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# The Bulletin

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## Convention Time!!!

August 23-28, 2021  
Best Western Royal Plaza & Trade Center  
(508)-460-0700

*As of this writing the combined Perfins Club / Precancel Stamp Society Convention is a "GO".*

On May 17 Governor Baker announced that *all covid of Massachusetts' Covid related health restrictions will be removed starting May 29*. Phil Cayford, the Convention Chair, has contacted the hotel, and, after that date all of the normal Convention related events can be held including the bourse, meetings, cocktail reception, dessert event, and banquet. Masks will not be required for all who are vaccinated, but the Governor recommends masks be worn indoors for those who are unvaccinated to keep everyone safe.

And so, see the several pages of information in the center of this issue.

Unfortunately, for those who have enjoyed the articles relating to perfins and precancels originating from the city in which the Convention is being held - sorry - no perfins or precancels are reported from Marlborough, Massachusetts, and so, no article about local perfins and precancels this time.

### Another Country Heard From

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

While mining the web for information related to a collection having absolutely nothing to do with perfins (my mushrooms-on-stamps collection) I came across an illustration of a strip of three stamps from Ghana, two of which were holey stamps. Quick! - pull up Bob Schwerdt's World Catalog/Africa Section and --- nothing. That is - not a single pattern from Ghana.

Ghana, officially The Republic of Ghana, was formed in March of 1957 from four separate British Territories: Gold Coast, Ashanti, the Northern

Territories of the Gold Coast, and British Togoland. Only Gold Coast is recorded as having used perfins, but the Ghana pattern did not match either of its two recorded patterns.

However, while attempting to find who used the perforator I actually paid attention to the punches in the two stamps. and oops - there was a different pair of letters in each stamp; the perfin read: T.D. in the left stamp and L.R. in the right stamp of the perfinned pair in the strip. contd. on page 74

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## Auction #167

Closes: September, 25, 2021

**Guidelines:** A minimum bid is specified for each lot. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder:

Up to \$5 - a \$0.25 advance;  
\$5.01-\$15 - a \$0.50 advance;  
\$15.01-\$25 - a \$1.00 advance;  
\$25.01-\$50 - a \$2.50 advance;  
\$50.01 + - \$5.00 advance.

No "Buy" bids; "or" bids are ok. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail wins. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless otherwise noted.

### Bid by Lot #.

I will confirm all email bids via email.

Straight edges are identified but not considered to

be defects. In larger lots, you should expect some faults.

Lots will be sold to the winning bidder at the Minimum Bid or one increment over the 2nd highest bidder.

I have done my best to identify the Scott catalog number of each perfin. All individual perfins are returnable - mixtures are not returnable. I will send an invoice detailing your wins or losses.

Payments to the Perfins Club Treasurer. Once payment is received I will dispatch lots. Winnings totaling more than \$100 will be sent priority mail, otherwise it will be first class mail.

*Please* put your preferred address (snail- or e-mail) 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 Coulbourne, 1532 Lakeview Pkwy. Locust Grove, VA 22508-5318**

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### Abbreviations used:

cc(s) = creased corner(s)  
add = all different design  
ade = add & ddf  
blk = block  
cl(\*) = clipped corner @ (\*)  
cc(s) = creased corner(s)  
cmp = complete pattern(s)  
coi(s) = coil(s)  
cr(s) = crease(s)  
ddf = all different die OR face  
dup = duplication  
EKU = earliest known use  
enc = enclosure  
env = envelope

flt(\*) = unspecified fault @ (\*)  
(\*)h (count) of missing holes  
ID: = User identified on cover  
mnh = mint never hinged  
mdp = many different patterns  
mp = many different patterns  
nse\* = natural straight edge @ (\*)  
pap = partial pattern  
pat = Perfin catalog #  
PM: = postmarked:  
pf\* = unspecified perforation faults  
pp(\*) = pulled or trimmed perfis @ (\*)

RA: = return address  
Sc# = Scott's catalog number  
sl = split  
sm = small  
snd = sound stamp(s)  
th(s)\* = thin(s)\*  
tr = tear  
Ty = Precancel type  
UL = Upper left

Several abbreviations can be modified by a position indicator ("\*") as follows: T=top, R=right, B=bottom, L=left

Scott #s are used; pattern #s are from most recent catalogues when available.

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United States Perfins				
Lot	Cat #	Rate	Description	M.B.
1	A22	C	Sc# 504	\$3.00
2	A141	C	Sc# 498; sm tr, sm th	\$1.50
3	B116-21	D	Sc# 944. Blk/5 with 12 strikes; hs	\$1.00
4	B122	C	Sc# 499	\$3.00
5	B136	C	Sc# 378	\$3.00
6	B289	C	Sc# 506; pfs, 1h	\$1.50
7	C141	C	Sc# 599; ccs, cos	\$1.50
8	C199	B	Sc# 406	\$10.00
9	C356-05	D+	Sc# C23; Pair. 3 strikes + 5 partial strikes; hs	\$1.00
10	G113	B	Sc# 406	\$10.00
11	G141	C+	Sc# 405; nser	\$5.00
12	I108	C+	Sc# 429; nset	\$5.00
13	J96.2	C+	Sc# 1038	\$5.00
14	K56.5	B+	Sc# 504	\$20.00
15	L38	C+	Sc# 428; pf	\$2.50
16	O66	B	Sc# 705	\$10.00
17	O67	B	Sc# C7; nsel	\$10.00
18	P077	C	Sc# 842; coi	\$3.00
19	S094	C+	Sc# 502	\$5.00
20	S121	F	Sc# 597, 599A, 721, 840, 842 - all coi, 2 with pfs	\$2.00
21	W132	B	Sc# 504 - split; Sc# 508; nser	\$15.00

Precanceled Perfins; all perfin patterns complete; all precancels are sound (few touch perforations). Minimum Bids based on rarity of perfin pattern or by the new <i>Precancelled Perfin Catalog</i> (typically 1/2 catalog)				
Lot	City	State	Notes	M.B.
22	Los Angeles	CA	Pat. D96 (D+); Ty. 205; Sc# 424; pf	\$4.00
23	Oakland	CA	Pattern S215A (D+); Ty 243; Sc# 633	\$4.00
24	San Francisco	CA	Pat. H196 (C); Ty+D30 45; Sc# 586	\$3.00
25	San Francisco	CA	Pat H196 (C); Ty 63; Sc# 640	\$3.00
26	San Francisco	CA	Pat. R21 (C+); Ty 45; Sc# 591	\$5.00
27	San Francisco	CA	Pat. R21 (C+); Ty L-3; Sc# 563	\$5.00
28	Denver	CO	Pat. F23 (D); Ty 61; Sc# 635; tr, pap	\$3.00
29	Denver	CO	Pat. M75 (C+); Ty 204; Sc# 559	\$5.00
30	Denver	CO	Pat. P99 (C); Ty 61; Sc# 641	\$3.00
31	Hartford	CT	Pat. S165 (C); Ty 204; Sc# 640	\$3.00
32	Washington	DC	Pat. N90.6 (D); Ty 44; Sc# 583; pf	\$3.00
33	Atlanta	GA	Pat. A207A (C+); Ty 61; Sc# 642	\$5.00
34	Atlanta	GA	Pat. P55-26 (C); Ty 61; Sc# 697	\$3.00
35	Chicago	IL	Pat. R18.5 (B); Ty 42; Sc# 581	\$10.00
36	Chicago	IL	Pat. H172 (C); Ty 61; Sc# 640; pf	\$2.00
37	Chicago	IL	Pat. U82-17 (C); Ty 224; Sc# E16; pf	\$4.00
38	Chicago	IL	Pat. L70 (C); Ty L-4; Sc# 334; th	\$3.00
39	Chicago	IL	Pat. L139 (C); Ty L-4; Sc# 498; ppL	\$5.00
40	Peoria	IL	Pat. V22 (C); Ty 202; Sc# 424	\$5.00
41	Springfield	IL	Pat. A221-7 (C); Ty 205; Sc# 707	\$5.00

Revenue Perfins				
Lot	Cat #	Rate	Description	M.B.
42	F&MSBCo	REA173	F&MSBCo 4*28*34 punched into REA173; tr, crs	\$2.00
43	L20S	Rare	5c Nebraska Liquor Stamp punched Columbian Bank N(ote Co). Stamp is in very nice condition, mnh	\$5.00

**United States Mixtures**

**Lots #44->#53 are from one man's lifetime accumulation. He bought them, squirreled them away and never looked at them. You might find anything. Unchecked by me. Estimate 25% damage. Hours and hours of fun and sorting. These lots are not identical, and they contain a wide variety of perfins. No two lots are alike, but, duplication within and between lots is expected.**

Lot	Cat #	Rate	Descr.	M.B.	Lot	Cat #	Rate	Description	M.B.
44	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00	49	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00
45	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00	50	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00
46	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00	51	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00
47	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00	52	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00
48	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00	53	USA Mix	500(125)	mdp, dup	\$15.00

Collections, Mixtures, Groupings				
Lot		Cnt	Descr.	M.B.
54	US Coil Stamps	11(7)	Sc, 721 (5); 602, 597, 599 (4); ade	\$5.00

**The following lots are from one person's collection. All have been sorted and have complete patterns and sound stamps. The first 3 lots comprise about 25% of all US perfin patterns!**

Lot	Rate	Count	Description	Min. Bid
55	E(426) & F(51)	477	Pats A10 -> L27 (not inclusive). Very clean, cmp, snd	\$45.00
56	E(338) & F(67)	405	Pats L34 -> Des. (not inclusive). Very clean, cmp, snd	\$40.00
57	D	747	Snd, cmp, no dup.	\$75.00
58	F	79	Large Commemoratives	\$8.00
59	E	301	Large Commemoratives	\$30.00
60	D	182	Large Commemoratives	\$35.00
61	D+	69	Large Commemoratives	\$17.00
62	F	70	Special Delivery; add.	\$7.00
63	E	218	Special Delivery; add	\$22.00
64	D	100	Special Delivery; add	\$25.00
65	D+	30	Special Delivery; add	\$9.00
66	C => F	195	Prepers; few dup	\$50.00
67	F	46	Famous Americans; add	\$5.00
68	E	106	Famous Americans; add	\$11.00
69	D	46	Famous Americans; add	\$11.00
70	D+	21	Famous Americans; add	\$7.00
71	F	72	Air Mails; add	\$7.00
72	E	222	Air Mails; add	\$30.00
73	D	130	Air Mails; add	\$30.00
74	D+	38	Air Mails; add	\$10.00
75	F	75	National Defense; add	\$7.50
76	E	88	National Defense; add	\$9.00
77	D(19) & D+(2)	21	National Defense; add	\$5.00

Lot	Rate	Count	Description	Min. Bid
78	F	35	Railroads; add	\$3.50
79	E	86	Railroads; add	\$9.00
80	D	18	Railroads; add	\$3.50
81	D+	12	Railroads; add	\$3.50
82	Revenues	Many 100s	US revenue collection in 4 binders. Very heavy to ship. Many 100's of revenues - mostly stock transfers. Well organized with many identified. 2 binders are stock transfer documents (probably 60 or so different). Very nice collection. From no => heavy dup	\$150.00

Non-USA Perfins				
Lot	Country	Cat #	Description	M.B.
83	Australian Antarctic Territory	L149a (SS)	"JA" in both stamps	\$2.50
84	United Nations	US Des. 35.5	Blk of 6 Sc# 52	\$1.00

Non-USA Mixtures				
Lot	Country	Count	Description	M.B.
85	Mexico	5(1)	5 add (DUN; M.M./S.S./C.; NP/&T; R.B./&C.; RIC(o)/LTD)	\$10.00
86	Queensland	21(2)	21 add in 1p & 2p QV stamps	\$6.00

USA Perfin Covers				
Lot	Cat #	Rate	Description	M.B.
87	B81	C	#10 env. PM: 7 May 1914, Davenport IOWA. ID: Bettendorf Axel Company, Bettendorf, Iowa. Axle logo at UL of env and enc shows wonderful graphic of the Bettendorf Company. Speaks to three offices and the IOWA location. Sc# 406; EKU	\$20.00
88	C270	D	Small blue env. PM: 13 January 1938, Chicago, ILL. ID: Cummins Perforator Company, 4740 Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, U.S.A. Sc# 800	\$5.00
89	D35	C	Trade card. PM: 13 October 1910, Chicago, ILL. ID: Drovers Deposit National Bank, Union Stock Yards, Chicago. Sc# 331. Neat and clean	\$10.00
90	E50	E	Advertising trade card. 27 March 1916. Postmarked Philadelphia PA Airhill Station. ID : E.F. Houghton & Co., Third, American & Somerset Streets, Philadelphia. Advertising shows a man "Taking the Viscosity" of an oil using the Viscosimeter. Very clean and pretty. Sc# 424	\$15.00
91	E70	E	#10 env. PM: 4 June 1914, Buffalo N.Y. ID: G. Elias & Bro., Timber, Lumber, Millwork & Boxes, Buffalo, N.Y. All over pictures showing Shipping Cargo and Loading Canal Boat. Enc very pretty, speaking to products. Very pretty. Sc# 406. Full strike of ELIAS	\$30.00
92	E124	D+	Huge wax banker env (5" x 12"). PM: 10 March 1920, Boston, MASS. ID: Exchange Trust Co., Boston, MASS. Printed "Registered Mail Return Receipt" on env. Env has been folded. Sc# 506 & 510. EKU	\$10.00
93	H149	C	Small window env. PM: 6 April 1918, Chicago ILL (savings bond slogan cancel). Pretty corner card- ID: W. M. Hoyt Company, Wholesale Grocers, 22nd Street Bridge, Chicago. LKU. Sc# 502. Advertising on reverse (Mallard and Fort Dearborn products). Very pretty	\$25.00
94	K048.5	D	Small env. PM: 30 August 1915, New York, N.Y. Wall Street Station. ID: K. N. & K., Knauth Nachod and Kuhne, New York. Sent to Switzerland and censored by the French Ministry of War, Postal Control Pontarlier (near Swiss border). Also has Opened by Military Authority markings front & back. EKU. Sc# 428	\$35.00
95	K048.5	D	Small env. PM: 18 May 1916, Hoboken N.J. ID: K. N. & K. Knauth Nachod and Kuhne, New York. Censored (opened by Censor 1325). Sent to Norway via the steamer OSCAR II of the Scandinavian American Line. Sc# 433	\$20.00

Lot	Cat #	Rate	Description	M.B.
96	L060-10	B	Fold-out picture post card. PM: 22 January 1914, Buffalo N.Y. Sta. D. ID: The Larkin Factories, Buffalo, N.Y. When unfolded the picture side shows the Larkin Factories in full color. Very Pretty. EKU? Sc# 406	\$40.00
97	L184	D+	Picture postcard. PM: 22 September 1909, New York, N.Y., and also, 25 SEP 1909, Dickenson PA. Typed advertising from P.A. & S. Small Co., York PA (agent for L. & M.). New office. EKU. Picture side is of Robert Fulton and his steamboat Clermont. Sc# 331. Nice card	\$20.00
98	M10	D	Small window env. PM: 13 November 1911, Joliet, ILL. ID: Moore Brothers Company, Joliet, Illinois. Advertising for Moore's Stoves and Furnaces (red & black) as part of the corner card. Sc# 375. EKU	\$10.00
99	M11	B	Small env. PM: 13 June 1913, Milwaukee, WIS. ID: Fred Miller Brewing Company, Milwaukee, U.S.A. Very colorful (red & black) Miller Beer logo on front and all over advertising on back showing Miller Beer and High Life Beer along with the Brewing Company Plant. Sc# 406	\$60.00
100	M15	C+	Picture postcard (Trifold). PM: 1909, Louisville, KY. ID: C. C. Mengel & Bro. Co. (incorporated), Louisville, KY, Exploiter and Importer of Mahogany Logs, Manufacturer of Mahogany Lumber, Veneers and Dimensional Stock. Unfolds to a very pretty picture of Mengel's Mahogany Plant. Sc# 331. EKU. Very pretty	\$25.00
101	M72	C	Small env. PM: 28 November 1919, Boston MASS. ID: McKenney & Waterbury Co, 181 Franklin ST COR. Congress St., Boston, MASS. U.S.A. Pretty logo in blue of a hanging light and the slogan "We Light The World". Sc# 499. LKU. Clean cover	\$15.00
102	M89	C+	Small env. PM: 31 August 1910, Kansas City, MO. ID: McPike Drug Co., 7th and Central Sts., Kansas City, Mo. Enclosure is an invoice from McPike. Pretty flag cancel on reverse from Attica, Indiana (receiving postmark). Sc# 332. LKU. Neat and clean	\$20.00
103	M116A	A	Small env. PM: 28 February 1912, Fredonia, N.Y. Very fancy illustrated corner card. ID: M. M. Fenner Co, Proprietors of People's Remedies, Fredonia, N.Y. Very clean and very rare. ORD. Sc# 375	\$150.00
Non-USA Perfin Covers				
Lot	Country	Cat #	Description	M.B.
104	Canada	C37	CSL in small env. PM: 13 July 1929, Montreal P.Q. ID: Canada Steamship Lines Limited. F rated. Sc# 150 (position 1)	\$3.00
105	Canada	C35	Small envelope. PM: 8 November 1939, Calgary ALTA. Nice Remembrance Day Canadian Legion cancel. ID: Canadian Pacific Railway (Logo). Roughly opened at top. I rated. Sc# 233 (position 1)	\$3.00
106	Canada	C33	CPR poorly punched into an irregular block of 5 + 1 more 4¢ Excise Tax stamps attached to a Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Treasurer, Montreal bank check dated 20 October 1924. The check was again date punched by bank "PAID 10 -27-24. H rated (position 2). Interesting	\$15.00
107	Cocos (Keeling Islands)	JA	Picture post card. PM: 22 December 2017, Australia Post, Toombul, QLD 4012. JA punched into 5 stamps (Sc# 289a, 290a, 291a, 292a, 291e). Avanti Card. Philatelic. Picture side is of the Morpeth Post Office in 2016. ID: J.I. Amiet, PO Box 1282, Toombul QLD 4012	\$2.00
108	Germany	GS-1-05-28	Illustrated trade card. PM: 9 December 1922, Mannheim. ID: Gebr. Schwabenland, Mannheim. Illustration is of a Coffee Apparatus that has handles and a spigot. GS punched into 2 copies of Sc# 214. Nice POKO	\$10.00

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## More Background on the User of the W117 Preper from Battle Creek, MI

Paul Mistretta (LM #111) based in part on notes from Bill Donie (#1356)

Bill Donie was obviously intrigued by Dan Baugher's article (R.O. Eastman Cover...) in the last issue of the *Bulletin*. He started sleuthing in an attempt to fill in the blanks Dan acknowledged. He researched the Michigan City Directories (R. L. Polk & Co.) for 1905-1916; The Cleveland, Ohio city directory for 1916; the Federal Census reports for 1910, 20, 30 & 40; and Ancestry.com -- at least. The information below is presented chronologically and without further reference to source (which Bill did provide). To supplement this work, I searched again using Google (limited success) and Google Books (some very good information!)

R. O." Eastman was born on March 16, 1883 in Wisconsin. He was named Roy (probably short for Royal) Oliver Eastman. The first record found had him working as a manager for the Good Health Pub Co. in 1907. At the time he was living at 49 Manchester St. in Battle Creek, in a house (1900 build) which is still standing and can be viewed on the Zillow website. Working the same job he resided at 16 Walter Ave. in 1908 and in 1909 his address was NE corner of Hubbard and Rosenath Ave, still in Battle Creek (and still standing today).

In 1910 he is listed as having moved to Washington D.C. with a wife and two sons, John & Donald- but in 1911 he is back in the Roseneath & Hubbard corner house in Battle Creek -- and relative to the 1911 cover is shown as an advertising agent and editor of the *Kellogg's Square Dealer*. On the Pinterest website issues of this comic book format advertising magazine are listed as "...R. O. Eastman ..." with dates seen from September 1911 through March 1912 having Eastman specifically mentioned as Editor. The publication continued at least till mid 1915 but it is unclear if Mr. Eastman remained its editor.

In 1916 he ceased being listed in the Battle Creek City Directory but appears in the Cleveland City Directory as Royal O. Eastman.. A brief note found in *Judicious Advertising* (14(1):132) titled "Eastman leaves Kellogg Company" notes that "R. O. Eastman, advertising manager of the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Company, Battle Creek, Mich., on January 1, joined the staff of Fuller & Smith, Cleveland advertising agents..." and explains his move to Cleveland. The 1920 census reports him to be living in Cleveland Heights with his wife and 3 of his 4 sons.

In *The Printer's Ink* (Mar. 17, 1922:180) an advertisement was seen titled: R. O. Eastman Incorporated, Cleveland Ohio. The ad: "Announcing the establishment of an organization equipped to serve business institutions ... In severing my connection with Fuller & Smith, with whom I have been associated for the last two years as director of research..." It is signed R. O. Eastman. Subsequent to this ad, other ads and abstracts of presentations given by Mr. Eastman appear in the advertising literature and these can be found cited in Google Books.

In 1930 he was living in Scarsdale, NY and in 1940 he and his wife were living in Westchester, NY. He died in Florida on April 6, 1970.

As a final note: when Mr. Eastman left Kellogg's he lost access to company postage and this suggests that the cover which Dan has (and which started this research effort) is probably a relatively rare cover. At least it appears from this history that the use was an authorized one, and Mr. Eastman can be considered to be a legitimate supplemental user of the pattern.



### Hello Columbus!!

C. Adrion (#2873) submitted the scan shown (at left ) of US pattern A094 ("[AE]"; Aetna Life Insurance Company) in a US Columbian stamp (Sc#233). This is the first report of this pattern in a 4¢ stamp of this issue.

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# 2021 PSS Convention

Aug. 23-28, 2021

## Registration Form

PSS Convention registration \_\_\_\_\_@ \$5.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$7.00 at the door)

Name(s) as desired on Name Badge:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Convention Photograph (8x10) \_\_\_\_\_@ \$10.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet (meat or fish) \_\_\_\_\_@ \$40.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Bucks \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Phil Cayford TOTAL= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All payments are refundable if you have to cancel, but please let us know!

Make your room reservations directly with the Convention Hotel:  
Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlborough, MA 508-460-0700

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:  
DAVID SEARS, PO BOX 69, DUNSTABLE, MA 01827**

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**August 23-28, 2021**  
**Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center**  
181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752  
(508)-460-0700



In an abundance of optimism *make your reservations now*. For Convention rate reservations must be made by July 23, 2021 -- **ask for the PSS Convention rate** --. Convention rates are \$99/night + taxes for single or double occupancy; \$129/night + taxes for triple or quad occupancy. Reservations: phone - 855-516-1090 or use the BW website ("BW Royal Plaza" in the search bar will get you, with one additional click, to their site; much easier than typing their super-long web address.

A brief [pessimistic] caveat is necessary: due to the uncertainty of the Covid pandemic these plans can change rapidly and radically. Updates will be posted to the Club website as we get closer to Convention time.

Hotel amenities include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Express check-in and express check-out.</li><li>• Free self-parking onsite.</li><li>• Concierge services</li><li>• Wheelchair accessible - may have limitations</li><li>• wheelchair Accessible bathroom</li><li>• Smoke free property</li><li>• Pets allowed</li><li>• Complimentary wireless Internet access</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 24-hour business center</li><li>• Hotel restaurant</li><li>• Complimentary continental breakfast</li><li>• Bar/lounge</li><li>• Indoor pool</li><li>• Fitness center</li><li>• Arcade/game room</li></ul> |
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Special Covid information (at time of writing):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Property confirms they are implementing guest safety measures</li><li>• Social distancing measures are in place</li><li>• Property follows sanitization practices of SafeStay (AHLA - USA)</li><li>• Property is cleaned with disinfectant</li><li>• Guests are provided with free hand sanitizer</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Property confirms they are implementing enhanced cleaning measures</li><li>• Staff wears personal protective equipment</li><li>• Individually-wrapped food options are available for breakfast</li><li>• Commonly-touched surfaces are cleaned with disinfectant</li><li>• Masks are compulsory at the property</li></ul> |
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Some changes may occur in the above listing of hotel protocols based on State requirements.

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## Air Travellers:

The preferred airport for Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center is Logan International Airport (BOS). Those flying will have to arrange transportation from the airport to Marlborough. Major car rental agencies are available at the airport (most are offsite with transportation to and from their offices/lots). There are also two limo services reported available at Logan: Kelly Towncar - (hourly rate) 781-281-1371 or 781-231-2310; and, Princess limo.com - Toll Free (866) 546-6889 or Phone: (508) 677-9377. I do not have pricing info for any of these options, but plan for a significant cost due to the fact that you are dealing with a 40 mile "commute" from the airport.

## Driving?

*From Logan Airport:* Take I-495 toward N.H/Maine (31 miles); stay left towards I-495 North Lowell (0.6 miles); take exit 24B onto US-20 West toward Northboro; 1.2 mi turn right; .2 mi - you're there.

*From the west:* Take I-495 towards Maine / N.H.; Take Exit 24B onto US20 West towards Northboro (5.2 mi.); in 1.2 mi turn Right and in 0.2 mi. you're there!

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## Things to Do in Your Spare Time (if any!)

### *Shopping:*

- Solomon Pond Mall (fashion oriented): 120 stores, including Macy's, JC Penney, The Apple Store, Ann Taylor, Coach, Gymboree, H&M, and Victoria Secret's. Grab a bite at a variety sit-down and grab-and-go restaurants, and catch a movie at the 15-screen Regal Cinemas. (exit 25B off I-495 or I-290 in Marlborough).
- The Wayside Country Store was built in 1790 and was purchased by Henry Ford in 1928. The store's interior is still much the same as when Ford ran it. Enjoy pickles, Ginger Snaps, and hundreds of other country store items. Visit the Olde Tyme Candy Store connected to the general store, where hundreds of jars of the finest specialty candies and chocolates await you.

### *Outdoor adventure:*

- A self-guided historical walking tour through the City of Marlborough. The walking tour features a series of 24 informational panels and along a 1.6 mile loop in Downtown Marlborough. Each panel contains archived photographs and detailed information about important topics in the city's history. Visit our local shops and restaurants as you stroll along Main Street.
- Ghiloni Nature Trail / Marlborough State Forest can be accessed through Ghiloni Park, off Concord Road, or at Hemenway Street, off

Wilson Street. The 125-acre abutting Ghiloni Park features a variety of woodland trails and a self-guided nature walk. An interpretive brochure is available at the Recreation Office at the park's entrance.

- The Grove Conservation Land on Bolton Street, off Route 85 West, offers woods, open fields and water access to Fort Meadow Reservoir for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. The Grove is also full of wildlife, the most impressive being the enormous Great Blue Heron.
- The Desert Natural Area / Memorial Forest Reservation in East Marlborough, off Concord Road, is named for its well-drained sandy soil and historic sand pits. This 615-acre parcel of conservation land features a pine and scrub forest, and wildlife, such as birds and beavers.

### *Entertainment options:*

- go-karts, bowling, sports simulator, bumper cars, laser tag, arcade games (at the Apex Entertainment Center)
- axe throwing (at Half Axe)
- virtual zombie apocalypse (at MindTrek VR)
- solve the mystery and escape one of the Breakout rooms!

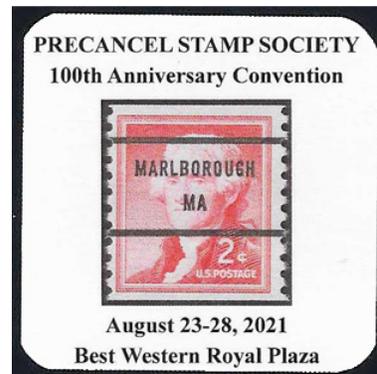
In addition here are many other opportunities within an hour's drive for those with a car.

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## 2021 Convention Update

August 23-28, 2021

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 81 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, MA



**Registration packet:** should have been mailed by the time you read this to all members of The Perfins Club (TPC) and Precancel Stamp Society (PSS). If members have questions about the information they received, get in touch with **Phil Cayford** (npcayford@myfairpoint.net), or **Mike Gutman** (michaelg5300@gmail.com). The registration form is reproduced on p. 69. Checks for payment of all Registration items should be made out to **Phil Cayford**. All forms and payments should be returned to **David Sears**, PO Box 69, Dunstable, MA 01827.

If members have difficulty making hotel reservations, please contact PSS Convention Manager, **Phil Cayford** (address above).

**The Auction:** Donation lots will be gratefully accepted as well as lots to be sold for a commission of 20%. Donation lots need to have an estimated value of at least US\$10 and commission lots should have an estimated value of at least US\$50. Check your Stamp Room for "Treasures" that you have collected or inherited that are in need of a new home and take or send them to the Auction. We plan on having a list of auction items available at the Convention. The earlier members submit their lots, the easier it will be for them to be included on the list. Lots will also be accepted at the Convention (Wednesday at the latest). For more information about the Auction protocol, email **Phil Cayford** (address above).

**Booster Bucks:** Booster Buck donations can be sent to **Phil Cayford** at PO Box 497, Dublin NH 03444-0497 with checks made out to Phil.

**Bourse Tables:** Reservations for the bourse room tables can be made with **Matt Stephenson** at mattsteph@cox.net or 3650 W. Fairview Lane, Chandler AZ 85226. The table rates are \$125 for the first table and \$100 for the second table. A deposit of \$50 will hold your reservation with the balance due at the Convention. Payments by check should be sent to Matt but made out to **Phil Cayford**.

**Coffee Station:** Regular and decaffeinated coffee as well as water are planned to be available for all six mornings, Monday through Saturday at the Convention. We are always looking for coffee sponsors as this is a staple of all conventions. Our convention attendees drink a lot of coffee and costs continue to rise. So, if you enjoy coffee or just want to help defray some of the costs, please consider making a donation. All donations, no matter the size, are always appreciated.

**Companion Activities:** There are many things to do within an hour or so of Marlborough. There are no formal tours planned as it is impossible to predict what will or will not be available at Convention time. Questions or general information: email **Mike Gutman** (email address in first paragraph). Please note that Mike is not organizing nor leading any events, he has only volunteered to keep everyone apprised of the progress of the schedule of activities and provide local information.

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100th Annual Precancel Stamp Society Convention  
Marlborough, Mass  
August 23-28, 2021

**Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8 AM - 10 AM Dealer Setup  
10 AM - 5 PM Registration  
10 AM - 11 PM Early Bird Trading & Bourse

**Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM - 5 PM Registration  
8 AM - 11 PM Trading & Bourse  
4 PM - Welcome Reception with Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar

**Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM - 4 PM Registration  
8 AM - 11 PM Trading & Bourse  
10 AM - First PSS Business Meeting; Club Photos to follow; Both PSS & Perfins Club

**Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM - 4 PM Registration  
8 AM - 11 PM Trading & Bourse  
10 AM - Second PSS Business Meeting  
1 PM - Perfins Club Annual Meeting  
6 PM - Perfins Club Dinner

**Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM - 4 pm Registration  
8 AM - 11 pm Trading & Bourse  
2 PM Auction  
8 PM Ice Cream Social with a Sundae Ice Cream Bar

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM- 12 PM Registration  
8 AM - 4 PM Trading & Bourse  
4 PM Table Holder's Breakdown  
6 PM Convention Banquet, Awards, Cash Bar

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## Surfing...

Joe Coulbourne reports a new website created by Peter Folz (from Germany) of interest to collectors of perfins of the world. [Perfin World](https://perfinworld.org/) (<https://perfinworld.org/>) bills itself as “Everything about perfins from all over the world”. While “Everything...” may be a bit of a stretch, this website is intriguing. Of particular interest is the catalog section which has a variety of catalogs of perfins for 35 (and adding as we speak.) countries. Also offered is a free subscription to the Perfin World newsletter.

If you don't read German, don't be put off by the initial screen. Simply go to the upper right of the screen, click on the  button, and select your preferred language (flag) from the dropdown bar. Lots of opportunity to learn and contribute.

Some new information and a chance to contribute new data.

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The Perfins Club Annual Meeting  
Bob Hodges (#4064)

Please plan to join us for our annual convention and business meeting at the combined conventions of The Perfins Club and The Precancel Stamp Society -- August 23-28, 2021, to be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 81 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, MA

Please remember that in addition to the Business Meeting discussed later in this note, there will be many, many hours for stamp collecting: buying, selling, trading and discussing perfins!

A tentative agenda for our annual business meeting is shown at the right. ***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 15, 2021.*** 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 2019 Annual Business Meeting

Thursday August 26, 2021, at 1:00pm

Agenda

Call to Order  
Member Self-introductions  
Minutes of 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Managers' Reports  
Old Business  
New Business  
Report on nominations for Executive Board Positions  
Ballot of election entered by Secretary for the Club for all non-contested Positions  
Award Announcements:  
    2021 Floyd Walker Award  
    2021 Hallock Card Award  
Other Announcements  
Closed Albums  
Adjournment

We hope to see you in Marlborough!

(Cont'd from P.1)



T.D.L.R.

The base stamps are Sc#1267, the manganese ore stamp from Ghana's mineral series of 1991. This issue predates the spate of illegal stamps being issued as "Ghana" postage stamps. Thus, although there is still a possibility that these are recent

"discoveries" (= fakes), I assumed they were genuine perfins of some sort. But who was the user?

The user of the perforator was De La Rue plc. Located in London. De La Rue plc is the world's largest commercial security printer and papermaker. For a pattern comparison, see the 'T.D.L.R. / SPECIMEN' punch reported previously in the *Bulletin* (57(4):57). The pattern shown in that Ethiopian block has identical letter formation to what is found in the Ghana item. Unfortunately size can't be compared due to the fact that I do not have the original stamps from Ghana.

The 'T.D.L.R.' perfin (and also variants of "Thomas de la Rue") is used in sample and specimen stamps produced by this firm.

So is this a potential "T.D.L.R. Specimen" entry for Ghana?

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## Cover Franked with K057 Perfin Indicates User Corrections

Millard Driscoll (LM 71)

On March 13, 1946, Forrest M. Swisher, Captain, US Medical Corps A wrote to the Keystone Shipping Company, 260 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA requesting information about the perfin used by the company to identify its postage stamps. The company replied to his questions in writing at the end of each question [on his letter, which, so annotated was then returned to him. (Fig. 3)]

The reply was mailed back on March 19, 1946, using the company address as a return address, but did not

use the company name (Fig. 1). The cover is franked with a KSC perfin, tying Keystone Shipping nicely to the perfin, listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins 1908-2018* as K057 belonging to Kansas State Teachers College. Although this is a fairly common perfin, I have not been able to locate a cover from the college with perfin K057. I have requested in *The Perfins Bulletin* and checked the Perfins Club website, without result, for anyone with a cover from the college franked with K057 to send me a scan.

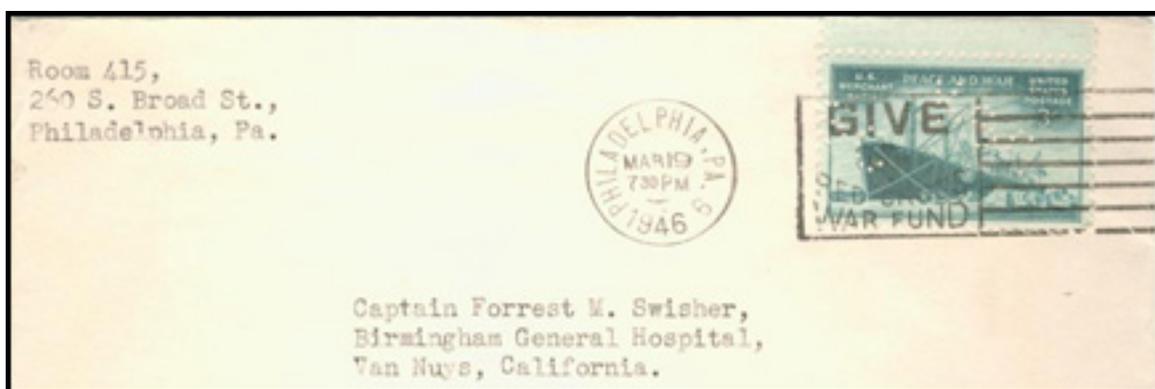
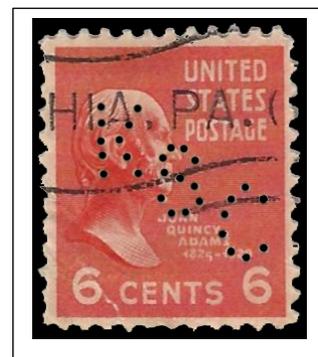


Figure 1. Cover strip cropped from envelope used to return the Keystone Shipping Company's response to Forrest Swisher's request for information. Note that the stamp franking the envelope is perfined KSC (K057).

Dan Baugher replied to my *Bulletin* request stating that he had some K060 perfins belonging to the Kansas State Normal School, Emporia, KS used on Kansas State Teachers College covers. Kansas State Normal was used from 1922 until as late as 1965. Dan has a K057 stamp with a partial Philadelphia, PA cancel (Fig 2), further documenting usage in Philadelphia, probably by the Keystone Shipping Company rather than by the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas.

Figure 2. John Quincy Adams 6¢ stamp from the Presidential Series of 1938 (Sc#) showing the KSC perfin and a partial [Philadelphia, PA.] cancel.



Without a cover with the corner return address showing the name of the Company only an assumption can be made. With the evidence presented, I believe, and U.S. Catalog Editor, Steve Endicott, concurs, that the K057 perfin belongs to the

Keystone Shipping Co. and not Kansas State Teachers College. Steve has made the appropriate changes to the identity of the primary user and to the descriptive information related to this perfin in the 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of the *U.S. Perfin Catalog*.

Birmingham General Hospital  
Van Nuys, California  
13 March 1946

Keystone Shipping Company  
260 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I am a collector of stamps in which initials or some design have been perforated for identification purposes and am attempting to make a survey regarding the use of them.

I have been informed that your organization uses this system for identifying its postage stamps. If so, will you please give me as much of the following information as possible:

- (a) When did your organization first start to use this system? *April 1945*
- (b) What denominations and issues of stamps have been so perforated? *1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000, 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1160, 1170, 1180, 1190, 1200, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1270, 1280, 1290, 1300, 1310, 1320, 1330, 1340, 1350, 1360, 1370, 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1440, 1450, 1460, 1470, 1480, 1490, 1500, 1510, 1520, 1530, 1540, 1550, 1560, 1570, 1580, 1590, 1600, 1610, 1620, 1630, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 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## An American Perfin Cover with an Australian Connection

(John Mathews, #4148)

While scanning eBay recently, I could easily have passed by the item shown, but fortunately my eye picked up the word “Australia” in the item’s title, so I gave it more than my initial glance. The corner card says the sender was R. W. Cameron & Co. Inc.,

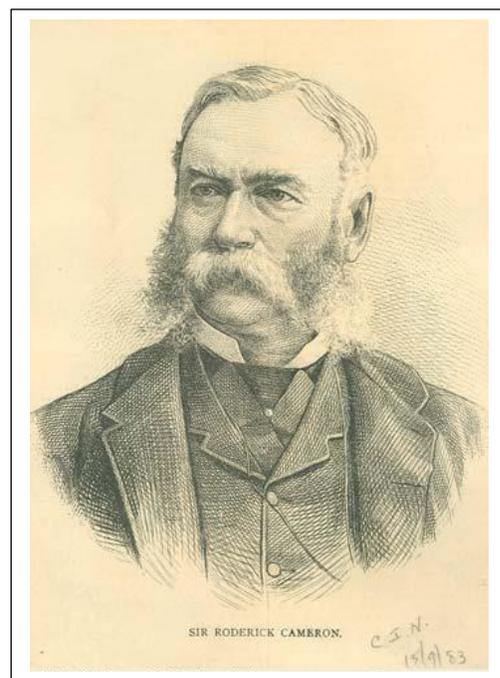
Maritime Building, 10 Bridge Street, New York NY, and the addressee is the branch of that company in Sydney, Australia. The 50 cent Arlington Amphitheater stamp paying the airmail postage has perfin RWC/CO (R143). I wondered if their Sydney



office also used perfinned stamps. As it turned out, there is no Australian perfin which could be tied to that company. However, I felt rewarded when I found a personal connection with Australia.

The company was co-founded by Roderick William Cameron (1825-1900) who received a British knighthood in 1883. He was born in Canada, but had British citizenship through his father and grandfather. In 1852, during the Australian gold rushes, he chartered a ship to take supplies and passengers from New York to Australia. Shortly thereafter, he founded a shipping company known as the Australian Pioneer Line. By 1870, this had grown and was re-named R. W. Cameron & Company of 23 South William Street, New York. They are still at that address. The Sydney branch acted as agents importing kerosene, steel, etc., including steel rails for the Victoria Railway Commission.

Of his seven children, his second son, Roderick McLeod Cameron (1868-1914) was married in 1913 at Burwood, New South Wales (Sydney suburb) to Enid Maud Lindeman; she was heiress to the Australian Lindeman wine company which had been founded by her grandfather, Henry Lindeman. Roderick and Enid had one son in 1913. Roderick died shortly after they returned to New York.



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[Sir] Roderick William Cameron was also appointed Commercial Officer in New York for the Government of New South Wales.

Of historical interest, the sender has stipulated that the letter should go “AIR MAIL / VIA ENGLAND / S/S BREMEN”. S. S. Bremen, of 51,731 tons, belonged to the Nord-Deutscher-Lloyd line and was the pride of the German Merchant fleet at that time.

She carried a seaplane which flew mail to the destination port in advance of the ship’s arrival. Having been ordered to return to a “friendly” port, on 30 August 1939 she left New York without passengers, dodged British Navy warships across the Atlantic Ocean, and arrived at Murmansk, Russia. She left Murmansk on 10 December 1939 and returned to Bremerhaven. In March 1941, a fire on board completely gutted her.

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## More on ANNULÉ

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

In a previous *Bulletin* (75(2):39) I ran a brief note, in a very restricted amount of space, which documented the existence of an “ANNULÉ” perfin in a souvenir sheet from Upper Volta. This is a first report for Upper Volta if this punch is considered to be a perfin. In that note I simply reported the existence of this perfin and promised more in the next issue. So, here’s the “more”.

“ANNULÉ” translates as “CANCELLED” and was used to devalue items (generally souvenir sheets) to exclude them from postal use. That was the easy part!

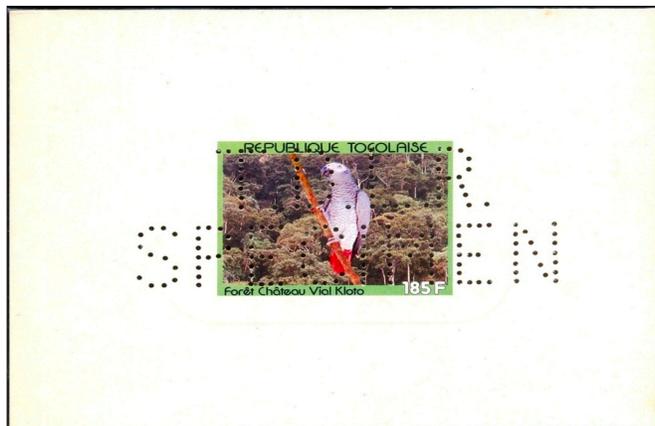
After some floundering around I found a note in the *G.B. Society Bulletin* from February 2009 (#358:10) which states simply:

“The “ANNULÉ” perfins were used on wrappers of the package direct from the printer to the distributor/wholesaler to identify its contents.... They are similar to “SPECIMEN”

overprints but much scarcer as few survive. Undamaged examples are extremely rare”

Thus, these items were not punched for security purposes, but rather were, simply, inventory identification/control labels, and, as such fall into a very ambiguous position with respect to being cataloged.

Illustrated in the G.B. note are two additional examples of this perfin; the first in a souvenir sheet from the Comoro Islands (footnoted in Scott’s Catalog as: “No. 399 exists in a souvenir sheet of 1”) and the second from The Central African Empire (1979 also footnoted in Scott’s after C205 as: “1500fr gold embossed stamp and souvenir sheet exist.”). And a third punch of this type was recently reported from Burkina Faso (*Perfins Bulletin* 2019 - 73:49; also in a Scott unlisted issue (an imperforate variety of Sc#1032)).



I would be remiss if I didn’t add a “Caveat Emptor” to this note. None of the four issues in which I have seen this punch are listed by Scott’s. This tends to be a red flag related to the postal validity of the issues denied such listing. What we have here is an unlisted pattern, on Scott’s unlisted items, and finally all are in mint condition (deliberate release for the collector market?)

And, as long as I am reporting new items (at least to me) I have recently seen a “T.D.L.R./ SPECIMEN” perfin in a Togolese DS (pictured at the left; also not listed in Scott’s; a DS of Sc#1597 from 1991).

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## Secretary's Report

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### Retiring:

Lenora Gray - Age related; no longer collecting  
Gary Carlson - Focusing on other collecting interests

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### Clubmembers Ad

**Wanted to buy:** Perfins accumulations/collections from the Lands of Czechoslovakia. Jerry Hejduk, P.O. Box 459, Altoona FL 32702-0459

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## Coil Line Pairs – a follow-up

Steve Endicott (LM 2284)

In the September/October 2019 Bulletin issue, I wrote about perfins in coil line pairs. A pair was shown with perfin W199-26 in the 3c 1938 Presidential issue. Four singles were shown with joint lines, all in the 1938 issue. I invited members to check their collections and report any coil line pairs or singles with joint lines.

Well, Jerry Hejduk sure did. He has reported C274 in the 2c 1938 Presidential issue, which is shown here. He also reports ten coil singles with joint lines. They are listed here with the stamp issue and the joint line position.



B017	3c	1938 Presidential	right side
C375	1½c	1938 Presidential	left side
G139	3c	1938 Presidential	left side
I119i	2c	4 <sup>th</sup> Bureau	right side
I119i	2c	1938 Presidential	left side
N158.5	2c	4 <sup>th</sup> Bureau	right side
S121	1½c	4 <sup>th</sup> Bureau - 1926	right side
S121	2c	4 <sup>th</sup> Bureau - 1926	left side
S121	3c	1938 Presidential	left side
V017	2c	1938 Presidential	right side

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**September 24-25 - Texas Precancel Club annual meeting** - Grapevine, TX. Still a go but firmly planned at present.

**September, 24-25, 2021 - Richmond, IN Show** - Hours may be modified and masks may be required. Check for details before going by calling show office (765-962-6546) or Howard Tumler (513-874-4321).

**November 5-6, 2021- New England Precancel Club Meeting** - Marriott Courtyard, 3 Eagle Road, Danbury, CT, Exit 8 off I-84, Friday 9AM to 9PM, Saturday 9AM to 3 PM

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