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IT'S CONVENTION TIME!!

AUGUST 5-10 IN OMAHA

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The Perfins of Omaha

Paul Mistretta (LM# 111)

As has been the pattern for the past several years we introduce our Convention by featuring the perfins of the host city. Omaha, Nebraska, this year's host city, has a representative number of perfins from a wide variety of industries/businesses/ societies. The list presented below shows the 46 patterns from companies based in Omaha, with one additional pattern from South Omaha (C282.5). Of surprise to

me is the fact that of these 48 patterns, only four appear to be from companies related to meat preparation (slaughterhouses, packing companies, etc.; A087.3, D082, O056, & S338-19). This is fewer than the number of patterns used by the Union Pacific Railroad (5) and fewer than the aggregate of the number of patterns related to banking (5) and insurance (5).

Cat#	Pattern	Rate	Primary User
A087-3	{'[AC/o]}	E	Armour & Co
A123	AG/C	D+	-----
A221-31	AR + 9	C	American Radiator Co
B062-0	BB/&S	B	Barnhardt Brothers & Spindler
B062-3	.BB/&S	B+	Barnhardt Brothers & Spindler
B062-6	BB'&S	B+	Barnhardt Brothers & Spindler
B116-16	BFG + 8,17	D+	The B. F. Goodrich Co
B166	B-M/DS	B	Billings Marshall Dental Supply Co
C123	CF	C	Columbia Fire Underwriters
C196	CMC	B	-----
C415	C(1)	D+	Crane Co

Cat#	Pattern	Rate	Primary User
D082	{D.}O[LD]	E	Dold Packing Co
E029	EEB	C	E. E. Bruce & Co
F117	FNB	C	First National Bank
F136	FN/BK.	D+	First National Bank
F156	FRB	E	Federal Reserve Bank
G072-03	G(E) + 1,2	D	General Electric Co
I043.7A-15	[IHC] + A,8	D	International Harvester Co of America
L101	LION	C+	Lion Bonding & Surety Co
L103	LIS/NB	C	Live Stock National Bank
M137	MIC/KEL	B	Mickell Brothers

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Cat#	Pattern	Rate	Primary User
M187A	MNB/O	B	-----
M187B	MNB/O	B	-----
N085	NF/&C	B	National Fidelity & Casualty Co
N113D-01	NL(Y) + D,1	E	The New York Life Insurance Co
N173	NW/G	D	Bell Telephone Co
O052	ONB	C	Omaha National Bank
O056	OPC	D	Omaha Packing Co
O057	OPC	B	Omaha Paint Co
S050	SB/Co	D+	Sunderland Brothers
S338-19	S/&Co + 3,4	D	Swift & Co
S354	S&M	B+	Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co
U059	UP	F	Union Pacific RR Co
U059.5R	UP	F	Union Pacific RR Co
U060	UP	E	Union Pacific RR Co

Cat#	Pattern	Rate	Primary User
U061	{.U}P	D	Union Pacific RR Co
U061.5	UP	F	Union Pacific RR Co
U069.5	[US]	C	United States Supply Co
U086	US/NB	D	United States National Bank
W039	WC	E	Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle
W072.37	WE + 4,12	D	Western Electric Co
W072.41	WE + 4,18	D+	Western Electric Co
W072.42	WE + 4,19	C	Western Electric Co
W147	WO/W	D	Woodmen of the World
W147.5	WO/W	E	Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society
South Omaha			
C282.5	C(R)	B+	Clay, Robinson & Co

Table 1. Perfins whose primary users are located in Omaha, Nebraska

In the *Catalog of U. S. Perfins* an additional 11 uses are cited for Omaha, with 8 of the 11 users being identified; plus 1 additional user is listed in South Omaha.

They are listed in the following table. Note that three of the identifications (italicized) are simply variants on the names of the primary user.

Cat#	Pattern	Rate	Primary User
C380			Woodmen of the World
D081			Dold Packing Co
<i>D082</i>			<i>Dold Food Products</i>
<i>D082</i>			<i>Wilson & Co</i>
D154			-----
M204			Nebraska Moline Plow Co

Cat#	Pattern	Rate	Primary User
N027			-----
N161			-----
<i>W147</i>			<i>Pacific Woodmen Life Association, Woodmen of the World Building</i>
W147.5			Radio Station WOW, Omaha, NE
W199-19			----- (1913 cover)

Table 2. Supplementary users of perfins of Omaha based companies.

In addition to simply collecting the perfins of Omaha, some specialized items make for interesting topical collections related to the city.

10 different patterns are reported in 17 issue/ pattern combinations from companies in Omaha. Note that items in parentheses were not reported in the most recent census of perfins in this overprinted series of stamps. Further, users have been eliminated from this tables since they are given in table 1. It should also be noted that most of these items have a reported count of "1" making this a very difficult specialty.

In 1929 the US Post Office Department ran an experiment to reduce theft and resale of stamps overprinted stamps Nebr." or "Kans.". Thankfully, this experiment was discontinued before the abbreviated names of all 48 (at that time) states were so overprinted! However, regardless of the success or failure of the experiment

Cat#	In Sc#(s)	Cat#	In Sc#(s)	Cat#	In Sc#(s)
A087-3	679	G072-03	670	U059	670, (671), 673, (674)
C415	673	I043.7A-15	670, 672	W039	679
D082	670	N113D-01	670, (675), 679	W147	(673), (675)

Table 3. Perfins of Omaha, Nebraska based companies found in issues officially overprinted “Nebr.

Another, easier, topic would be a collection of perfins in precancelled stamps of Omaha companies. Of the 46 primary users, 26 used precancelled perfins (or more probably perfinned precancels) at some time. These users are identified in Table 4 by perfin catalog number only. The users are already

identified in Table 1. The precancel types found on these perfins are not identified in the literature I have encountered (an opportunity for research here), and so the number of pattern/type combinations is unknown.

Cat#	Cat#	Cat#	Cat#	Cat#
A087-3	C415	L101	S338-19	U086
A221-31	D082	M103	U059	W039
B116-16	E029	M137	U060	W072.37
C123	F156	N173	U061	W072.41
C196	I043.7A-15	O057	U069.5	W072.42

Table 4. Perfin patterns precancelled Omaha Nebraska

And completing the precancel listing five patterns are listed in the supplementary information of the U. S. Catalog (Endicott 2018) with precancels from companies with primary location of the business

listed as other than Nebraska these five companies are shown in Table 5 with full information for the primary user of the pattern as none of them appear in Tables 1 - 4..

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	User	City	State
C043	CBQ	E	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR Co	Chicago	IL
C360	C(W)	E	P. F. Collier & Son	New York	NY
R093	RIP	C+	Rock Island Plow Co	Rock Island	IL
W199-02	WU + none	E	The Western Union Telegraph Co, Inc	Denver	CO
W199-14	WU + 13	D+	The Western Union Telegraph Co, Inc	El Paso	TX

Table 5. Five companies based in out-of-state locations that used stamps with Omaha precancels.

Collections of materials related to thee perfins of Omaha are limited only by your imagination. Consider Omaha related perfins in the Stuart Washington issue or those in the Washington bicentennial issues of 1932, or..., or...

And, a final suggestion for the accumulation of material relating to Omaha - covers franked with perfinned a stamp and canceled Omaha. Figure 1 shows cropped illustrations of three such items.

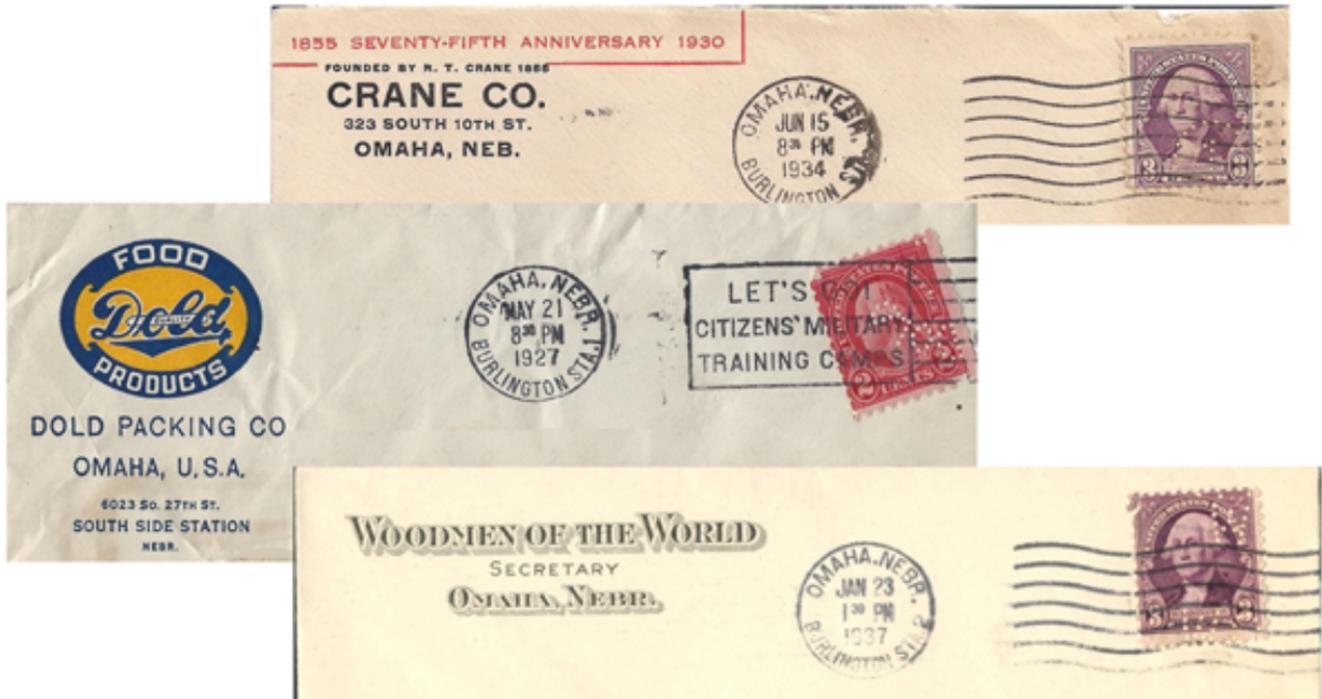


Figure 1. Cover strips showing three different perfins uses from Omaha locations.

Whatever your collecting interest, Omaha has it all!!

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The Chase National Bank – Perfin C219

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)



The Chase National Bank is reported to have used perfin C219 [CNB] in stamps issued from 1926 to 1954. Postmarks with this perfin have been reported from October 10, 1928 to 1955 (month and day not known). The perfin has a rating of F – very, very common. If any perfin is deserving of this common rating, it is certainly C219. I acquired a box of over 4,000 stamps with this perfin (no, I did not count them! Instead I weighed the accumulation and assigned a count of 625 stamps per ounce).

The Chase National Bank acquired, purchased and merged with other banks, leading to an interesting history of bank acquisitions. The Chase National Bank was established in 1877. It was named after the

U.S. Treasury Secretary and Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, although he did not have a connection with the bank.

The bank acquired other banks in the early 1900s. Its most significant acquisition was the Equitable Trust Company of New York in 1930; this made The Chase National Bank the largest bank in the world at that time. The largest stockholder of the Equitable Trust Company was John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The Chase National Bank was an important tenant of Rockefeller Center in New York City and had significant banking relationships with the oil industry, especially Standard Oil and ExxonMobil.

In 1955, right at the end of documented use of the perfin C219, (coincidence?) The Chase National Bank had a significant merger with The Manhattan Company. The Manhattan Company was founded way back in 1799 by Aaron Burr. The new bank was named the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Continuing the story of banks gobbling up other banks, Chemical Bank of New York acquired the Chase Manhattan Bank in 1996 and used the name Chase Manhattan for the new banking entity. Chemical had previously acquired Manufacturers Hanover. Chase Manhattan and J.P. Morgan merged in 2000 to form JPMorgan Chase. And, finally (at least for now), JPMorgan Chase acquired Bank One in 2004, Bear Stearns & Company in 2008 and Washington Mutual in 2009. JPMorgan Chase is the now largest bank holding company in the United States with \$2.5 trillion in assets. It is among the six largest banks in the world, the other five top banks being in China (4) and Japan (Mitsubishi).

The business activities of The Chase National Bank were not always the purest in behavior. The activity that caught my attention while researching this article was Chase's involvement with the Nazi government during World War II and involved Reichsmarks. Chase and other businesses purchased German Reichsmarks at a discount from the Nazi government and then sold them, often to Americans of German ancestry. The Reichsmarks had been stolen from citizens emigrating from Germany and from people in Germany whose property was being confiscated – primarily Jews. Over \$20 million was involved during a five-year period, with Chase earning over one-half million dollars in commissions.

As documented in *The Catalog of United States Perfins – 2018* and earlier editions, perfin C219 was used by The Chase National Bank in stamps issued from 1926 through 1954. When I opened the box of C219 perfins that I had acquired, I quickly saw two stamps at the top that were issued in 1922. These were Scott 571, the \$1 Lincoln Memorial which was issued as part of the 1922 definitive series (the flat plate press printing) and was not reissued later. My initial thought was that these two were “outliers” of

postage stock that had probably been held over in the Chase mailroom, and then were used when Chase started using a perforator with the stamps issued in 1926 (the Rotary press).

Then, I saw a few more of these \$1 stamps with the C219 perfin. I decided that I needed to check the entire accumulation of an estimated 4,000 stamps. (Boring!) I am glad that I made that choice. I found, buried in the pile several perfins of other designs with A and B ratings. More importantly – for this article – I started finding stamps of other denominations that had been issued in 1922. The first such denomination that I spotted was the 14 cent American Indian stamp (Scott 565) issued in 1923 (flat plate press) which is included in the 1922 series. Therefore, my initial assumption (and guess) that the \$1 examples were outliers is incorrect.

I found a few other 1922 issued stamps with perfin C219, which are listed here.

Stamp	Quantity
12¢ Cleveland	18
14 American Indian	22
15 Statue of Liberty	8
20 Golden Gate	12
\$1 Lincoln Memorial	74
\$5 Capitol Dome	6

I also found 1 to 3 copies of each of the following denominations: 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17 and 50 cent. In the accumulation were an estimated (by weight) 300 stamps with this perfin in the Washington Bicent series, 625 stamps in the 1938 Presidential series and over 1,000 perfins in post -WWII stamps.

The stamp usage period as reported in the Catalog will be updated to be 1922-54.

In conclusion, it can be observed that there are philatelic research opportunities even with very common perfins such as C219 used by The Chase National Bank. I encourage collectors to carefully check, even accumulations of common perfins, for new philatelic information. It can be fun and you might be surprised by what you find and learn.

Secretary's Report

Dues are Overdue

The Club's fiscal year has turned over - thus it is time to pay your annual dues. Dues for the 2019-20 fiscal year were payable (by June 30, 2019) to the Secretary: **John Hart, 6500 Upper Applegate Rd., Jacksonville, OR 97530-9314**. Check your *Bulletin's* mailing label to determine if you owe dues

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Another Punched Post Card but With a Different Purpose

Edited based on a letter to the Editor from Vincent Centonze (#4117)

“I particularly enjoyed John Williams’ article on the Post Card Check in the September/October issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*... I wanted to share,, a postal card in m collection that has a similar “PAID...” punch.” He goes on to observe that he does not have access to Art Mongan’s Catalog of US Revenues, but finds the perfins similar.

Cuero, Texas, Ledger Reference 281

Mohawk Club

To CUERO LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, Dr.

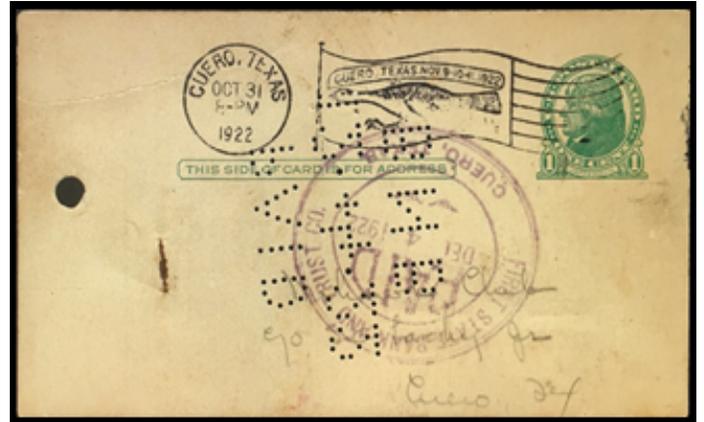
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There is significant technical data given in his note: “The item is a Jefferson Postal Card with American Postal Machine Company, "CUERO, TEXAS, OCT 31, 1922", Type A-38 turkey trot slogan flag cancel "CUERO. TEXAS. NOV. 9-10-11.1922". Cuero was home to a turkey processing business which hosted an annual turkey race. (I believe the card is UPSS S37B (Scott UX27) because inscription length is 58.4mm; overall design length is 98mm; and

stamp height is 24.4mm; also, there is a small dash of green ink under the lower bar of "F" in the word "FOR". Therefore, it comes closest to S37B which was printed by the Potter-Hoe Rotary Press on vertically curved copper electro plates.)”



The perfin appears to be very similar to that shown in the check card in the cited *Bulletin*. however its purpose appears to be very different. In form the punch conforms to the pattern of those found in “...checks, bills of exchange, stocks and scrip documents...” found on the 3k- pages of volume 3 of Mongan’a catalog.

This punch, however, is not in a banking instrument. It appears to be a punch cancel recognizing receipt of payment of an electric bill to “BNB” acting for the Cuero Light & Power Company (of Cuero, Texas). Given this information it would appear based on format (using Volume 3, Section k pagination as a model) that it should appear in the 3l- pages (that is 3L not 3 one) of the catalog “...Sales and Delivery Slips, Other Financial Documents.” Unfortunately, my copy of Mongan’s work does not contain any 3l- pages; the pagination jumps from 2l- to 4l- with no intervening pages, so I have only this speculation to offer here. One additional bit of speculation is that the “BNB” was a “National Bank” which accepted the payments for the utility company.

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Monday, August 5th

8 AM - 10 AM Dealer Setup

10 AM - 5 PM Registration

10 AM - 11 PM Early Bird Trading & Bourse (Walnut Ballroom)

Tuesday, August 6th (Favorite Team Shirt Day - Wear a shirt of your favorite sports team!)

8 AM - 5 PM Registration

8 AM - 11 PM Trading & Bourse (Walnut Ballroom)

4 PM Welcome Reception with Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar (Regency A)

Wednesday, August 7th (Crazy Shirt Day - Tradition dictates you wear a flashy shirt for group photos!)

8 AM - 4 PM Registration

8 AM - 11 PM Trading & Bourse (Walnut Ballroom)

10 AM First PSS Business Meeting (Millard A/B); Club Photos to follow; Both PSS & Perfins

3 PM PSS Catalog Committee Meeting (Millard A/B)

Thursday, August 8th

8 AM - 4 PM Registration

8 AM - 11 PM Trading & Bourse

10 AM Second PSS Business Meeting (Millard A/B)

1 PM Perfins Club Annual Meeting (Millard A/B)

3 PM Presentation - 8th Edition of T&T Catalog (Millard A/B)

6 PM Perfins Club Dinner (Restaurant TBD)

Friday, August 9th

8 AM - 4 pm Registration

8 AM - 11 pm Trading & Bourse (Walnut Ballroom)

2 PM Auction (Millard A/B)

8 PM Ice Cream Social with a Sundae Ice Cream Bar (Regency A)

Saturday, August 10th

8 AM - 12 PM Registration

8 AM - 4 PM Trading & Bourse (Ballroom)

4 PM Table Holder's Breakdown

6 PM Convention Banquet, Awards, Cash Bar (Regency A)

Recent Perfin Literature in Other Places

I have to-hand (or to-computer) electronic versions of the recent issues of the *South Pacific Perfin Bulletin*, the bulletin of the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia Inc.

This journal presents a wide variety of subject matter in just 24 pages per quarterly issue. Subject matter includes Club business, Newly discovered patterns (some each issue!), company and pattern history, an ongoing analysis of the various OS perfins, significant amount of information on revperfs, auction announcements and results, notices of new literature, etc. etc.

Also recently received is a copy of *The BNA Perforator*, a publication of the BNA Perfin Study Group of the British North American Philatelic Society. While this issue (Jan. 2019) is basically dedicated to A&C information for the 5th Edition of *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials* (5 of the 8 pages), there is a summary of results achieved by 37 lots of OH/MS 5-hole perfins (total sale value almost C\$35,000) and 1 4lots of the 4-hole variety (total sale value about C\$9,000). Also noted is the fact that this is the 150th issue of the bulletin whose first

Since I last wrote Issues 49 - 53 of *The Philetalidikid* have arrived. Billed as “The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)” Issue 49 is dedicated to describing in detail the Book of the Month - the 97th edition (2019) of the *Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps & Covers*. Issue 5 deals with *Scott’s 2019 United States Pocket Stamp Catalogue*. Issue 51 is an article by Larry Oliver “Owney and the railway mail”. Issue 52 reports historic memories of the hobby and

The most recent issue of *Texas Precancels* includes the results of the Texas Precancels Club’s most recent auction (disappointing due to many “NB”s) and another installment of “About Texas

There is a new catalog of Belgian perfins listed for sale on the website of the Perfin Club Nederland (<https://www.perfinclub.nl/site/en/home>). Price is €15 plus postage according to the website.

And, in conclusion for this time, a very interesting website for collectors interested in Denmark is to be found at: www.perfiner.dk. This site has several articles of unusual topics posted for viewing, such as

The overall emphasis is on issues of Australia and New Zealand and the *Bulletin* provides invaluable information for those interested in these countries.

Club subscription including the *Bulletin* are A\$25.00 per year for residents of countries other than Australia or New Zealand which includes airmail postage for the *Bulletin*. Worldwide emailed copy of the *Bulletin* is A\$10 per year. Contact: Secretary David Coath, 4 Fleming Court, Research, Victoria, 3095, Australia; davidcoath@onthe.net.au; or, Tel: 03 94370 366.

Editor was Gary Tomasson (LM#59) with Jon Johnson (LM#28) acting as Study Group Chair.

Both Barry Senior (#3924), 4 Whiteway Place, Calgary, NL A5A 2B5 (Secretary Treasurer; barry.senior@nf.sympatico.ca) and Jim Graham, 2 Grandview Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 1X5 (Editor; jdgraham2@gmail.com) are listed in the bulletin, without clear information relating to applying for membership in the BNAPS.

Issue 53 discusses strange things stamp collectors save such as an old stamp sales catalog.

Content is “written as if the reader knows nothing about [the] topic”, in other words it is geared to kids and novice collectors.

Robert Martin (#3981) is Editor of this newsletter and is always looking for contributed stamps or donations to support his efforts based in Kihei, HI.

Counties:...” It also includes the information that Editor Katie Foster that in the future this newsletter will be sent “when there is something that needs to be shared”

Spotted on eBay a while back, ad no longer at the address at which it was seen is a new catalog of Austrian perfins; *Österreich Standard Perfin Katalog Neuauflage 2017 - Nachschlagwerk für Perfin--*.

one which details perfins found in Danish Christmas seals. The only problem with this site is that the English translator produces somewhat rough, but mostly understandable, translations.

Preper Catalog Help Needed

Dave Smith (LM# 1514)

Progress is being made on a new catalog of precancel perfins or prepers. The catalog will be published jointly by the Prefin Club and the Precancel Stamp Society. Anticipated publishing is the winter of 2019-2020. There are over 2,200 perfin types that are known to be precanceled. An additional 200 plus perfin patterns have been reported to have been precanceled, but with no identification of the precancel or the stamp. The number of listings stuns me. There are over 6,800 listings just for New York City.

Your help is needed to report any stamps not listed in the 2008 Catalog published by John Randall. Many, particularly the A and B rated perfins, are probably upside down in perfin collections.

I am also seeking information to include in this catalog on the following:

1. Varieties: In addition to listings in previous catalogs I would like information on which prepers you may have that have varieties. For example: C154 CHM/CO has one or more positions where the CO is missing. Which precancel and denoms do you have? What other varieties do you have to add to the list?
2. Precancel varieties: These also may occur.

Example Aurora, IL **455 a1** has two spelling errors (Auroa and Atroa). Which denoms do you have with which errors.

3. Dated control precancels:

Dateds: I am not interested in every date. There are too many. Do need to know which ones have dateds and what initials were used. I have a list of about 30, but there are probably more.

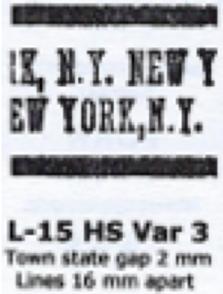
Integrals: I need scan of any you have with perfins. Integrals are precancels that include the date as part of the impression. Most of these were sent in as remittance postage to the big mail order companies.

4. Hand Stamp position varieties: Printed position varieties have been issued. There are not that many and several collectors do collect them.
5. Die varieties on Offsets: Many are hard to identify as the precancel covers the part of the stamp where the identification is. Several collectors have shown an interest.
6. Fake precancels: Some precancels have been faked on perfin stamps. Which ones do you have?

Where possible please include a scan or photo.

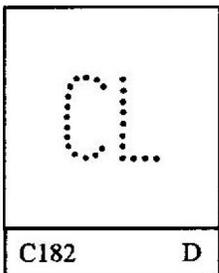
Send to Dave Smith at precancel smith@aol.com or P O Box 64 Trumansburg, NY 14886-0064

Sneak preview: Here is a sample listing. (The stamp photo will not be shown in the catalog.)



L-15 HS Var 3
Town state gap 2 mm
Lines 16 mm apart





Precancel Type L 15 with CL C182 perfin. Used by Clyde Mallory Lines

CL	C 182	\$6.00	DW	Clyde Mallory Lines
204	1914 - 10			
	L-15 HS		1914 - 40, 100	
	Var 3		ParcelPost - 50 0	(stamp catalogs \$50.00 as a precancel)

Unlisted Prepers

Dave Smith (LM# 1514)

In 1991 a list was made of all perfins which had a reported precanceled (prepers), but with no information on the precancel. One hundred eighty seven patterns were listed. Since then 19 have been found. This leaves 168 unidentified.

Some may be misidentified, others may have been lost, or are mounted face down in someone's collection. Do you have any of these unlisted preper patterns? Do you have any other unreported prepers? There are other perfin/precancel combinations that have not

been reported to the editor. Some are in the Perfin catalog, but not in the Preper catalog; S2-54 from New York City is one example. I recently acquired a SIU (S154 Iowa State University) preper in a 4½ cent Presidential, Chicago PSS bureau type 61. If you have any unlisted types, please provide a scan or photo and identification.

The following Prepers were listed in John Randall's 1991 preper catalog, but no copies have been reported.

AAC	A16	Maryland	Baltimore
ABF	A42.5	Texas	Sherman
AC	A76	Florida	Lake Wales
ACO	A87.6	Texas	Fort Worth
AGI	A128	New Jersey	Hoboken
AGS	A135	Ohio	Cincinnati
A/HM	A141	Missouri	Kansas City
AL(C)	A166	New York	Brooklyn
AL/IC	A170R	Missouri	Saint Louis
AR	A221-18	Michigan	Detroit
AR	A221-24	D C	Washington
AR/SS	A235	Massachusetts	Springfield
A&I	A295	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
BAT	B26	New York	New York City
BAU/ER	B27	Nebraska	Lincoln
B/CO	B81	Iowa	Davenport
BFG	B116-1	Oregon	Portland
BFG	B116-12	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
BFG	B116-15	Ohio	Cincinnati
BFG	B116-17	Missouri	Kansas City
BFG	B116-19	Georgia	Atlanta
BFG	B116-22	Ohio	Cleveland
BFG	B116-26	New York	Albany
BT/PA	B238.5	New York	New York City
BSS	B290	New York	New York City
BR	B198	D C	Washington
CEC	C110	New York	New York City
CGL	C139	Illinois	Chicago

C/GW	C142	California	San Francisco
CHT	C159	Illinois	Chicago
CNB	C213	Missouri	Kansas City
CNB	C217	New York	New York City
C(NW)	C236	Illinois	Chicago
COC	C239	Massachusetts	Boston
CO/CO	C242-0	Montana	Great Falls
C(O%O)	C256	Illinois	Chicago
CPA	C264	New York	New York City
CSS/CO	C326	New York	New York City
CUA/CO	C355	Illinois	Chicago
C(W)	C360	Massachusetts	Springfield
C.W./CO	C362	Missouri	Saint Louis
C/WS	C375	New York	New York City
C(&)C	C390	Illinois	Chicago
C(&)C	C390	New York	New York City
D	D1	Illinois	Chicago
DC	D21	Massachusetts	Bedford
D/M/IRD	73.5	Minnesota	Duluth
DUN	D122	Illinois	Quincy
DU/PONT	D129	Delaware	Wilmington
DU/PONT	D130	Delaware	Wilmington
EGRY	E45	Ohio	Dayton
EL/SAS	E71	Georgia	Atlanta
FA/B	F17	New York	New York City
FB/CO	F36R	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
FB/&CO	F49.5	New York	New York City
FD/NB	F63.5	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia

FDC	F61	Illinois	Chicago
FD/NB	F63.5	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh
FEIL	F69	Tennessee	Nashville
FGE	F78	New York	New York City
FIC	F86	New York	New York City
FIRST	F90	Massachusetts	Boston
FMC	F101	Illinois	Chicago
F/NB	F127	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
F/RB	F161	Massachusetts	Boston
G(E)	G72-16	Iowa	Des Moines
HP	H27	Missouri	Kansas City
HC	H39R	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
HC/CO	H 44	Pennsylvania	Scranton
HEV/CO	H66	New York	New York City
IHC	I43.7 B7	Illinois	Chicago
I.P	I70	Missouri	Kansas City
I.P	I70	Missouri	Saint Louis
IHC	I43.7H4	New Jersey	Trenton
IS/CO	I 94	Louisiana	New Orleans
I&/CO	1119.7	Connecticut	Waterbury
JCH	J24.5	Indiana	Fort Wayne
J..M	J96-11	Minnesota	Minneapolis
JTM	J158.5	Missouri	Saint Louis
J&J	J178D	New York	New York City
KB	K10	Illinois	Chicago
KSN	K60	Kansas	Emporia
KSP/CO	K61	Oregon	Portland
KUM/A/PART	K65	Illinois	Chicago
L	L3	New York	New York City
LB	L27	New York	New York City
LC/CO	L55-4	Ohio	Cincinnati
L(C(O))	L60-6	New York	Buffalo
LEU	L75	Illinois	Chicago
LVC/C(O)	L157	Pennsylvania	Conshohocken
L&N/RR	L188	Michigan	Detroit
L&T	L190	Illinois	Chicago
L(&)T	L191.5	Illinois	Chicago
L&T&L	L192	Illinois	Chicago
MNB/O	M187	Nebraska	Omaha
MOR/RIS	M196	Illinois	National Stock Yards
MOR/RIS	M194	Oklahoma	Okla. City
MOR/RIS	M197	Oklahoma	Okla. City
		Both OK C. possibly mistaken for M183 which is preperf	

MSC	M239	Ohio	Cincinnati
MR/COM	262	New York	New York City
M/&CO	M293	Illinois	Chicago
NB	N27	Illinois	Chicago
NCB	N46	Illinois	Chicago
NC/&/SCO	N59	New York	New York City
NL/CO	N108	Missouri	Saint Louis
NL(Y)	N113A1	Arizona	Phoenix
NL(Y)	N113Cc2	Indiana	Fort Wayne
NS/CO	N154	Ohio	Cleveland
OB/W	O15	Iowa	Sioux City
OTC	O75	Massachusetts	Boston
P	P2	New York	Syracuse
P(CO)	P49	Illinois	Chicago
PD	P55-20	Illinois	Chicago
PH	P104	New York	New York City
P/W	P114	Pennsylvania	Sharon
PN	P 147	New York	Poughkeepsie
PN	P148	New York	New York City
PPG	P186	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh
PSC	P205	Pennsylvania	Harrisburg
		Probably PSC P208	
PSC(O)	P213	New York	New York City
PRR/CO	P200	Pennsylvania	Erie
QI/CO	Q4	Illinois	Chicago
RIH	R91	Illinois	Rock Island
RNB	R111	Texas	Dallas
RS/C	R128	Ohio	Cleveland
R/&COR	R156	New York	New York City
R/&COR	R157	Illinois	Chicago
S..C/M/CO	S76	New York	New York City
SC(O)	S78	New York	New York City
SE/CO	S106	Massachusetts	Boston
SIN/CO	S148	Texas	Houston
SIN/CO	S149	Texas	Houston
SK/B	S163	Illinois	Chicago
SO	S195-19B	Illinois	Joliet
SO	S195-25	Illinois	Quincy
SO	S195-37	Tennessee	Nashville
SO	S195-57	Minnesota	Saint Paul
SO/R	S204	Minnesota	Le Center
SO/&CO	S207	New York	Wappinger Falls
SS/CO	S259	New York	New York City
SU/&CO	S296	New York	Troy

SV	S298	California	San Francisco
S&CO	S337	New York	New York City
S&CO	S338.20	Minnesota	Saint Paul
S&F	S345	Missouri	Kansas City
TMS	T71	New Jersey	Trenton
TRAV	T81	California	Los Angeles
TST/C(O)	T103	Illinois	Chicago
U(P)	U58	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh
UP	U60	Missouri	Kansas City
USG	U78	New York	New York City
UTC	U100	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh
W	W7.7	New York	New York City
WB	W28	Texas	Fort Worth
WB	W29	Illinois	Chicago

WD/CO	W69	Minnesota	Minneapolis
WFC	W86	New York	New York City
WF/COW	W87	Illinois	Chicago
WFN/NB	W90	California	San Francisco
WF/U	W92	California	San Francisco
WH	W98	Kentucky	Marion
WHO	W103	Ohio	Columbus
W/KK	W117	Illinois	Chicago
WL(S)	W122	Illinois	Chicago
WU	W195-14	Texas	El Paso
WU	W199-19	Missouri	Saint Louis
WU	W199-16	California	San Francisco
W&T	W224	New York	New York City

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Editor's note: Dave will be at the Convention in August with his stock for sale and his willingness to talk precancels, perfins or prepers or anything else philatelic you wish. Have any of the items he noted

above, bring them along to share with Dave or bring anything that puzzles you and needs the help of a professional to interpret...

Prohibition - A Philatelic Discussion

Matt Stephenson (#4016)

The movement toward prohibition was a political and cultural issue in the United States that grew and waned throughout the 1800's. Various States passed legislation in the late 1800s and early 1900s that permitted local governments to pass ordinances regarding alcohol. The movement toward National prohibition gained support during World War I when it was argued that the use of grain to produce alcoholic drinks was not patriotic – the grain was needed for food for the military.



Congress approved the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1917. By January 16, 1920, the required 3/4ths of the States had approved the Amendment; prohibition began the next day, January 17, 1920. Congress then established penalties for violations in October 1920. Many citizens ignored the law as an infringement on their right to live as they might wish. Criminal groups quickly assumed a role in smuggling alcohol into the United States from Canada and elsewhere. They even built underwater tracks and cables to move alcohol filled torpedo shaped containers, submarines and even underwater rail cars into the U.S. Al Capone was probably the most well-known mobster during Prohibition.

Prohibition resulted in changes in American life and terminology. A very weak beer, called “near beer”, was produced. Some people started making alcohol at home, resulting in terms such as “bathtub gin” and “white lightning”. If one knew the password, he or she could gain entry into a “speakeasy” to drink. A few speakeasies still exist as historically fun places to visit. I enjoy visiting one when we attend the precancel/perfins show in Paso Robles, CA.

People soon tired of Prohibition laws, fines and the associated criminal activity. During the Great Depression, it was argued that permitting alcohol sales would enhance government tax revenues. In April 1933, a Presidential decree defined that beer and wine less than 3.2% was non-intoxicating and therefore legal. On December 5, 1933 Congress

ratified the 21st Amendment ending national Prohibition, and it officially ended ten days later, on December 15, 1933. However, this did not undo any local laws prohibiting alcohol, and more than 500 local jurisdictions remain “dry” to this day.

Now let us turn to a discussion of beer and wine stamps with revenue perfins. The first perfin shown here (on RE44) is dated February 28, 1920, one month after the enactment of Prohibition. How could this happen? There are several possibilities. For instance, sacramental wines were permitted for religious observances. Below the illustration of the noted revenue stamp is a price list showing an amazing choice of sacramental wine varieties available during Prohibition.

MERCANTILE PRODUCTS CO.
506 North Second Street St. Louis, Mo.
AGENTS FOR
THE ENGELS & KRUDWIG CO.
Producers of Absolutely Pure
SACRAMENTAL WINES
MANUFACTURERS PERMIT OHIO A--9

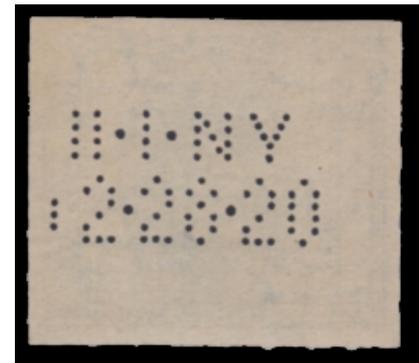


Wine Vaults Capacity 750,000 Gallons

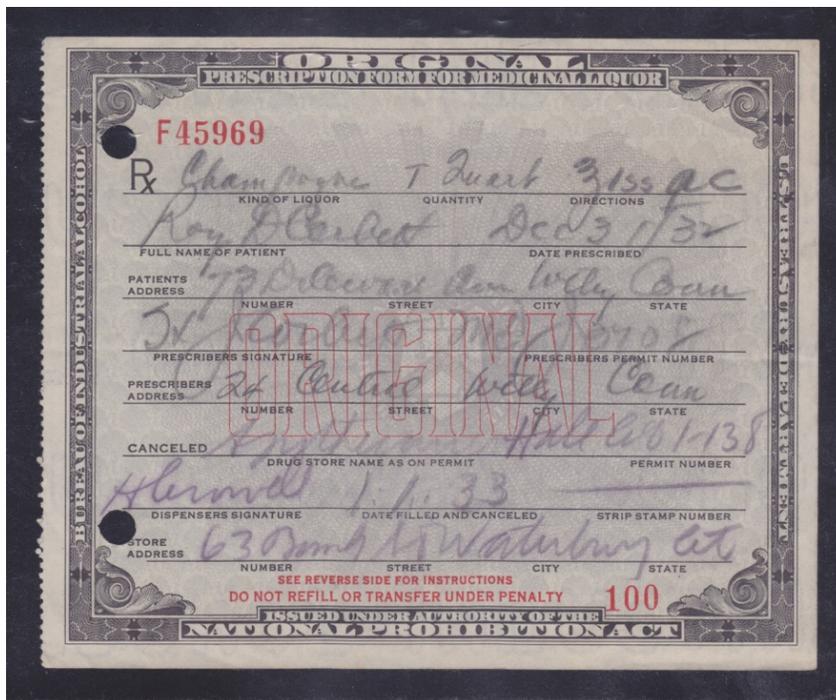
PRICE LIST

	Per Gal. by the Barrel	Per Gal. by the Half Hbl.	Per Gal. by 10 gal. Keg	Per gal. by 3 gal. Jug	Per Gal. by 2 gal. Jug	Per Case of 12 Bottles	Per Case of 24 Bottles	Per Case of 30 Bottles
White Dry Wines								
Delaware	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.75	\$ 8.50	\$17.00	\$32.50
Catawba	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	2.50	8.00	16.00	31.00
Riesling	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	2.50	8.00	16.00	31.00
Red Dry Wines								
Norton's Virginia Seedling	2.25	2.40	2.55	2.70	2.75	8.50	17.00	32.50
Ives Seeding	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	2.50	8.00	16.00	31.00
Claret	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	2.50	8.00	16.00	31.00
White Sweet Wines								
Tokay	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	3.50	10.50	21.00	40.00
Sherry	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	3.50	10.50	21.00	40.00
Gypsy Queen Grape Wine	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	3.50	10.50	21.00	40.00
Red Sweet Wines								
Port	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	3.50	10.50	21.00	40.00
Sweet Concord	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	3.50	10.50	21.00	40.00
White CHAMPAGNES Red								
Eandkay Brand, 12 Quarts	\$28.00			Sparkling Burgundy, 12 Qts			\$28.00	
Eandkay Brand, 24 Pints	30.00			Sparkling Burgundy, 24 Pts			30.00	

Revenue tax, cooperage and containers included in these prices.
No orders accepted for less than two gallons or a case of 12 bottles.
TERMS: Net Cash. No discount. All shipments F. O. B. Ohio.
PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.



Alcohol for medicinal purposes was also permitted during Prohibition. On the next page is a prescription dated December 31, 1932 for a quart of Champagne. Gosh, I wonder – Champagne on New Year’s Eve – for medicinal purposes? Really?



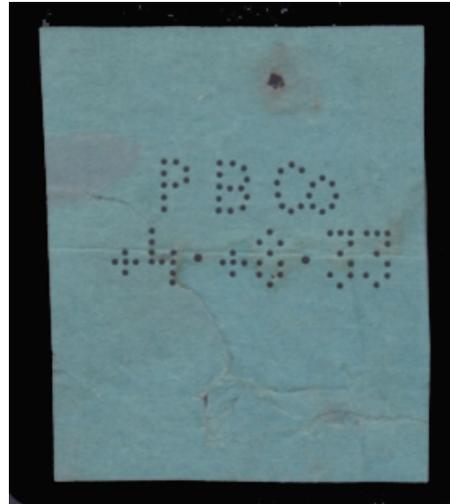
As mentioned earlier, beer and wine not exceeding 3.2% alcohol was permitted by Presidential decree beginning April 7, 1933.

Here is a "first day" cover with a cachet celebrating the new rules. I wish this cover included a precancel or perfin!



Which brings us to this beer revenue stamp (REA154), with a revperf dated April 8, 1933

the day after the Presidential decree took effect, making it a 'second day of use' perfin!



I would enjoy hearing from any member who has Prohibition-related philatelic material. I would especially like to find wine stamps cancelled (perfin or otherwise) during Prohibition, as well as wine and beer stamps

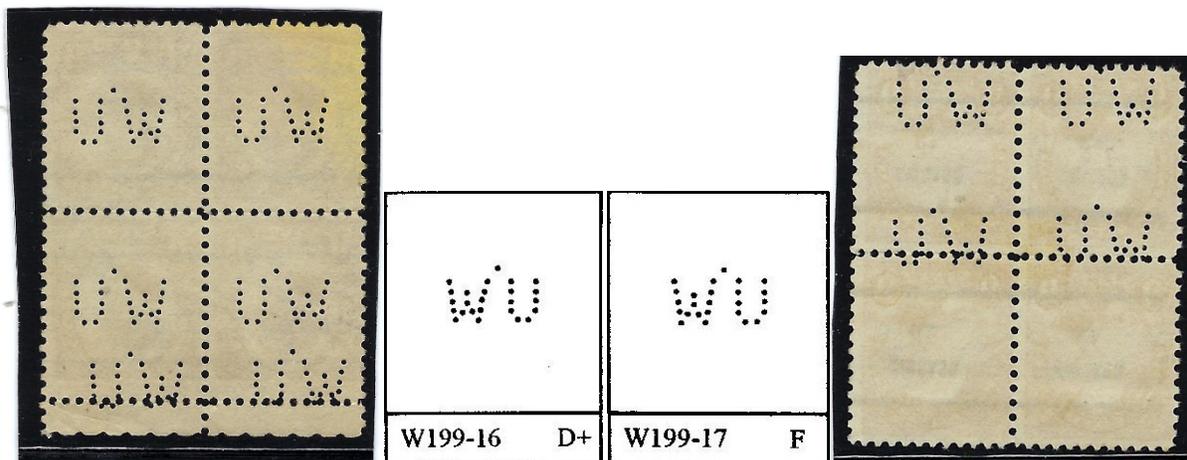
with perfins or cancels dated as close as possible to the beginning and end of National Prohibition. I can be contacted at mattsteph@cox.net.

Perfin patterns W 199-16 and W199-17

Dave Smith (LM# 1514) & Steve Endicott (LM# 2284)

These two patterns used by Western Union Telegraph Company look strikingly similar. Both come on Chicago precancels. W199-17 is the most common. Most collectors have determined the difference by the curve in the right arm of the W. In measuring the two illustrations, WU measures 11.5 mm across the top in W199-16 and measures 11.75 to 12mm across at the top in W199-17. If we apply these measurements, most stamps are W199-16. The bent arm appears to be a die variety as seen here in the block of four. Stamps are also found with the left arm curved even more than the curve in the right arm. The

right pair in this block show the left arm curve. The bottom left perfin impression shows the beginning of a curve in the right arm of the W. The missing pin variety is recognized as belonging to former W199-17.5, now part of W199-17. Three of the impressions match the measurement of W199-17. The bottom left impression matches the measurement for W199-16. Our conclusion is that W199-16 is a die variety of W199-17. Steve will delete W199-16, will include the "y" code with W199-17 indicating that die varieties exist and will consolidate other data and supplemental information.



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Upcoming Events of Interest

APS Summer Stamp Show **August 1-4, 2019**

CHI Health Center Omaha (455 10th St., Omaha, NE). 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thu - Sat.; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun.

Precancel Stamp Society & Perfins Club Annual Convention **August 5 - 10, 2019**

Marriott Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska. Omaha Marriott Hotel, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114. Phone **402-516-3619** for reservations (ask for Becky Schaffner) and don't forget to mention our Group code "Precancel Stamp Society 2019 Convention" to secure the Convention room rate of \$109/night plus taxes - good from 3 days before to 3 days after the Convention - the "before" gives you the opportunity to spend time at the combined APS Stamp Show / ATA Convention (see immediately above.)

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