-69				93					46	1	141	30	1/11/1910	8/30/1911	Austin Nichols Co.	NY	
2-4-6-7-9	90-70				1							1				Unknown		
2-5-7-8-9	90-71			3	28				1	2	2	36	7	4/18/1910	7/18/1910	David Williams Co. and others	NY	

NY = New York, CHI = Chicago, DET = Detroit.

Table 1. cont'd. Census Data Summary — Schermack Coils With Perforated Control Marks.

9-Hole Design Missing pins	Perfins Catalog	1906 Series		1908 Series				1911 Series		1912 Series		Total count	On cover	Earliest use	Latest use	Primary user	City*
		#314	#320	#343	#344	#345	#346	#383	#384	#408	#409						
3-4-6-7-8	90-72			4	8			1	18	60	2	93	18	4/7/1911	8/25/1912	Babson Brothers and others	CHI
4-5-6-7-9	90-73											0				Unknown	
4-5-6-8-9	90-74			65	85				9	15	1	176	29	12/27/1909	9/13/1910	U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Co.	NY
2-3-4-5-6-9					1							1				Unknown	
2-4-5-6-7-9	90-75				1							1				Julian Hawthorne Co.	NY
1-2-4-5-6-7-8												1		3/24/1914	3/24/1914	Kabo Corset Co.	CHI
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8												0				Kabo Corset Co.	CHI
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9	90-76											0				Unknown	
12-Hole Design																	
NONE	91-1			6	57			26		7		96	1	1909	2/26/1910	Unknown	NY
ADIL	91-2											0				Unknown	
AF	91-3			8	3				1			12				Unknown	
AFK	91-4				1							1				Unknown	
AGHL	91-5											0				Unknown	
BCEFGH	91-6				1							1				Unknown	
BEFJ	91-7				1							1				Unknown	
CEFGJ	91-8											0				Unknown	
CFGJ	91-9											1				Unknown	
CFGHJ	91-10				1							1				Unknown	
Other Designs																	
DIAMOND	92-1			13	15				1			29	4	12/16/1909	9/29/1910	California Perfume Co.	NY
"U"				2								2				Unknown	
Totals		1	3	797	1445	10	36	143	481	36	163	3115	431				

*NY = New York, CHI = Chicago, DET = Detroit.

Data by Control Pattern

Across all stamps, the control mark most often reported was pattern 13579 of the Julian Hawthorne Company, with 252 reported. Next highest was pattern 5689 of the John Wanamaker Company, with 181 copies reported, followed by pattern 45689 of the U.T. Hungerford Brass &

Copper Company (Figure 1), with 176 reported (see Table 2). Though generally found on stamps from the 1908 series, all three of these patterns had smaller quantities reported on stamps of the single line watermark 1910 series also, suggesting that a different valuation by Scott number might be in order.

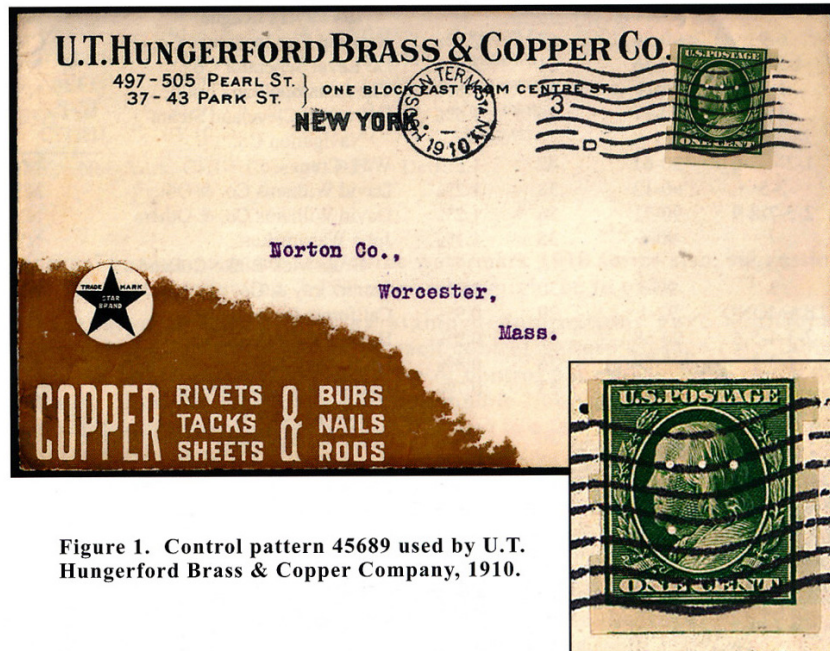


Figure 1. Control pattern 45689 used by U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Company, 1910.

Table 2. Census by Perfin Pattern.

Pattern	Perfins Catalog #	Number reported	% of total	Primary User	Location*
1-3-5-7-9	90-65	252	8.1%	Julian Hawthorne Co.	NY
5-6-8-9	90-59	181	5.8%	John Wanamaker Co.	NY
4-5-6-8-9	90-74	176	5.7%	U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Co.	NY
1-2-4-5	90-45	160	5.1%	Review of Reviews & Others	NY
2-4-5-6-8	90-69	141	4.5%	Austin Nichols Co.	NY
4-8	90-19	127	4.1%	Kabo Corset Co.	CHI
2-3-6	90-34	127	4.1%	Cosmopolitan Magazine/ Quaker Oats Co.	NY/ CHI
4-7-8	90-42	114	3.7%	A.W. Shaw Co./Success Magazine	NY
2-3-5-6	90-53	113	3.6%	Osborne Co.	NY
6-8-9	90-44	112	3.6%	Hill Publishing Co./ The American Machinist	NY
4-5	90-16	103	3.3%	Hammacher Schlemmer Co.	NY
3-7	90-15	98	3.1%	Babson Brothers and others	CHI
NONE	91-1	96	3.1%	Unknown	NY
3-4-6-7-8	90-72	93	3.0%	Babson Brothers and others	CHI
9	90-7	85	2.7%	Fidelity-Phenix Insurance	CHI
3-6	90-14	81	2.6%	C.A. Strelinger Co.	DET
5-6	90-21	81	2.6%	Chalmers Motor Co.	DET
NONE	90-1	77	2.5%	Review of Reviews/ Spencer Trask & Co.	NY NY
1-3-7	90-30	74	2.4%	Cosmopolitan Group & J. Walter Thompson	NY
4-7	90-18	71	2.3%	Ohio Electric Co.	CHI
4-6-8	90-41	65	2.1%	Meyer Both & Co./Graphic Art Co.	CHI
2-8	90-13	64	2.1%	Anti-Saloon League/ Tax Payers League	DET
6-9	90-24	63	2.0%	National Fire Insurance Co.	CHI
4-5-7-8	90-56	61	2.0%	De Laval Separator Co.	NY
1-3	90-8	57	1.8%	The Cosmopolitan Group	NY
1-9	90-11	46	1.5%	Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.	DET
1-2-4-5-6	90-61	42	1.3%	W.H. Crane Co.	NY
2-5	90-12	38	1.2%	David Williams Co. & Others	NY
2-5-7-8-9	90-71	36	1.2%	David Williams Co. & Others	NY
7	90-6	35	1.1%	John Wanamaker/ Brunswick-Blake-Collander	NY
3	90-3	30	1.0%	Smith Gray & Co.	NY
DIAMOND	92-1	29	0.9%	California Perfume Co.	NY
2-3-4-5-6	90-68	27	0.9%	Dealers Protective Assn.	NY
1-3-4	90-28	26	0.8%	Smith Gray & Co.	NY
1-4-9	90-32	23	0.7%	Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.	DET
7-9	90-25	20	0.6%	Third National Bank	STL
5	90-5	15	0.5%	Hill Publishing Co.	NY
AF	91-3	12	0.4%	Unknown	
1-2-4	90-26	5	0.16%	A. Saks	NY
1-2-7	90-27	5	0.16%	Unknown	
1-3-9	90-31	4	0.13%	Unknown	
1-7-9	90-33	3	0.10%	Unknown	
1-4	90-9	2	0.06%	Success Magazine	NY

*NY = New York, CHI = Chicago, DET = Detroit.

Table 2. Census by Perfin Pattern.

Pattern	Perfins Catalog #	Number reported	% of total	Primary User	Location*
1-3-5-7-9	90-65	252	8.1%	Julian Hawthorne Co.	NY
5-6-8-9	90-59	181	5.8%	John Wanamaker Co.	NY
4-5-6-8-9	90-74	176	5.7%	U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Co.	NY
1-2-4-5	90-45	160	5.1%	Review of Reviews & Others	NY
2-4-5-6-8	90-69	141	4.5%	Austin Nichols Co.	NY
4-8	90-19	127	4.1%	Kabo Corset Co.	CHI
2-3-6	90-34	127	4.1%	Cosmopolitan Magazine/ Quaker Oats Co.	NY/ CHI
4-7-8	90-42	114	3.7%	A.W. Shaw Co./Success Magazine	NY
2-3-5-6	90-53	113	3.6%	Osborne Co.	NY
6-8-9	90-44	112	3.6%	Hill Publishing Co./ The American Machinist	NY
4-5	90-16	103	3.3%	Hammacher Schlemmer Co.	NY
3-7	90-15	98	3.1%	Babson Brothers and others	CHI
NONE	91-1	96	3.1%	Unknown	NY
3-4-6-7-8	90-72	93	3.0%	Babson Brothers and others	CHI
9	90-7	85	2.7%	Fidelity-Phenix Insurance	CHI
3-6	90-14	81	2.6%	C.A. Strelinger Co.	DET
5-6	90-21	81	2.6%	Chalmers Motor Co.	DET
NONE	90-1	77	2.5%	Review of Reviews/ Spencer Trask & Co.	NY NY
1-3-7	90-30	74	2.4%	Cosmopolitan Group & J. Walter Thompson	NY
4-7	90-18	71	2.3%	Ohio Electric Co.	CHI
4-6-8	90-41	65	2.1%	Meyer Both & Co./Graphic Art Co.	CHI
2-8	90-13	64	2.1%	Anti-Saloon League/ Tax Payers League	DET
6-9	90-24	63	2.0%	National Fire Insurance Co.	CHI
4-5-7-8	90-56	61	2.0%	De Laval Separator Co.	NY
1-3	90-8	57	1.8%	The Cosmopolitan Group	NY
1-9	90-11	46	1.5%	Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.	DET
1-2-4-5-6	90-61	42	1.3%	W.H. Crane Co.	NY
2-5	90-12	38	1.2%	David Williams Co. & Others	NY
2-5-7-8-9	90-71	36	1.2%	David Williams Co. & Others	NY
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Polish National Alliance Plus

Steve Endicott (#2284) and Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

Currently in 1998 *Catalog of US Perfins* the user for pattern D143 is identified as the *Polish Daily Weekly Zgoda*.

The user for pattern Z004 is shown as Związek Narodowy Polski with the Supplemental Information that “This was a newspaper”. User for pattern Z004

Związek Narodowy Polski translates as the Polish National Alliance (PNA; an abbreviated form of the Polish National Alliance of the United States of North America.)

Cover strips for both these patterns are shown immediately below.

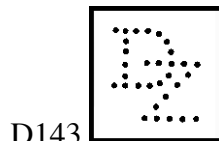
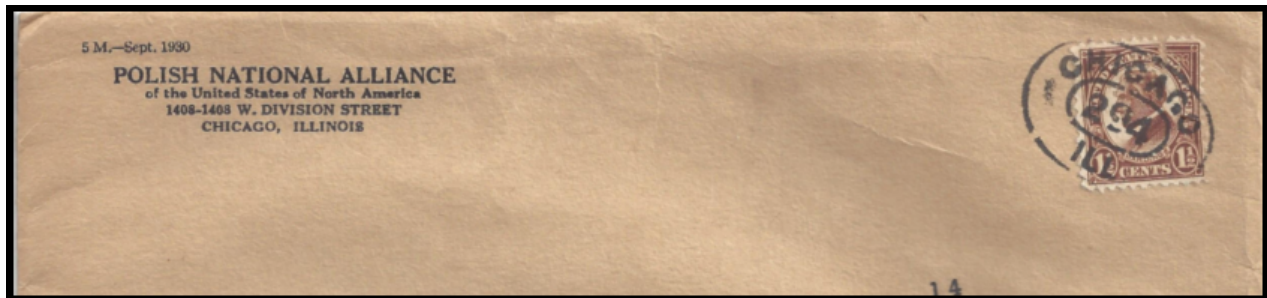
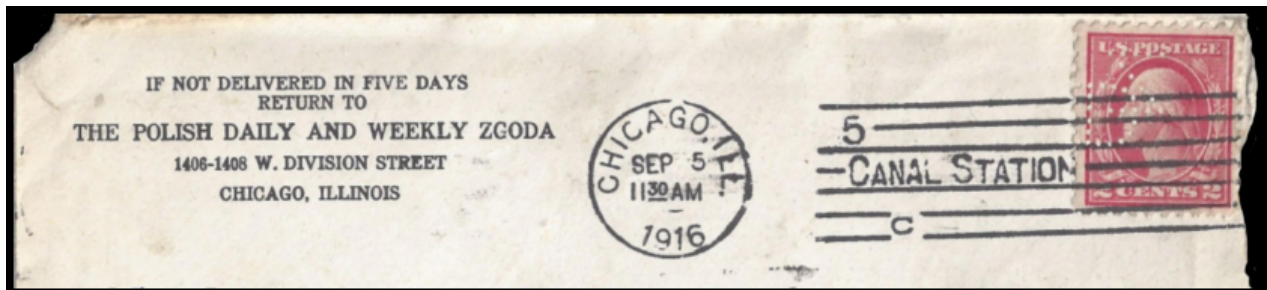


Fig 1. Cover strips derived from the Perfins Club website showing the use of a stamp perfined with pattern D143 (above) and a second strip franked with a stamp perfined pattern Z004 (below); perfin patterns D143 and Z004 are reproduced below the cover strips.

Before we go on, here are a couple of items which need to be noted based on the covers and the catalog information.

- The word “and” is missing between Daily and Weekly in the catalog user identification;
- Both covers have the same return address -- 1406-1408 W. Division St, Chicago, IL;
- Both covers are shown with business names in English;

- The user for pattern D143 is not shown in italics in the 1998 Catalog (the convention for publications); but, it is shown in italics in the eCatalog; and,
- The user for pattern Z004 is shown in the current Catalog as Związek Narodowy Polski with the Supplemental Information “This was a newspaper”.

So, why this article; what do these items have in common, what else has been learned about the users of these patterns, and what adjustments need to be made to the information in the Catalog?

The most obvious linkage between these two patterns is given by the return addresses found on the cover strips. These are identical (1406-1408 W. Division Street, Chicago, Illinois) except for the name of the user. This is a significant hint that they are somehow related.

So now, let us turn to the internet for help with the information derived from the covers. What is to be found indicates that:

- Związek Narodowy Polski translates as the Polish National Alliance (the PNA; an abbreviated form of the Polish National Alliance of the United States of North America);
- The PNA was initially formed simultaneously in Philadelphia and Chicago by Polish exiles devoted to the twin goals of Polish independence and the assimilation of Poles into American society.
- At the present time the PNA is self-described as a fraternal insurance benefit society that is not just for Americans of Polish heritage. It is open to everyone.
- In 1881, the PNA began publishing its own Polish language newspaper, *Zgoda* [*Harmony*] to promote its objectives to the larger community;
- The *Polish Daily Zgoda* and the *Weekly Zgoda* were the official newspapers of the Polish National Alliance. These newspapers superseded the *Zgoda*. Publication began on January 9, 1908;
- Publication is five times a week – four smaller dailies (published Monday – Thursday) and a larger combined weekend edition (published on Friday);
- The Polish name for the newspaper is *Dziennik Związkowy*, a clear match for the pattern D143 which is “DZ”;
- Alternate names for the newspaper include *Zgoda* and the *Polish Daily Zgoda*; and,
- The newspaper continues publication at the present time (as *The Polish Daily News*) and is

the longest continuously published Polish language newspaper in the world.

Changes to the Catalog resulting from the above include:

- D143
 - Identify the primary user as - *Dziennik Związkowy*, Chicago, Illinois;
 - Include in Supplemental Information – alternate names: *Zgoda*, the *Polish Daily Zgoda* and the *Weekly Zgoda* and the *Polish Daily News*;
 - Include cancel date (9/15/16) in the catalog;
 - Note: the italics in the user ID will identify this as a publication, but perhaps should also add in the Supplemental stuff – “The official newspaper of the Polish National Alliance, user of perfin pattern Z004” or similar.
- Z004
 - Identity of primary user - Związek Narodowy Polski, Chicago, Illinois
 - Include in Supplemental Information - the Polish National Alliance (an abbreviated form of the Polish National Alliance of the United States of North America)
 - The PNA is a fraternal organization and not a newspaper as reported in previous editions of this catalog.

Can a member confirm (or dispute) these conclusions? Please send any information to Steve Endicott, U.S. Catalog Chair. Thank you.

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Jersey International Response Coupons –Additional Information

Jeff Turnbull (The Perfins Society [of Great Britain]) writes:

I have recently seen an item in your Bulletin by Stephen Tauber #2949; the item refers to the international reply coupons issued by Jersey British Channel Islands , and perfin JE.

I also have a number of these coupons (see attached scans) and can add to the item.



In 1974 the Universal Postal Union passed a regulation empowering member authorities to give these reply coupons a distinctive perforation to identify their country of origin (Jersey being “JE”).

You will also see from the scans that some of my items bear the circular dated cancel of the Philatelic Service of the Channel Islands (1976-1981), and various monetary values in black or red ink.

I am in agreement with what Stephen says about these being purely philatelic items, but interesting none-the-less. Who knows, we may one day find a used one!

And a note from **Jack Brandt** (LM14) adds the following information

Probably 95% of the reply coupons are sold by the Philatelic Bureau, and whether they

are cancelled or not depends on the clerk filling the order. I enclose 3 photocopies from my collection [Ed. Note: In the interest of space, only 1 of these items is reproduced; the other two essentially duplicate similar pieces shown above or in the original Tauber article.] The 13p was bought a long time ago directly from the Jersey Philatelic Bureau; no cancels are present. The 20p and the 25p were bought from a dealer (along with a couple of others). The cancel at left (the sales cancel) is that of the Philatelic Service. These items were probably purchased by mail.

The 20p item (shown below) has two cancels. [Ed. Note: the left cancel identifies the dispensing office while that on the right identifies the redeeming office; normally these are from offices in different countries.] The cancels on the 20p coupon are the same (same place, same date – see below). It was unlikely that it was used to redeem a stamp. The 25p coupon has a single cancel as would be expected of a purchased but unredeemed coupon...



The 2016 *Catalogue of Worldwide Reply Coupons, Vol. 1 – UPU, Coupons* by Yao and Yao prices 12 Jersey coupons with the “JE” perfin. They also list 5 others which are unpriced and which may not actually exist. Values reported for these coupons are: 13p, 20p on 13p, 20p, 20p, 25p, 30p, 35p on 30p, 35p, 55p, and 60p. Some exist with 2 different backs.

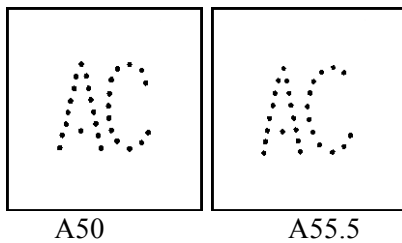
Notes on the Numbering of Patterns

Steve Endicott (#2284)

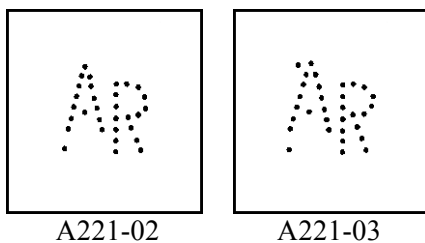
Why do some perfin IDs have numeric suffixes and others have alphabetic suffixes?

A decimal suffix (numeric) indicates the insertion of a pattern between two other patterns. The new pattern differs from the one next to it if the patterns are different in significant design elements, number of pins, OR the overall dimensions of the other pattern.

For example, consider patterns A55 and A55.5 on page A-7 of the *1998 US Perfins Catalog*. The letter C in pattern A055.5 has one less punched hole.



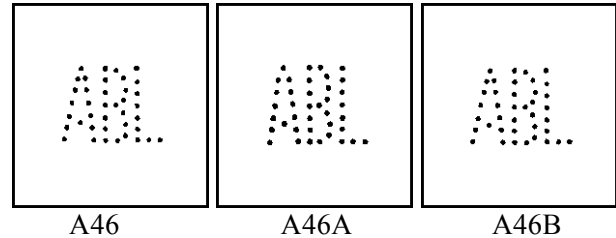
A numeric suffix separated from the pattern number by a hyphen (“-”) indicates a pattern in a family of patterns from different branch offices of the same company. For example A221-02 and A221-03.



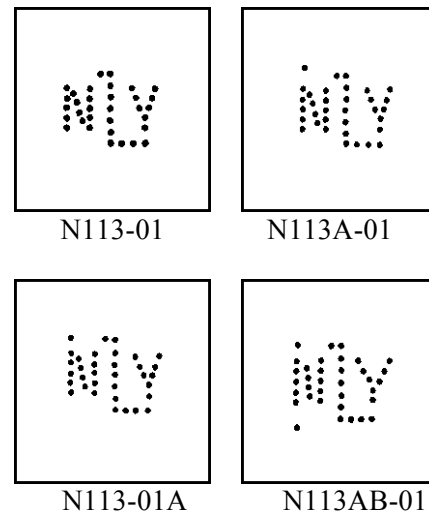
Alpha suffixes indicate patterns having the same basic design, same number of pins, AND the same overall dimensions of pattern which will also have the same base catalog number. The pattern differs from the other listed patterns in some other aspect such as the shape of a letter.

For example, consider patterns A046, A046A and A046B, also on page A-7 of the *Catalog*. The letters of the design, number of pins and overall dimensions

are the same, but the shapes of the letters A and B are different.



Combinations of numeric and alphabetic suffixes also are found in the catalog referencing both variations in the basic patterns (generally a distant control hole) and minor variations in the location of individual pins. A sample of this from the N113 family of patterns is presented below



Finally, sometimes a perfin ID number is absent from the current catalog. For example, pattern A14 is followed by pattern A16. Pattern A15 was deleted as a variety of A16 during the development of the 1979 edition of the *Catalog*.

Taxonomy of perfin identification numbers can get complicated; a detailed explanation will be included in the appendix of the next edition of the *United States Perfins Catalog*.

Auction #153

Closes: June 30, 2017

Guidelines: A minimum bid of \$2.00 applies to every individual lot except as follows: U.S. “B”, “B+”, and “A” rated patterns, for which minimum bids will be \$6.00, \$18.00 and \$30.00 respectively. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder: \$2-\$5 - a \$0.25 advance; \$5.01-\$20 - a \$0.50 advance; \$20.01-\$100 - a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher - a \$5.00 advance. No ‘Unlimited’ bids accepted. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless otherwise noted.

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, 6478 State Rd., G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166

Email: mo13jo@aol.com

Abbreviations used:

(dam) – Damaged (?h) number of missing holes (ho) – hole in stamp (kn) known	(mc) missing corner (oe) on edge (pp) pulled perf(s) (ra) – rated	(se) straight edge (tm) missing top of stamp (tr) - tear
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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	A176A/579	B	9h oe	21	E136.5	B		41	L189	C+	3h
2	A288.5/510	B		22	F32.5/Q5	B+	se pp	42	M32	B	pp
3	A304	C+	8h ho	23	G35	C+	se pp	43	M46/807	B	
4	B106A	B	pp	24	G53	C+	8h ho	44	M66	B	
5	B170	C+		25	G86/1008	C+	6h oe	45	M71/810	B	
6	B178	B	se pp	26	G114/634	C+		46	M35	C+	
7	B223.5	C+		27	G212/416	C+	se pp	47	M247/634	B	oe
8	C97	B	2h oe	28	H218.3	B	oe	48	M183.5	B	
9	C281	C+	3h oe	29	I91.5/806	B	tm	49	M282I/499	C+	1h mc
10	C310	B+	mc	30	J31	C+		50	M289.5/510	B	
11	C399/556	B	9h	31	J178	A	13kn	51	M310A/406	B	
12	C355	C+		32	L13.5	B+		52	M307/50	C+	
13	C378	B	dam	33	L43A	A	10kn	53	N14	B	6h oe
14	C385.5	A	10h tr	34	L87	B	se mc	54	N31/693	C+	4h
15	C392.5	B		35	L90	B	12h	55	N36.5P/591	B	
16	D14	B	3h dam	36	L92/905	C+		56	N76.5	B	
17	D39/499	B+	5h	37	L97/636	C+	pair	57	N89I/587	B	mis-perf
18	D72A	B+	3h oe	38	L114	B+	pp				
19	D102.5/638	B+	6h oe	39	L145.5/905	C+		58	N107	C	
20	E90/332	B+	mc	40	L177/Q4	C+	se	59	N136/Q6	C	

Lot	Description	Rate	Notes
60	N171	B	
61	O94/717	C+	7h
62	P8/698	B	
63	P30/549	B	
64	P34	C+	se
65	P35	B	
66	P44/807	B	
67	P50	B	
68	P61	C+	se
69	P69	B	oe
70	P71/595	C+	
71	P119A	A	
72	P186/638	B	
73	P239	C+	oe
74	P241	B	
75	R10/595	C+	7h
76	R18.5	B	se
77	R34/E16	D	
78	R71/901	B+	oe
79	R116	B	
80	R107	B	pp
81	R118.5/471	B	
82	R161/699	C+	
83	S206/375	B	

Lbtt	Description	Rate	Notes
84	S303	B	
85	W32	B+	
86	W45	B	
87	W94	B	
88	W188	B	
89	W199-6	B	

Lots 90-118 – 3 C rates each

Lot	Description
90	A182, A186.5 & B87
91	B123, B167 & B194
92	C261, C264 & C269
93	C351, C391 & C356.11
94	D151, F117 & F126
95	F176, F210 & F226
96	G28, G137 & G155.5
97	G166.5, H47 & G17.5
98	H80, H173 & I43,7D-1
99	I69, I71 & K3
100	K34, L37 & L56.5
101	L156A, M55 & M258.5
102	N113D-3A, N113Dd-1A & N113Dd-11
103N59, N104.5 & N113B-2	

Lot	Description
104	N204, O102 & P55.75
105	P77, P81 & R30
106	R86A, R117 & R159
107	S158, S195-37 & S195-66
108	S207, S235 & S239
109	S251.5, S267 & S292
110	S322A, S347 & S338.1
111	T26, T55 & T80
112	T87, T97 & U24
113	U25, U52 & U69.5
114	U79, U82-2 & V30
115	W4, W5 & W13A
116	W20, W83 & W118.5
117	W125, W129 & W150
118	W154, W186 & W199-19

Mixtures

Lot	Count	Notes
119	Air Mails 21	3 D+ ra
120	Commems 29	
121	Spec Del 14	1 C ra
122	Prepers 43	1 C ra
123	Mix approx 200	A to Z
124	Canada 50	letter B

Results of Auction 151A

Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount
1	NB	21	\$ 2.00	41	\$ 2.00	61	\$ 6.00	81	\$ 2.25	101	\$ 6.00
2	\$ 6.00	22	\$ 2.00	42	\$ 2.00	62	\$ 6.00	82	\$ 2.00	102	NB
3	NB	23	\$ 2.00	43	NB	63	\$ 2.25	83	\$ 14.50	103	\$ 2.00
4	\$ 2.00	24	\$ 2.00	44	\$ 2.00	64	\$ 2.25	84	\$ 2.25	104	\$ 2.00
5	\$ 2.00	25	\$ 2.25	45	NB	65	\$ 18.00	85	\$ 2.00	105	\$ 2.00
6	\$ 2.00	26	\$ 2.00	46	\$ 2.25	66	\$ 6.00	86	\$ 2.00	106	\$ 2.00
7	\$ 13.00	27	\$ 2.00	47	NB	67	NB	87	\$ 2.00	107	NB
8	\$ 2.00	28	\$ 2.00	48	\$ 6.00	68	\$ 6.00	88	\$ 2.25	108	NB
9	\$ 2.00	29	\$ 2.25	49	\$ 6.00	69	\$ 14.50	89	NB	109	\$ 2.00
10	\$ 2.00	30	\$ 2.25	50	NB	70	\$ 2.00	90	NB	110	\$ 2.00
11	NB	31	NB	51	\$ 2.00	71	\$ 2.00	91	\$ 6.00	111	\$ 2.00
12	\$ 2.25	32	\$ 2.25	52	\$ 2.00	72	\$ 2.00	92	\$ 6.00	112	\$ 2.00
13	NB	33	\$ 2.00	53	NB	73	\$ 6.00	93	\$ 6.00	113	\$ 6.00
14	NB	34	\$ 2.00	54	\$ 2.50	74	\$ 2.00	94	\$ 6.50	114	\$ 9.50
15	\$ 2.00	35	\$ 2.00	55	\$ 2.00	75	\$ 2.00	95	\$ 6.00	115	\$ 6.00
16	NB	36	\$ 2.25	56	\$ 10.50	76	NB	96	\$ 6.00	116	\$ 6.00
17	\$ 2.25	37	\$ 2.00	57	\$ 2.00	77	NB	97	NB	117	\$ 7.00
18	NB	38	\$ 2.00	58	\$ 6.00	78	\$ 2.00	98	\$ 18.00	118	\$ 14.50
19	\$ 6.00	39	\$ 2.00	59	\$ 6.50	79	\$ 2.00	99	\$ 30.00	119	\$ 2.25
20	NB	40	\$ 2.00	60	\$ 6.00	80	\$ 2.00	100	NB	120	NB

An Embarrassing Mistake

Ken Masters (LM #3589)

Whenever I find a cover with a New York Life Insurance Company corner card franked with a stamp with the familiar NLY perfin, I immediately assume this is one of the many in the N113-XX series. Therefore, to identify that particular perfin, I start looking for a control hole(s) and turn to the pages near the end of the Letter N section of the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog).

This situation occurred a few months ago when I

was going through a shoebox of perfin covers that waited to be identified and mounted. Among this accumulation was the airmail cover shown in Fig. 1 below. Seeing no control holes in the perfin, I immediately identified it as pattern N113-00. The Catalog shows the user city for this pattern is New York, NY, which matches the corner card on the cover. The postmark is New York, NY, which further verified my identification. Also, the previous owner had penciled “N113.0 - E” on the bottom of the cover. Nothing great and wonderful yet.

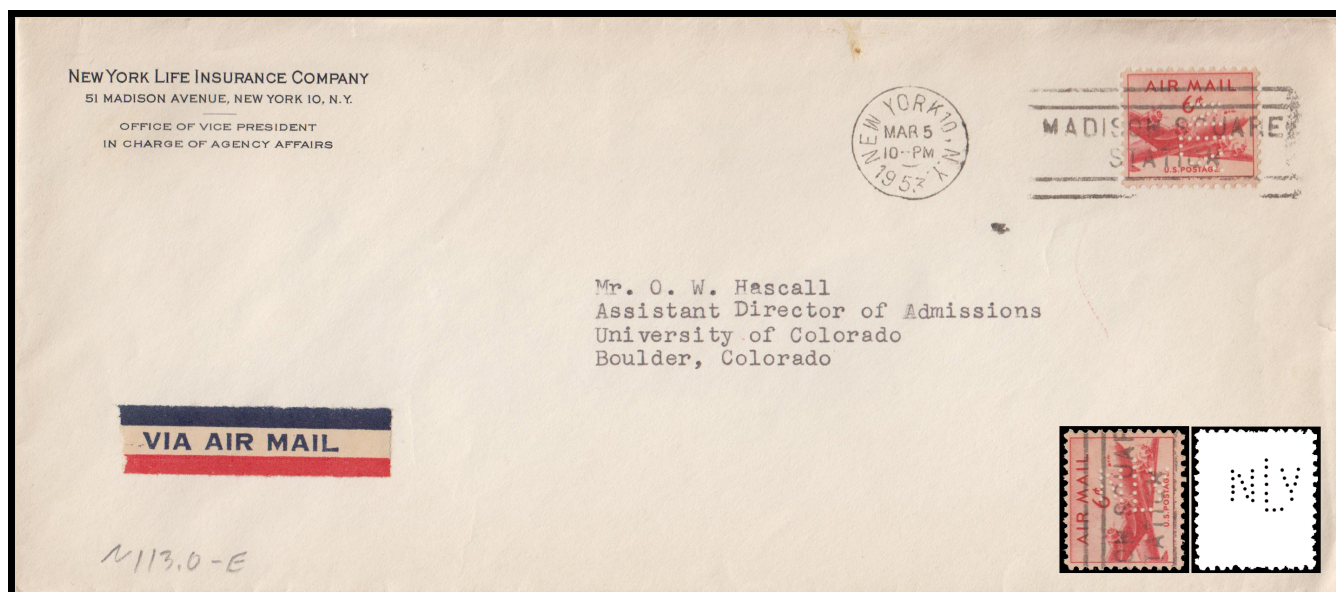


Fig. 1. New York Life Insurance Company, New York, NY, cover franked with 6 cent air mail stamp (Scott #C33) that is perfinned with pattern N113.5B not N113-00.

However, when I compared the March 5, 1953, postmark with the current version of the postmark database, it appeared this is a new Latest Known Use (LKU) for N113-00. As the 6¢ airmail stamp (Scott #C33) was issued March 26, 1947, the cover also updates N113-00 “dates of usage” to 1908-1947. The next step was to email this information along with a scan of the cover to Catalog Chairman, Steve Endicott, suggesting these updates should be made.

Soon, he sent an email message back to me asking that I carefully check the stamp for dimples or other hints of a control hole(s). He did not think the perfin

is pattern N113-00 for two reasons. First, the crossbar of the letter N is completely different than N113-00. Second, the postmark and date of issue of the stamp are decades later than previously known. He further pointed out that there are two types of crossbars for the N113-XX series - the first being angled with the ends of the crossbar close to the two vertical legs of the letter N. In the second type, the crossbar is more upright and the ends visually separated from the two legs. If, in fact, there is no evidence of a control hole(s) in the perfin on the cover, the crossbar suggests that this might be a new pattern!

Excited with this possibility, I immediately started carefully examining the perfin on the cover for evidence of a control hole(s). It was then that I noticed the bottom leg of the letter L only contains 3 holes, not the 4 holes required for pattern N113-00 (or any other of the N113-XX series). Under magnification, I could see no evidence of a missing hole at the end of the bottom leg of the letter L and no dimples elsewhere in the stamp.

In the back of my mind, I vaguely remembered a couple of New York Life Insurance Company perfins shown in the Catalog that are close to, but not part of the N113-XX series. Off to the Catalog where I saw patterns N113.5A and N113.5B. Both of these patterns have only 3 holes in the bottom leg of the letter L, but I had previously completely ignored them (see Figure 2 below).

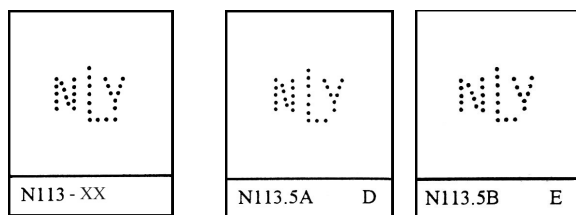


Fig. 2. Catalog images: Patterns N113-XX, N113.5A, and N113.5B Note there are 3 holes in the bottom leg of Patterns N113.5A and N113.5B and 4 holes in the bottom leg of Pattern N113-XX series.

After a closer examination of the perfin on the cover, I determined it is pattern N113.5B. The letter N is wider than pattern N113.5A and the holes in the vertical leg of the letter L and the crossbar of the letter N are evenly spaced. In addition, the issue date of the 6 cent airmail stamp fits into the “dates of

usage” shown in the Catalog for N113.5B. Finally, an electronic comparison of the stamp with the Catalog image of N113.5B provided a definite identification.

My task now was to report this information to the Catalog Chairman and confess my embarrassment of my carelessness in my initial identification of the perfin. He replied back that he was embarrassed also and that he should have caught the difference in the letter L.

The good news is that the postmark database did not have a reported postmark for N113.5B. So, the cover at least contributes there. Actually, after looking at the other covers in my collection, I found another one with a N113.5B that I had also misidentified. The postmark date on this second one is April 29, 1937. Thus, until further updates are reported, the Earliest Known Use (EKU) of N113.5B is 04/29/1937, and the LKU is 03/05/1953. However, with an E rated perfin, there must be an earlier or later postmarked cover out there. At your convenience, please check your collection and report any such dates to the Catalog Chairman.

Finally, prior to this time, an image of a cover with N113.5B was not among those shown on the Club’s website, www.perfins.org. A scan of the cover was forwarded to Robert Littrell and it is now among the 1,700 other covers currently displayed there.

Every story has a moral. This one is a confirmation of the old saw: “Look before you leap.” Or maybe it is: “Check and double check or you may put your foot in it!”

Cover Illustrations to be in *The Catalog of US Perfins*

Steve Endicott (LM-2284)

Illustrations of perfins on cover will be included in the electronic version of the next edition of the *US Perfins Catalog*. This is being accomplished by the fine work of Robert Littrell, the Perfins Cover Manager, and the input of scanned covers by members, notably many submissions by Dan Baugher,

Larry Cohen, Jerry Hejduk, Jon Johnson, Ken Masters, Rudy Roy and John Welsch. Over 1600 covers have been recorded. The illustrations are available for viewing at the Perfins Club website, <http://www.perfins.org/>, by selecting the tabs “Perfins Info” and then “US Perfins Covers.”

While recording url links in the US Catalog to these covers and comparing the existence of each cover to other catalog information, I have noticed some interesting data that I want to share.

First, for perfins for which the user has been identified and verified: Although covers have been located, submitted to Robert Littrell and recorded, there are 2,711 perfins for which we currently do not have covers. This is mostly impossible! Covers with identification are out there in our collections; some of these patterns are common. Here is opportunity for all perfins collectors to check covers in their collections against the covers at the Club

website to see where you have additional information for us. Please submit your findings to Robert (his contact information is on the inside second page of this issue).

Readers might notice a strange phenomenon in the second table and ask “How can we know the user and have a cover, but not be able to verify the user?” (column 1) and “How can we have a cover, but not know the user?” (column 3). These few cases occur where either there is no return address on the envelope or the perfin is on a postcard without any identification of the corporate user.

These Users have been verified

	User Known Cover Exists	User Known No Cover
A+		2
A	19	180
B+	25	148
B	141	397
C+	126	383
C	276	488
D+	159	241
D	327	452
E	438	366
F	99	28
Personal	44	26

The second group is a list of perfins for which the user has not been verified. In some of these situations we know the user; in other situations we do not. Here again are many

opportunities for members to assist Robert and me expand and improve the information in our databases, especially in the first three columns.

These users have not yet been verified

	User Known Cover Exists	User Known No Cover	User not Known Cover Exists	User not Known No Cover
A+				23
A		115		603
B+		79		236
B	5	186	3	298
C+	2	112	1	96
C	3	108		74
D+		29	1	19
D		41		20
E		14	1	3
F				
Personal		1		7

Please check your collections to look for covers with perfins that will enhance our philatelic knowledge. It may be impossible to find covers for many of the A and B+ rated perfins. But there are 901 instances noted here of D, E and F rated perfins for which we need covers. There is plenty of room for

philatelic research for covers for these more common patterns. Although too lengthy to include here, upon request I can send specific lists of the perfins in each category to members.

Thank you for your support in this effort.

Clubmember Ads

Wanted: Perfins of South Africa (including Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal) Particularly want used copies with clear cancellations (including parcel and cork cancellations), and copies on covers. Please send scans and asking price(s) to bas.payne@gmail.com. Bas Payne, The Mill House, Clifford Bridge, Drewsteignton, Exeter EX6 6QE, UK.

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	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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Secretary's Report

John Hart (#3411)

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Closed Albums:

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Membership:

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Illustrations Sought by Editor for the New U.S. Catalog

Steve Endicott (LM 2284)

- I would like to obtain a scan of a cover with a perfin that shows the early "thin pins". From April 9, 1908 through May 5, 1908, the post office required that pin holes be no larger in diameter than 1/64th of an inch. This regulation was quickly changed to 1/32nd of an inch. I would like to include an example, on cover, in the Introduction to the next edition of the U.S. Perfins Catalog. Examples of perfins with the thin pin configuration are D041.7, K047, S258 and T109.5
- Perforators - Do you own a single die perforator? If so, could you take a picture of it (against a white

background). I would like to include photographs of various perforators in the Introduction to the next edition of the US Perfins Catalog.

- A 10-die perforator sold on eBay on March 19, 2017. It is pattern G129 used by the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company in stamps issued from 1938 through 1968. If a Club member was the lucky high bidder, this Catalog Editor would like to know for our records who is the new owner. This can be held anonymously in the Editor's records or it can be listed in the next edition of the Catalog -- owner's choice. Please contact Steve Endicott if you own this device.

Netherlands Catalog Number Concordance Available

The new 3rd edition of the catalog of Netherlands perfins was announced in the *Bulletin* (see Jan/Feb 2017 p. 6). In a follow-up email from William Baekers included a cross-reference listing of the catalog numbers with the following brief explanation (slightly paraphrased):

I have just realized that the editors of the new Dutch perfin catalog decided to skip the Bölian-Bauder catalog numbers. Since this

can be disappointing to some members of the Perfins Club I have prepared a "conversion table" for these numbers."

The included table prepared as a pdf file cross references the Bölian-Bauder numbers to the catalog numbers used in the NVPH Special Catalog.

I am not printing the listing here (only one page) but will provide it to interested collectors on request. See my contact information on page 42 of this issue.

Dues for the 2017-18 fiscal year are payable to the Secretary by June 30, 2017

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 6/30/2017 **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. In the information line, please make sure you indicate that the payment is for dues and include your

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Upcoming Events of Interest

June 23 - 25, 2017 – **National Topical Stamp Show** (American Topical Association); Crowne Plaza, Milwaukee Airport.

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*).