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Bankers Life Company (Perfin B153) in Christmas Seals

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At the 2023 Annual Convention in Charleston, SC I found the sheet of Christmas Seals shown as Figures 1 and 2 with all 100 seals perforated with perfin B153 (BL/C) used by Bankers Life Company. There are several interesting topics with regards to this sheet.

First, a few words about the Christmas Seals. This sheet was released during the 1939 Christmas season to raise revenue in support of programs sponsored by the, then, National Tuberculosis Association (now The American Lung Association), as explained in the four seals in the center of the sheet. Each seal has the (fund-raising) year as part of the vignette. Printers were known to put their mark on *only one* Seal in the sheet. Check the bottom right corner of the Seal in row 6, column 7. You will see the letter "D". This tells us that this sheet was printed by the Edwards & Deutsch Printing Company. Other printers were used concurrently with E&D, each using a different identifying letter: Eureka Printing Company used "E"; Strobridge Printing Company used "S"; and US Printing & Lithograph Company used "U".

Turning the sheet over, we see the B153 pattern in each of the 100 Christmas Seals. Most of the perfins are incomplete – with chads or dimples instead of cleanly punched holes. In fact, only one dozen are complete, clean punches of the pattern.

I couldn't find one punch that clearly matched B153A. However, looking at the punches in this sheet, we can see small variations throughout, especially in the letter B. The perforator appears to be a 10-die machine, with this sheet of Christmas Seals being sent through the perforator vertically. The Seals in the middle columns are especially poor.

Seals in column 8 (counting from the left), row 1 and row 9 appear to be closest to perfin B153A (notice the shape of the letter B). What concerns me is that the punches in other rows in column 8 are definitely different than those in row 1 and row 9. Could this have been a larger perforator, punching multiple rows and columns simultaneously? Perfin B153 is F rated, so that supports extensive use with a large perforator.

The many minor differences in the 100 punches demonstrates the importance of studying stamp multiples. I am thinking that perfin B153A (C+ rate) is just another minor die variety, but I cannot prove it from this sheet. Perhaps your eyesight is better than mine and you can spot pattern B153A in this sheet.

The late Bob Schwerdt wrote an article about perfins in Christmas Seals, which was published in the *Bulletin* (Nov/Dec 2003:172-173) and follow-up information in (May 2004:82). Bob took a wider look at perfins in Christmas Seals, reporting on perfins in stamps from Denmark and one from France as well as with U.S. perfins and personal punches. His first article shows U.S. perfin H076 (HF/M) used by Henry F. Mitchell in Philadelphia. The articles are available on our Club website.

In conclusion, I ask members if they have other Christmas (or Easter) Seals with other perfins. Please report them to the Club via an article in the *Bulletin*.

This sheet is an example of the interesting and unexpected things we can find at the annual Conventions. See you in St. Louis in August 2024.

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Additions & Corrections (A&C1c) for the *U.S. Perfins Catalog*

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651 additions and corrections for the *Catalog* were submitted in 2023 by 25 Club members. The quality of our *Catalog* continues to improve with the information that you provide. Thank you! You have been submitting new information at the rate of two entries every single day, all year long (keeps me busy!). The majority (81%) of the additions have consisted of new postmark data and updates to the stamp usage periods. These have been recorded in the postmark database on our Club website (printed copies are available from our Club's Publication Manager, Steve Sherman). URL links to the Club's Perfin Cover database will be included in the *eCatalog* version. Other updates are listed here; they have been recorded as the third annual A&C update (A&C#1c). There are a few abbreviations used to save space in this report. Please, also remember to record the perfin user's names in the User Index for any new users shown in this report.

A&C Key: A = Addition; C = Correction; D = Deletion; N = New Pattern; R = Rating Change

Table 1: Additions and Corrections

Perfin	Page	Addition or Correction	Notes
A040	A-53	A (PM) Detroit, MI	supplemental postmark
A120	A-54	A Shreveport, LA	supplemental branch
	A-54	A St. Paul, MN	supplemental branch
	A-54	A Indianapolis, IN	supplemental branch
	A-54	A Reading, PA	supplemental branch
	A-54	A Houston, TX	supplemental branch
	A-54	A Harrisburg, PA	supplemental branch
A176	A-55	A New Orleans, LA	supplemental branch
A221-01A	A-56	A (PM) St. Louis, MO	supplemental postmark
A235	A-56	A (PM) Atlanta, GA	supplemental postmark
A271	A-57	A Ravenna Ordinance Plant, Atlas Powder Co., Ravenna, OH	new supplemental user
B045	B-50	A (PM) Jamestown, NY	supplemental postmark
B074	B-50	A x The Fitz Chemical Co., Phillipsburg, NJ	new supplemental user
B116-28	B-51	A (PM) Liverpool, NY	supplemental postmark
B118	B-51	A Philadelphia, PA	supplemental branch
B120	B-51	A Indianapolis, IN	supplemental branch
B127.3	B-15	N new pattern	See Table 3 and Fig. 1
B169	B-18	A * Black Motor Company, Chicago, IL	primary user identified
B214	B-52	A (PM) Buffalo, NY	supplemental postmark
B231	B-24	C B. T. Babbitt, Incorporated	minor user name change
B238.5	B-52	A x The Diamond State Telephone Co., Philadelphia, PA	new supplemental user
C143	C-14	A * Cohen, Goldman & Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
C194	C-59	A x (PM) Brooklyn, NY	supplemental postmark
C196	C-20	A * Chevrolet Motor Company	primary user identified
C242-0	C-60	C (PC) Kansas City, MO	add (PC) to Kansas City supplement note
	C-60	A Butte, MT	supplemental branch
C291	C-60	A Penn Central Company, Chicago, IL	supplemental user and add to User Index
C320	C-32	A * Straus & Co., New York, NY	primary user identified
C351	C-61	A x <i>The Century Magazine</i> , New York, NY	new supplemental user
C356-01	C-61	A (PM) Hartford, CT	supplemental postmark
	C-61	A The Cudahy Packing Co., Specialty Office, New York, NY	new supplemental user
C362	C-36	C Ampere, NJ	correct State (was listed as NY)
C403	C-62	A x Pere Marquette Railway Company	new supplemental user
D068	D-24	A (PM) Chicago, IL	supplemental postmark
D130	D-25	A (PM) Chicago, IL	supplemental postmark
E096A	E-12	A * Eagle Pencil Company, New York, NY	primary user identified

Table 1: Additions and Corrections (Contd.)

F063	F-33	A	x (PM) New York, NY	supplemental postmark
F119	F-34	A	x The Reading National Bank and Trust Co., Reading, PA	new supplemental user
F131	F-14	A	The First National Bank, Denver, CO	primary user identified
F162	F-34	A	x (PM) San Antonio, TX	supplemental postmark
F164	F-34	A	x (PM) Seguin, TX	supplemental postmark
	F-34	A	postmarks from many towns in Texas	supplemental postmarks
F194A	F-20	A	* Folding Sawing Machine Company, Chicago, IL	primary user identified
F201	F-35	A	x First Trust and Deposit Company, Baldwinsville, NY	new supplemental user
G032	G-39	A	(PM) San Juan, Puerto Rico	supplemental postmark
G072 series	eCat	C	the hole count is 19(10) not 17(10)	correction only in eCatalog
G072-04	G-40	A	(PM) Louisville, KY	supplemental postmark
G075	G-8	C	* Genco Cutlery Company, Geneva, NY	correct primary user
	G-41	C	x Vitrified Wheel Company, Westfield, MA	move primary user to supplemental user
G084	G-10	A	* Gullett Gin Company, Amite, LA	primary user identified
G165A	G-18	A	* Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company, General Offices: Gulfport, MS	primary user identified
H011	L-20	A	x Society of Automotive Engineers	new supplemental user
H122	H-10	A	Add Y code	die varieties exist
H147	H-31	A	(PM) Malden, MA	supplemental postmark
H162.5	H-16	A	* Harriman Ripley & Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
H171I	H-31	A	(PM) Honolulu, HI	supplemental postmark
H185.5	H-18	A	* Hayden, Stone & Company	primary user identified
I043.7B-22	I-41	A	x Washington, DC	new supplemental branch
I043.7G-19	I-41	A	x San Diego, CA	supplemental town
I043.7H-03.5T	I-29	N	I043.7-08 moved to this new tentative pattern	see Table 3 and Fig. 1
I043.7HC-01T	I-29	N	new pattern	see Table 3 and Fig. 1
J056B	J-29	A	(PM) Columbus, OH	supplemental postmark
K004A	K-15	A	Kingan Refrigerator Line, Indianapolis, IN	new supplemental user
K022	K-15	A	x American Royal Line Stock Show, Kansas City, MO	new supplemental user
K040.5I	K-6	A	* Kuhn, Loeb & Company	primary user identified
K064	K-8	A	* Kentucky Tax Commission	primary user identified
L081	L-40	C	(PM) Crawfordsville, IN	supplemental postmark
	L-12	C	Connersville, IN	primary user's town
L089	L-12	C	* Louis G. Deschler, Director, Indiana Hotel Company, Indianapolis, IN	correct primary user
L113	L-40	A	x (PM) Chicago, IL	supplemental postmark
L148.5I	L-18	A	* Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co, New York, NY	primary user identified
L158	L-40	A	Wilmington, DE	supplemental branch
L168.8	L-20	A	* Lindley & Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
L169.5	L-20	A	* Laidlaw & Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
M049	M-45	A	x The United Service Club, Hotel McAlpin, New York, NY Club and Hotel names embossed in blue ink on reverse	new supplemental user
M295	M-48	A	(PM) Topeka, KS	supplemental postmark
M301	M-48	A	Providence, RI	new supplemental branch
N113Bb-01	N-67	A	x (PM) New York, NY	supplemental postmark
O022	O-15	C	(PM) Milwaukee, WI	supplemental postmark
O022	O-2	C	South Bend, IN	primary user's town
O087	O-8	A	Philadelphia, PA	primary town identified
P046.5	P-50	A	P046.5 and P051 have been seen in two stamps on one cover, franked 2/11/1918	documentation of dual use
P046.5	P-50	A	x (PM) Jacksonville, FL	supplemental postmark

Table 1: Additions and Corrections (Contd.)

P051	P-50	A	P046.5 and P051 have been seen in two stamps on one cover, franked 2/11/1918	documentation of dual use
	P-50	A	(PM) Jacksonville, FL	supplemental postmark
	P-50	A	(PM) Detroit, MI	supplemental postmark
P095.3i	P-51	A	San Francisco, CA	supplemental branch
P166	P-52	A	<i>Power Boating</i> , Cleveland, OH	new supplemental user
P202	P-53	A	There is evidence that this perfin belonged to The Pennsylvania System instead of the other railroads listed here. More research is needed.	explanatory supplemental note
P221	P-53	A	(PM) Oak Park, IL	supplemental postmark
P260	P-30	A	* Prince & Whitely	primary user identified
PP080.4R	P-54	A	(PM) Kansas, MO	supplemental postmark
	P-54	A	Grandview, MO	supplemental postmark
PP203.5I	P-32	C	* Roy Gault	correct primary user
	P-32	D	Delete EKV	perfin was used in a local post, not in a commercial postage stamp.
	P-54	C	Peter Day was the original user. He loaned use of the perforator to The Perfin Society (Great Britain). Roy Gault acquired the perforated in 1986. Usage has been seen in a local post, the Pineapple Post in Honolulu, HI on 7/1/1985.	replace supplemental note
R075	R-25	A	Union Bank Note Company, Kansas City, MO	supplemental user
R128	R-26	A	Alabama City, AL	new supplemental branch
S002-51	multiple	C		modify notes to include S002-60
S002-60	multiple	A	Multiple copies have been seen with no control holes or with dimples, thereby resembling S002-51	supplemental note
S063	S-79	A	Tri-Tower News Service, Chicago, IL	supplemental user
S195-15A	S-80	A	x (PM) Anthony, KS	supplemental postmark
S287.5	S-82	A	Pere Marquette Railway Company	new supplemental user
T024	T-21	A	Detroit, MI	supplemental branch for Truscon Steel
T039	T-4	A	* code	primary user is verified
T065.5	T-8	A	* T. L. Watson & Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
T081F	T-10	A	PC	PC confirmed
	T-10	A	Columbus, OH	primary town identified
T098	T-22	A	Chicago, IL	new supplemental branch
U011	U-23	A	Acme Stamp Company, New York, NY This is probably incidental usage	new supplemental user
U059	U-23	A	Several railroads had freight agent offices in the Merchants Bank building in Indianapolis. It is possible that the two railroads shared a freight agent, and he mixed stationery and postage.	explanatory supplemental note
	U-23	A	Chicago and North Western Railway System, Indianapolis, IN	supplemental user
U102.5	U-12	A	* Underwriters Trust Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
V023	V-9	A	x (PM) Roanoke, VA	supplemental postmark
V026	V-9	A	The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Co., Indianapolis, IN	supplemental user
W007-01	W-2	A	x Detroit, MI	supplemental postmark
W029	W-6	C	hole count is 25-18	correction
W111.5	W-57	A	Eric Nelson acquired this perforator in 1996. This is a 10-die perforator, Cummins Model 53	supplemental note
W199-21	W-59	A	(PM) Haverhill, MA	supplemental postmark

Table 1: Additions and Corrections (Contd.)

Des. 18	Design-2	A	* The Gutta Percha and Rubber Company, New York, NY	primary user identified
Sch.000056	Sch.-4	R	Rating = C+	21 more copies have been found

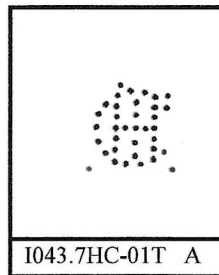
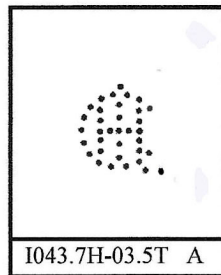
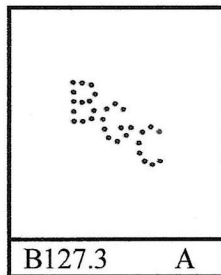
Table 2: The following perfinns have been seen in Revenue stamps. Add the 'R' code to their descriptions.

Pattern	Page	Pattern	Page	Pattern	Page	Pattern	Page	Pattern	Page
B045	B-6	G082	G-10	H089	H-10	M166.71	M-18	W057	W-8
B249	B-26	G179	G-20	I068	I-8	R154	R-16	Des. 13	Des-2
C165.5	C-16	H022	H-2	L060-01	L-8	R161	R-16	Des. 40	Des-4
C262	C-26	H088	H-8	L060-07	L-10	R169	R-16		

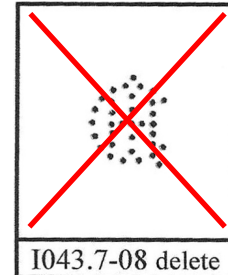
Table 3: New Pattern characteristics (Details published in the May-June 2023 *Bulletin* issue)

Perfin	A&C	Rate	Pattern Description	Orientation	Letter Heights	Hole Counts	Stamp Issue Period
B127.3	A	A	BGC	D	5	13-10-8	1908
I043.7H-03.5T	C	A	Major Control Hole at H and Minor Control Holes at 3½ and 14				
I043.7-08	M		Moved to pattern I043.7H-03.5T				
I043.7HC-01T	A	A	Major control holes at H and C; minor control holes at 1½ and 4½				1962

New patterns:



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1	\$3.00	26	\$5.00	51	\$10.00	76	\$1.00	101	\$10.00	126	\$5.00	151	\$10.00	176	\$125.00
2	\$5.00	27	\$10.00	52	\$20.00	77	\$10.00	102	\$75.00	127	\$25.00	152	\$10.00	177	\$215.00
3	\$10.00	28	\$10.00	53	\$1.50	78	\$5.00	103	\$5.00	128	\$25.00	153	\$10.00	178	\$365.00
4	\$1.50	29	\$10.00	54	\$3.00	79	\$3.00	104	\$2.50	129	\$25.00	154	\$16.00	179	\$7.00
5	\$7.50	30	\$10.00	55	\$3.00	80	\$3.00	105	\$1.50	130	\$40.00	155	\$2.00	180	\$10.00
6	\$1.50	31	\$10.00	56	\$3.00	81	\$1.50	106	\$10.00	131	\$960.00	156	\$7.00	181	\$3.00
7	\$3.00	32	\$10.00	57	\$3.00	82	\$5.00	107	\$20.00	132	\$25.00	157	\$15.00	182	\$10.00
8	\$4.00	33	\$10.00	58	\$2.50	83	\$2.50	108	\$20.00	133	\$21.00	158	\$45.00	183	\$16.00
9	\$1.00	34	\$10.00	59	\$3.00	84	\$2.50	109	\$1.50	134	\$21.00	159	\$18.00	184	\$20.00
10	\$10.50	35	\$10.00	60	\$1.50	85	\$9.00	110	\$5.00	135	\$21.00	160	\$15.00	185	\$8.00
11	\$3.00	36	\$10.00	61	\$3.00	86	\$5.00	111	\$1.50	136	\$21.00	161	\$1.00	186	\$10.00
12	\$2.50	37	\$5.00	62	\$1.00	87	\$2.50	112	\$5.00	137	\$21.00	162	\$2.00	187	\$15.00
13	\$2.50	38	\$10.00	63	\$3.00	88	\$5.00	113	\$2.00	138	\$22.00	163	\$2.00	188	\$5.00
14	\$3.00	39	\$10.00	64	\$5.00	89	\$2.50	114	\$5.00	139	\$21.00	164	\$1.50	189	\$1.00
15	\$3.00	40	\$8.00	65	\$3.00	90	\$3.00	115	\$0.50	140	\$20.00	165	\$6.00	190	\$20.00
16	\$3.00	41	\$10.00	66	\$45.00	91	\$35.00	116	\$10.00	141	\$20.00	166	\$30.00	191	\$10.00
17	\$5.00	42	\$10.00	67	\$1.50	92	\$5.00	117	\$1.50	142	\$20.00	167	\$12.00	192	\$20.00
18	\$1.00	43	\$10.00	68	\$1.50	93	\$1.50	118	\$5.00	143	\$5.00	168	\$6.00	193	\$20.00
19	\$1.00	44	\$3.00	69	\$3.00	94	\$5.00	119	\$2.50	144	\$32.00	169	\$35.00	194	\$15.00
20	\$37.50	45	\$3.00	70	\$37.50	95	\$1.00	120	\$5.00	145	\$1.00	170	\$27.00	195	\$15.00
21	\$2.50	46	\$3.00	71	\$5.00	96	\$5.00	121	\$12.00	146	\$25.00	171	\$130.00	196	\$20.00
22	\$5.00	47	\$10.00	72	\$3.00	97	\$3.00	122	\$10.00	147	\$7.50	172	\$180.00	197	\$20.00
23	\$1.50	48	\$30.00	73	\$3.00	98	\$3.00	123	\$1.00	148	\$10.00	173	\$140.00	198	\$20.00
24	\$20.00	49	\$3.00	74	\$3.00	99	\$1.00	124	\$3.00	149	\$10.00	174	\$110.00	Total	
25	\$10.00	50	\$3.00	75	\$5.00	100	\$10.50	125	\$3.00	150	\$10.00	175	\$90.00		



Figure 1: Full sheet of the American Tuberculosis Association's 1939 Christmas seal; all seals with perfin BL(C).

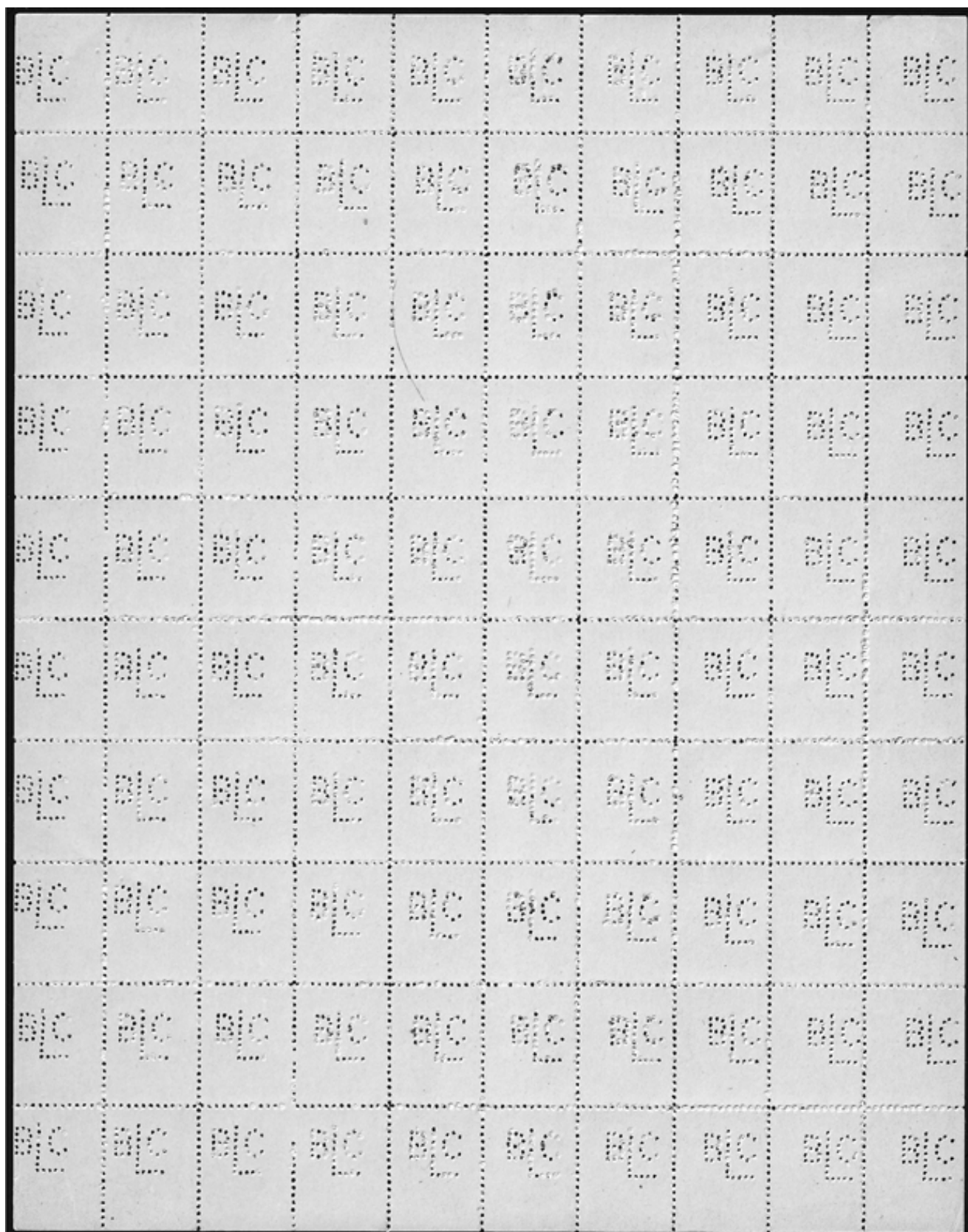


Figure 2: Back (gum) side of sheet in Figure 1; flipped horizontally to show the BL(C) patterns in same orientation as seen in the sheet viewed from the vignette side.

Can Anyone Help with More Information -- H039R from H092? --

Dave Robinson #4246

We all come across items from time to time that requires additional study. Being fairly new to Perfin study, I want to first share my thoughts and research process. I'm not normally looking for something singular, rare, or valuable, as much as I am trying to find a logical explanation and understanding of..... "what happened here?"

Last night I was poking through my shoebox full of perfin and came across this H039R with an extra punch on the backside of the "C". It was in a Sc#642 10¢ Monroe (1926-31).



Naturally I had to stop and try to think it through. I knew something was up with this perfin by the "x" on the information page and the "R" designation in the catalog number. "R" indicates that this perfin was the result of a different existing perfin being revised, normally by removing a letter to form the new pattern. Going to the supplemental information at the end of the letter pages, I read that H039R was formed by removing the "J" from pattern H092, thus leaving the letters H and C. I guess I could have just dropped it there and assumed a sloppy job converting the H092 to the H039R, but I like to study up on the companies involved.

When I looked up the Hajoca Corp. of Philadelphia, I found a very interesting company established in 1858 distributing plumbing, heating and industrial supplies. This company still flourishes today, under private ownership, and has a multitude of smaller companies within its corporate structure. If any of you have swimming pools, the Hajoca name may be familiar to you, as they are the leading provider of swimming pool plumbing in the country.

When I went to H092 it took a few minutes to realize what happened here. It was used by the Haines, Jones, & Cadbury Company also of Philadelphia. My first thought was of chocolate Easter eggs, but I found they too were in the plumbing supply business. Seeing that the period of usage was from 1913-17, I figured they went out of business and that Hajoca procured their perfin and had it revised for their use.

Then..... "lightbulb"..... **H**aines, **J**ones, & **C**adbury made perfect sense. It seems as though Hajoca Corp. started out as Haines, Jones, & Cadbury, but reduced the name to Hajoca early on. I did find Haines, Jones, & Cadbury doing business as Hajoca at one time, but the name fell away in time.

In 2004 Haines, Jones, & Cadbury reappeared as a wholesaler of supplies out of Bentonville, AK, and there is a Haines, Jones, & Cadbury supply depot in London, Ontario, Canada. Neither of these companies are shown to be subsidiaries of, or related to, the Hajoca Corporation of today (at least that I can find).

Before the night was over, I had to send a scan to Steve Endicott to follow-up and see if he would have any further information on this perfin with the extra punch. Steve has a lot of patience with me and my questions and always gives me good information. He added that I needed to go to the Perfin Cover Exhibit on the Club's website and look at the H092 cover shown there. It would confirm my thoughts about the two companies. (Note that the corner logo on the envelope carries both names of the company, and the stamp was cancelled in August 1913.)



Steve also shared an image of a pair of 5¢ blue Roosevelts which shows H029 both with and without the extra hole.



My queries to the group;

- can anyone add any pertinent information about these companies; and
- does anyone have a H039R with more than the one errant punch remaining from the removal of the "J"?

I would love to see a scan if you have the time. My email address is drobinson@tc3net.com

Defining "Standards" for "Collectability" of Perfins

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

Over two years ago I received an e-mail to the Editor from Bill Sinesky (#4176) which I quote below.

As a relatively newer member, I don't think I've ever seen a bulletin article that codified the standards for collectible perfins. Has this already been done at some point? If so, it might be valuable to rerun.

If not, I think this would be very helpful as newer members start to buy/sell/trade with "older" members – especially regarding areas such as extraneous holes, double strikes, blind punches, thins and clipped stamps, etc. I realize collecting is entirely up to the individual and is also influenced by the rating, but offering standards should be a good starting point.

I realize you'll always have different opinions, but I think there would be points we all could agree on or maybe I just haven't had interactions with enough members.

First let me say that I don't believe that a set of general standards for "collectability" exist for any branch of stamp collecting. Standards do exist to evaluate: the overall *condition* of an item (clipped corners, pulled perfs, scuffs, stains, etc.), the physical appearance of the vignette (centering, color, freshness, etc.), the genuineness of an item, and many other things which affect the value of a stamp. *Collectability* is, however, a subjective interpretation to which objective parameters are very difficult, if not impossible, to apply.

Rather than attempting to define standards, I think the question is more simply what are the characteristics of a perfined stamp which makes it a *desirable* acquisition? And the answer to that question is nuanced by many considerations. The answer depends on just what you wish to collect and how you intend to mount or otherwise display relevant items.

If your goal is to collect one of each pattern listed in a catalog, with stamps mounted vignette down (back side displayed for ease of seeing the perfin pattern) then the vignette is of lesser importance, and the appearance of the back of the stamp is important. My recommendation here is to find the cleanest copy of the base stamp with all perfs and corners intact. The ideal is to find this 'perfect' stamp with a complete (no holes blind or missing) well-centered perfin pattern, with no random holes and no double punches (scuffed vignettes might be of lesser importance). For perfins with ratings of B+ down to F this ideal is achievable. For A and A+ rated patterns it may be necessary to relax your ideal, recognizing the scarcity (and hence lack of availability) of these high-rated perfins. If you happen onto an inexpensively priced A+ rated pattern in a stamp which is dirty and missing a corner or two and also a few perfs are pulled, buy it! – you may never see another copy of that pattern other than in a catalog.

And there the simple answers end. As for other collectable stamps, thins, pulled perfs, holes, clipped corners and even natural straight edges are commonly considered to be defects which downgrade the desirability of the item. For perfins; double punches, missing holes, random holes, and dimples (blind punches) must be added to the list of defects which affect desirability.

However, should you be so inclined, collecting double struck or broken patterns might be a fun sidelight, or even a serious collection interest, especially if the doubling involved different patterns or different orientations of the same pattern or the broken pattern documents the relative position of broken pin patterns on a multi-die perforator head. Making a study of perforator deterioration might involve collecting all the broken pin varieties of a pattern which you can find, especially in pairs or other multiples. Suddenly "defective" perfins have become desirable, collectable items.

If you have a special interest in a specific *issue* of stamps with perfins (Schermack Type III security perforated coils, Series of 1902 stamps, perfins in the Pan Pacific Exposition issues,) you may wish to display these stamps face up. Condition of both sides of the stamp suddenly becomes important; but now the condition/appearance of the vignette takes the driver's seat. A heavy cancel will make a stamp less collection worthy than a neat, light cancel. Completeness of the perfin pattern is still a consideration, but it and centering of the perfin pattern often becomes less consequential. Uniqueness of the stamp/perfin may ultimately drive your potential purchase.

I guess what I am saying is that we can develop standards for the overall *condition* of perfins ("Very Fine" down to "Space Filler"), and we can apply these to *desirability*, to a point, but their *collectability* is a matter of personal preference. My feeling is that any such system of "standards" would normally apply primarily to the obverse (back) side of the perfined stamp and ignore the vignette side, but even that statement, as noted above, has serious exceptions.

The Most Valuable Perfin?

Arnold H. Selengut, (#3058)

The so-called “headache” perforated Washington-Franklin and Fourth Bureau Issues are some of the scarcest and most expensive varieties of US 20th Century stamps. These are stamps that were erroneously perforated Perf. 10, instead of the intended Perf. 11, either on the top or bottom of the stamp. On one stamp, the 25¢ Fourth Bureau, a horizontal format stamp, the erroneous perforation is on the right or left edge, not the top or bottom.

There are about 130 different stamp/precancel combinations known to exist on these stamps. By this I mean that when one counts each of the stamps that exist with the variety, and each precancel that is known on that stamp, the total known quantity (excluding duplicates) is about 130. For example, the 10¢ Fourth Bureau headache perf. stamp, Scott #562c, is known with the following eight (8) precancels:

IA, Osage 521 (2)

MN, Minneapolis 205 (2)

NY, Brooklyn 219 (3)

NY, Palmyra 457 (5)

NY, Poughkeepsie 517 (1)

OH, Cleveland 225 (3)

OH, Troy 455 (1)

TN, Nashville L-1 E (2)

Several of these stamps have multiple copies reported. The number shown in parentheses above, following the precancel type, is the quantity of each reported to date. If one counts all of the reported precanceled Scott #562c stamps, the sum is 19. The total number of all precanceled headache perf. stamps reported, including duplicates, is about 190.

Among all 190 precanceled headache-perforated stamps, there is only one that is also perfinned. The perfin is P185 of the Penton Publishing Company of Cleveland, OH, an E rated perfin which puts it in the common category. This stamp was recently certified by the Philatelic Foundation. Its certificate #598733 is shown nearby. Note that the PF has mistakenly typed the perfin designation where the precancel type should have been shown.

Consider that the basic, correctly perforated stamp without the variety catalogs only 35¢, the very common precancel catalogs only 15¢ and the common perfin value is about the same. However, the *Scott Catalog* value of #562c is \$12,500. I submit that this unique item is likely the most valuable stamp among all prepers and perhaps among all stamps in the perfin universe. Does anyone have another candidate?

At the recent North Charleston, SC convention, one of our members correctly identified another headache perf. stamp, this one a Scott #511a, the 11¢ 1917 Washington Franklin with precancel type #558 from Racine, WI. It pays to know about these perforation rarities and to be on the lookout for them.



Cork Cancels and One With a Perfin

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

When postage stamps were first introduced in the United States, postmasters were instructed to deface postage stamps, but were not told how to do this. Clerks would use whatever was convenient, including pens and "PAID" handstamps.

Some post offices started to use cork bottle stoppers dipped in ink. Dipping the complete cork top could blot out the entire stamp, making it difficult to check the denomination, and so clerks began to carve grooves into the cork.

The carving process sparked the creativity of clerks across the country, and soon many designs appeared, ranging from shields, skulls, stars, geometrical shapes, animals, plants, hats, boots, and devils with pitchforks. Among the most common

fancy cancel designs are various designs of stars and crosses. The Waterbury, Connecticut post office was the most famous for this creative practice, making new fancy cork cancels for holidays and special occasions.

Their "Waterbury Running Chicken" cancel, perhaps a turkey, appeared close to Thanksgiving in 1869. It was in use for only a few days. It is probably the most prized of all 19th century fancy cancels.

As a short sidebar: On October 3, 1963, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26. Prior to 1863, the celebration of thanksgiving was observed by individual States. Some did not want the Federal Government to do this, arguing State's Rights; and Southerners were reluctant to accept this holiday since they viewed it as a celebration of the Pilgrims in the North.

The cover shown here with a November 29, 1869, cancel and with three running chickens was auctioned by H.R. Harmer in New York on June 24, 2022, for \$310,000. Too rich for me! If interested, visit the archive section of their auction website. You will find quite a few interesting fancy cork cancels. I could be interested in them – if I had money to burn.



The Waterbury Running Chicken Cover

This is obviously many years before perfin were used in the United States, so why write about them in *The Perfin Bulletin*?



Recently, I found perfin F186 [FSB – diagonal] in a 9c Franklin postage stamp, Sc# 509 issued in 1917. The user is Frank S. Betz Company in Hammond, IN. They used perfin in stamps issued from 1912 to 1917, although we have only found covers with postmarks in 1912. This is a poor, split perfin with missing holes, in a stamp with a clipped corner, and it is a common D rate perfin. However, the cork cancel makes this an interesting item. This is many years after the 19th century use of fancy cork cancels in the United States.

I showed this stamp to perfin and precancel collectors at the North Charleston, SC Convention in August 2023. Everyone agrees that it is most probably a cork cancel. Jim Callis thought of a plausible explanation. This is a 9c stamp, so it was probably affixed, along with other postage, to a parcel. Perhaps one or more of the stamps were not cancelled. Rather than use a Sharpie (or its equivalent) to completely ruin the stamp (Thank Goodness!!) as is often done these days, the clerk may have reached into a drawer and pulled out a cork cancel device that had been there for many years.

Are there other late uses of cork cancels? Are there any others with perfin? Do you have any?

Clark Buchi 1941 – 2023

Memorial by Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Clark Buchi closed his albums for the last time in June 2023. Clark was a member of the Perfins Club for 11 years, joining in December 2012. He was an avid stamp collector in many areas, but most of us knew Clark through his eagerness in seeking out United States perfins. He had an amazing sense of humor which he regularly shared with everyone; we all loved Clark for his friendship and humor. He always had nice things to say about everyone; not a negative word out of his mouth – ever. Clark served as our *Bulletin* editor for short period of time, served as a Director on the Executive Board, and most recently served as Club Librarian, linking our resources with the APRL. He was always willing to help.



Clark started collecting stamps as a ten-year-old boy. Like most of us, he took time off from stamp collecting during college. He earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University, where he met, as he once wrote “my best friend for life, Judy” whom he married after graduation in 1963. Clark then served in the U.S. Army at the Engineering School at Fort Belvoir. He was the president of their family business, the Buchi Plumbing Company in Nashville, TN for around 45 years. His grandfather started the company in 1922. Clark retired around 2016, handing the management of the business to the next generation (the 4th) in the family. Clark, along with family and employees, celebrated the 100th anniversary of Buchi Plumbing Company in 2022.

Clark was predeceased by his daughter Kim, whom he adored and spoke of to close friends. Clark is survived by his wife Judy, his daughter Catherine Rector, her husband, and 2 grandchildren.

Judy had Clark’s portrait (shown above) painted by a close family friend. Judy recently told me “This is how I saw Clark many, many times and I asked her to capture it “. Clark will be fondly remembered and very much missed by all of us.

Recent Literature

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

The BNA Perforator 44(5), September 2002 – Includes articles on: R8 (Robert Simpson Company) position survey update; JB Maclean corner cards with perfins; a CPR perfin on a private sector card; and *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials* update.

The BNA Perforator 44(56), November 2002 - Includes articles on: perfins and perfins positions found in the 1935 Canada Silver Jubilee issues; Perfin C42 (CTCO) – progressive loss of pins; a filing question based on a post card (which subject to use); and a Lake Superior Corporation perfin on a private sector cover;

The China Clipper 87(03):106-110, March 2003 –Liou, Davey, Massa & van Doornen update their study of the perfins used by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank previously published in *The China Clipper*.

Linn’s Stamp News (4 SEP 2023):20-21 – William Sharpe reports on “Finding information about perfins online”.

Perfin Society Bulletin #442, February 2023 - Includes short notes on: British Levant BCI perfins; King Edward VIII covers and perfins; Sidney Allchin control block; Harrison test labels with perfin; and, National Stamp Day perfins. Plus several longer notes: one more diamond perfin; a new brewery die (or two); a forged Board of Trade cover; U.S. perfins – ‘Out of time’; experimental cancels on perfins; the Fore Street Warehouse Co – London E.C.; Norton Canes – Conduit Collery Co Ltd.; who was “Mr. Streeter”?; Church of England Zenene Missionary Society; when ‘variable’ SPG’s become ‘constant’; Clode & Baker – wine shippers, London; “Q”; Thomas la Chambre & Co, Paris; and, Allchins / Sloper Coils.

The Precancel Forum Jul 2023:201-209 – Mike Vaginetti reports on “Perfins in and precancels on 1901 Pan-American Exposition Stamps”

South Pacific Perfin Bulletin no. 138, July 2022 – Includes articles on: The G/NSW Type B Puncture (part 4); the official perfins of South Australia 1903-1912; Hermann Dürre; meet a member – Rod Sell; D.5 proving cover or not; and (loose) PCNZA auction ending 30 Sept. 2022.

South Pacific Perfin Bulletin no. 139, October 2022 - Includes articles on: The G/NSW Type B Puncture (part 5); the stamps of North-West Pacific Islands perforated OS; D.5 proving cover or not, the story continues; SA used in Northern Territory; Dalton Brothers (Sydney) Limited; fake private perfins on eBay; HW&CO.1 the user is?; and, the official perfins of South Australia 1903-1912 – the large OS; Also, notes that journal back issues to 2018 (#120) are now on the Club's website at: <https://www.perfins.com.au/PCNZA-Journals/Journals.html>.

South Pacific Perfin Bulletin no. 140, January 2023- Includes articles on: new Australian Custom Duty Stamp; an interesting document canceller on WA; suspect OSNSW Type A patterns at Status Auctions; double strike on Victorian 2 1/2d; SA used in Northern Territory; the TB perforator - update; Dalton Brothers – update; the true user of AACO; and, the official perfins of South Australia 1903-1912 – the large OS Type E.

Texas Precancels 22-2, April 2022 – Includes articles on: Dallas, Texas, L-23 (part 6/6); About Texas Counties: Hemphill, Oldham, and Potter; plus mail/floor auction #48.

Texas Precancels 22-3, July 2022 - Includes articles on: : Dallas, Texas, L-12 HS (part 7/?); and, About Texas Counties: Carson, Gray, Wheeler.

Texas Precancels 22-4, October 2022 - Includes articles on: TPC Auct. 48 prices realized; and, About Texas Counties: Deaf Smith, Randall and Armstrong Counties. Note: this is their first full color issue and the pictures profit significantly from this addition of color.

And, finally, John Williams (4037) spotted a British perfin in Linn's (Jul. 18, 2022: 26); on cover in Figure 8 illustrating a long article on the postal stationery of Great Britain. The perfin, TP/MC, in a penny lilac adhesive was used to frank a parcel label from Thorton Packard Manufacturing Co. sent to the Netherlands.

Apparent Discrepancy Between User and Owner of P₁₂₄ Explained

John Williams (#4037)



Shown above is a cover strip electronically cropped from a double rate cover to General Electric from the NY Central Railroad office in Youngstown, Ohio, which I recently acquired. The Liberty series 4¢ Lincoln stamps (Sc.# 1036) are perfined 'PLE' for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie RR. The PLE connected Pittsburgh with Youngstown and carried raw materials, heavy tonnage freight.

In 1880, Wm. Henry Vanderbilt brought the PLE into the New York Central system, which explains the apparent disconnect between the perfin and the return address. Wikipedia has an adequate article on the PLE. The cover is postmarked November 3, 1961.

A Jell-O Prepper

edited from a note from John Williams (#4037)

From a precancel mixture purchased at the annual Wichita Stamp Club show came several interesting stamps, among them this J42 L-2TS prepper, in Sc# 582, from the home of the original Jell-O factory, LeRoy, NY.

The original company to create Jell-O was the Genessee Pure Food Company. There are no "G" patterned perfins for the Company which apparently preferred to use product based advertising in their stamps. The company was renamed the Jell-O Company from 1923-1925, at which point the pattern, which is reported in stamps used beginning with issues of the Series of 1902, reflected the new company name as well as the product name.

In 1925 Postum Cereal Company Ltd., of Battle Creek MI, acquired Jell-O. Postum Cereal's perfin (P37; P(LE)) replaced 'JELL/O' perfined stamps on the company's mailings. Thus, the 'Jell-O' perfin is not reported in stamps issued after 1925.



Auction #181

Closes: March 25, 2024

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 + - a \$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 Coulbourn, 1532 Lakeview Pkwy. Locust Grove, VA 22508-5318

Email: josephc427@aol.com

Abbreviations used:

acc = accumulation
 ADD = all different designs
 ADP = all different patterns
 Blk/# = block of #
 CCD = corner card
 cf = corner fault
 coll = collection
 cr(s) = crease(s)
 CV = catalog value
 diff = different
 DP(s) = different pattern(s)
 DUP = duplication
 est = estimate(d)

fd = face different
 fsc = face scrape
 ?h ? (count) of missing holes
 HTS = heavy to ship
 MB = minimum bid
 MDP = many different patterns
 MIX = mixture of perfinned stamps
 OCC = occupation issue
 ODU = only date of use reported
 pat(s) = pattern(s)
 pc = precancel
 PC = Post card
 pf(*) = unspecified perforation

faults
 PM: = postmarked:
 pfn(s) = perfin(s)
 pr(s) = pair(s)
 PRE = preper
 part = partial
 RA: = return address
 Sc# = Scott's Catalog number
 st(s) = stamp(s)
 th(s)* = thin(s)*
 Ty = Precancel Type #
 UNC = Unchecked
 VHS = very heavy to ship

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

United States				
Lot	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
1	A95	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
2	A195	C	Sc# 377	\$3.00
3	A212	C	Sc# E15	\$3.00
4	A292	C	Sc# 642 pf	\$3.00
5	B12-6	B+	Sc# 424	\$20.00
6	B12-7	C+	Sc# 406	\$5.00
7	B13	B+	Sc# 331 pfs	\$10.00
8	B20	B+	Sc# 332 pfs	\$10.00
9	B23	D+	Sc# 374	\$1.00
10	B31.5	B+	Sc# 424 NSEL	\$20.00
11	B39	B+	Sc# 510	\$20.00
12	B62-2	B+	Sc# 416 cr	\$10.00
13	B62-3	B+	Sc# 405 NSEL	\$20.00
14	B62-4	A	Sc# 510 11h	\$25.00
15	B62-5	B+	Sc# 406	\$20.00
16	B62-6	B+	Sc# 501 NSER, 1h	\$10.00
17	B62-7	B+	Sc# 528 NSET	\$20.00
18	B62-9	B+	Sc# 499 NSET pfs	\$10.00

United States				
Lot	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
19	B76.5	B	Sc# 463	\$10.00
20	B85	B+	Sc# 300 NSET	\$20.00
21	B87.5	B+	Sc# 406	\$20.00
22	B100A	B+	Sc# 331 NSEL	\$20.00
23	B110	C+	Sc# 319	\$5.00
24	B111	B+	Sc# 406	\$20.00
25	B118	E	Sc# 302	\$3.00
26	B129.5	B+	Sc# 424 pfs	\$10.00
27	B137.5	B+	Sc# 510	\$20.00
28	B142	A	Sc# 331	\$50.00
29	B151	C+	Sc# 319	\$5.00
30	B157	B+	Sc# 501 pfs	\$10.00
31	B227	C+	Sc# 640	\$5.00
32	B237	E	Sc# 1052 Blk/6	\$5.00
33	B260A	C	Sc# 685	\$3.00
34	B267	B+	Sc# 319	\$20.00
35	B270	C	Sc# 319	\$3.00
36	B272	D+	Sx 375 NSEL	\$1.00

United States				
Lot	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
37	C15	D+	Sc# 332	\$1.00
38	C18	D+	Sc# 332	\$1.00
39	C61.5	C+	Sc# 377 ths, hos	\$2.50
40	C67	C	Sc# 641 pfs	\$1.50
41	C186	C+	Sc# 425 pfs	\$2.50
42	C207	D+	Sc# 332	\$1.00
43	C358	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
44	D50	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
45	D52	C+	Sc# 510 NSET	\$5.00
46	D100	C+	Sc# E12a	\$5.00
47	D107	C	Sc# 463	\$3.00
48	D136	D+	Sc# 331	\$1.00
49	F34	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
50	F188	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
51	G72-01	E	Sc# QE4 NSER	\$3.00
52	G81	C+	Sc# E12 th, cr	\$2.50
53	G155.5	C	Sc# 642 pfs	\$1.50
54	H42	D+	Sc# 332 NSET, NSER	\$1.00
55	H59	C	Sc# 499	\$3.00
56	H140	B	Sc# 463	\$10.00
57	H214.5	C+	Sc# Q7	\$5.00
58	I32.5	A	Sc# 529	\$50.00
59	I76	C+	Sc# E11 NSET	\$5.00
60	I96	B	Sc# 570	\$10.00
61	I102	C+	Sc# E16 pfs	\$2.50
62	I116	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
63	J85	B	Sc# 406	\$10.00
64	J96-2	C+	Sc# E15 cr	\$2.50
65	J112.7	B	Sc# 406	\$10.00
66	J114	B	Sc# 502 NSER	\$10.00
67	J121	B	Sc# 634	\$10.00
68	J130	B	Sc# 499	\$10.00
69	J131	B	Sc# 406 NSEB	\$10.00
70	J132	B	Sc# 406	\$10.00
71	J138	B	Sc# 375 NSET	\$10.00
72	J171	C	Sc# C17	\$3.00
73	K6	B	Sc# 375 NSEL	\$10.00
74	K21	E	Sc# CE2 rare stamp	\$5.00
75	K51	B	Sc# 375	\$10.00
76	K55	B	Sc# 707	\$10.00
77	K70	B	Sc# 554 3h, pfs, th	\$5.00
78	K73	B	Sc# 406 cf	\$5.00
79	L35	B	Sc# 499	\$10.00
80	L42	B	Sc# 557	\$10.00
81	L43A	A	Sc# 552 pfs	\$25.00
82	L51	B	Sc# 815	\$10.00
83	L55-2	B	Sc# 378	\$10.00
84	L60-3	B	Sc# 405 NSEL	\$10.00
85	L60-6	B	Sc# 406 NSEL, pfs	\$5.00
86	L70	C+/X	Sc# 377 Chicago PRE ty LT-4E	\$5.00

United States				
Lot	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
87	L75	C	Sc# 377	\$3.00
88	M38	B	Sc# 636 "B" in perfs, pfs	\$5.00
89	M89	C+	Sc# 406	\$5.00
90	M122	B	Sc# 554 th	\$5.00
91	M132	B	Sc# 335	\$10.00
92	M137	B	Sc# 554 part	\$5.00
93	M171	B	Sc# 642 4H, pfs	\$5.00
94	M215	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
95	M238	D+	Sc# 332	\$1.00
96	M288	C	Sc# C16	\$3.00
97	M300.5A	B	Sc# 556	\$10.00
98	M301A	B	Sc# 406 NSER, pfs	\$5.00
99	N14	B	Sx 561	\$10.00
100	N19	C	Sc# C35	\$3.00
101	N59	C	Sc# 300	\$3.00
102	N73	B	Sc# 583	\$10.00
103	N86	B	Sc# 639 1h	\$5.00
104	N89I	B	Sc# 554 4h crossbar	\$10.00
105	N93	B	Sc# 623 NSEB, fsc cr	\$5.00
106	N94	B	Sc# 567 1H (L in perfs)	\$5.00
107	N113BbDd-05	B	Sc# 638	\$10.00
108	N113Dd-06A	C	Sc# C11 cf	\$1.50
109	N126	B	Sc# 634 Part	\$5.00
110	N134	B	Sc# 591 1h, pfs	\$5.00
111	N138	E	Sc# QE4	\$3.00
112	N146	C	Sc# 377	\$3.00
113	N159	B	Sc# 632 1h	\$5.00
114	N204	C	Sc# E11 th	\$1.50
115	O7	C+	Sc# E9 th, NSEB	\$2.50
116	O66	B+	Sc# 707	\$20.00
117	P22	D+	Sc# 332	\$1.00
118	P197	E	Sc# FA1 Rare st	\$5.00
119	P248	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
120	R54	D+	Sc# 375 NSET	\$1.00
121	R74	D+	Sc# 375 NSET	\$1.00
122	R163	D+	Sc# 375	\$1.00
123	S17	C	Sc# C12	\$3.00
124	S60	D+	Sc# 374	\$1.00
125	S194	C+	Sc# E12 pfs	\$2.50
126	S204B	B	Sc# 510	\$10.00
127	S237	C+	Sc# 499	\$5.00
128	S240	C	Sc# C47	\$3.00
129	S306	C+	Sc# 463 pfs, NSEL	\$2.50
130	U80	C	Sc# C19	\$3.00
131	U82-8	C	Sc# C23	\$3.00
132	W72-47	C	Sc# C11	\$3.00
133	W72-50A	C	Sc# E15 cr	\$1.50
134	W72-86A	C	Sc# C19	\$3.00
135	W110	C+	Sc# 499 1h	\$2.50
136	No. 19	B+	Sc# 635	\$20.00

The following lots are from one man's lifetime acc. He bought them, squirreled them away and never looked at them. You might find anything in here. Unchecked by me. Est 5%-25% dam. Hours & hours of fun & sorting. DUP (may be heavy in some lots); but lots not identical. WVB of PFNs. At 3¢ a PFN, well worth the time and money.

137	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00	142	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00
138	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00	143	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00
139	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00	144	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00
140	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00	145	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00
141	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00	146	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP,DUP	\$15.00

United States Mixtures				
147	Washington - Franklins	269 (135)	Washington / Franklin MIX. Ratings from B-F. DUP, sometimes heavy. About 50% dam	\$10.00
Foreign Perfins and Mixtures				
148	Danzig	60	Mix of 60 pfns. 17 ADD; 60 DDF. Nice Mix	\$30.00
149	Denmark	123	Mix of 123 ADS on a black stock page. Clean MIX with most patterns complete.	\$20.00
150	France	7	Franco Prussian War - OCC. ADD 2; DDF 6. N16-21. Nice	\$7.00
151	Germany Back of the Book	55	The weird and unusual; German area. Soviet Zone - 1; Wurttemberg (PzB)-3; Alsace-3 ADD, 4 perfins; Baden - Block of 4 & 3 other face different PFNs; Weschell Stempel (punch cancel); Berlin - 2; Wurttemberg Staatsbahnen - 2; Memel - 1; Memel - OCC. by Lithuania - 1; Thuringen - 1; Lorraine - 3; German Romania - 3 ADD, 5 perfins; German Locals - 1 R.M.; Hansa - 2 ADD; Hamburg-1; Hannover-1; Koln- 3 ADD; Scheck Stempel - 1; HSDG Kaibetrieb - BLK/ 6 + pr; HSDG - Hamburg -BLK/4; 10th Army Corps - 3 DDF	\$50.00
152	Germany Classics	86	Seems to be the 1880-83 series. ADD:46, DDF 86. Nice mixture	\$30.00
153	German Levant	13	6 ADD; 13 DDF	\$7.00
154	German Offices in China	6	Scarce area. 4 ADD, 6 DDF.	\$10.00
155	German Morocco	2	1 ADD; 2 DDF	\$2.00
156	Germany Officials	46	No POL. Officials - 7ADD; 45 DDF.	\$20.00
157	German Occupation of Belgium	158	This is a lot of fd pfns. 53 ADP with 158 fd stamps. Includes 2 "EUPEN" perfins 1N30 & 1N32 with pattern WPC. Very nice MIX.	\$60.00
158	Kiautschou	6	1 ADD; 6 DDF	\$5.00
159	Saar	125	Mix of 125 PFNs. 12 ADD; 125 DDF. Nice mix.	\$50.00
160	Upper Silesia	28	Mix of 28 PFNs. 9 ADD, 28 DDF. Tough country to find perfins of	\$20.00
161	Wurttemberg	101	Mix of 101 PFNs. 35 ADD, 101 DDF. Nice mix.	\$25.00
One man's lifetime coll of pfns. UNC by me and not "cherry picked". These colls are extremely well represented with all reigns present, with a wide range of patterns including high values, ADD and multiple different dies in DDF, perfined. On black stock sheets - HTS. Will put in glassines on request - especially for overseas bidders. Each pat is labeled with sts arranged next to it. Will show range by QV - Kings - QE2. Very nice collections of G..B!				
162	Great Britain	A-A&B/Y	49 single sided black stock sheets with pfns ranging from QV- QE2 Machins. DUP - usually reasonable. Est a couple hundred DP's with 1200+ DF. Nice	\$125.00
163	Great Britain	AC-AE	47 single sided black stock sheets with pfns ranging from QV- QE2 Machins. DUP - usually reasonable. Est a couple hundred diff pats with 1100+ DF. Nice	\$120.00
164	Great Britain	AF-AJ	44 single sided black stock sheets with pfns ranging from QV- QE2 Machins. DUP - usually reasonable. Est a couple hundred DP's with 1000+ DF. Nice	\$110.00
165	Great Britain	AK-AN	38 single sided black stock sheets with pfns ranging from QV- QE2 Machins. DUP - usually reasonable. Est a couple hundred DP's with 1000+ DF. Nice	\$95.00
166	Great Britain	AO-AR	29 single sided black stock sheets with pfns ranging from QV- QE2 Machins. DUP - usually reasonable. Est a couple hundred diff pats with 1000+ DF. Nice	\$75.00
167	Great Britain	AS-A End	49 single sided black stock sheets with pfns ranging from QV- QE2 Machins. DUP - usually reasonable. Est a couple hundred DP's with 1200+ DF. Nice	\$125.00
USA Perfin Covers				
168	Paid Punch Cncl	N/A	UX27 PC CHECK! PM: 23OCT 1949, El Dorado KS. I have never seen a post card check. ID: City Laundry, Box 671, City. Punch was done by Citizens State Bank, El Dorado, Kansas. "PAID/11+3 49/C.S.B. Walnut Valley State Bank boxed marking on front. Clean card - very unusual.	\$10.00
169	G203.3	B	Adv PC. PM: 25MAR1912. MILW & Rock Island (TR 9). Ad is of Delicia Chocolates showing sheep, and the note "Return of the Flock - Mauve". ID: Geroge Ziegler Co., Milwaukee, WIS. Confectioners. Very nice card - clean. Sc# 374.	\$30.00
170	I85	B	Letter. PM: 4SEP1912. Jackson Mich. Pretty CCD. ID: S. M. Isbell & Co., Seed Growers, Jackson, Michigan. Sc# 375.	\$25.00
171	K15	B	Letter. PM: 3JUN1929. New York, NY 19. ID: Kirby, Block & Fisher, Greely Arcade Building, 130 West 31st Street, New York, NY. Sc #634. Clean and tidy	\$20.00
172	N101	C	Letter. SASE. Not mailed. ID: The N.K. Fairbank Company, 26 Beaver St., New York, N.Y. Addressee is the same. Adv of two black youths with a box of "Fairbank's Gold Dust". Very nice. Sc# 499. Clean and unusual.	\$20.00

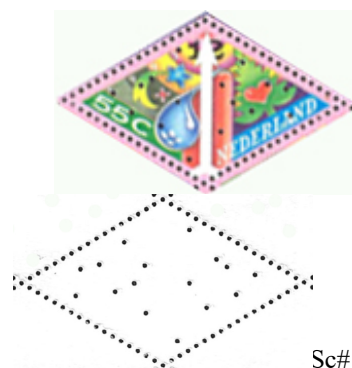
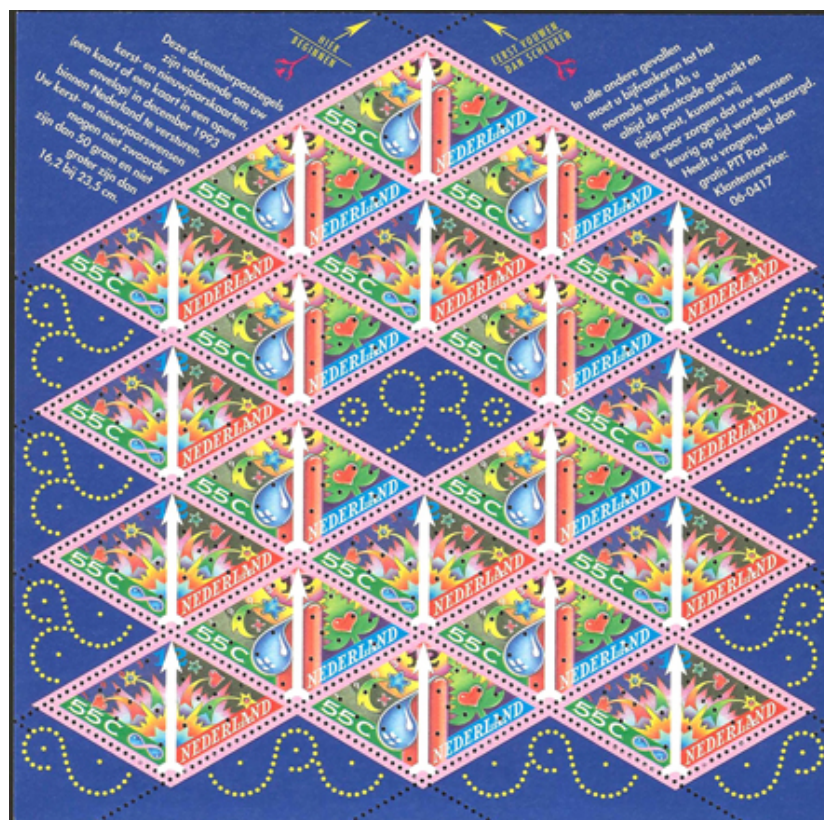
USA Perfin Covers (cont.)				
173	O30	B+	Window Env. PM: 28OCT1925. Oklahoma City, OKLA. ID: Oklahoma Farm Mortgage Company, 11 West Grand, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Established 1892. This is the ID cover and very scarce - ODU in catalog. Sc# 554.	\$50.00
174	P163.5	B+	Envelope. PM: 14JAN1922. Hudson Term. Sta. N.Y. ID: Pacific Oil Company, Executive Office, 165 Broadway, New York, N.Y. There is a light Phoenix, AZ cancel under the New York but I can't quite make the date out. Sent to Phoenix and forwarded to California. Sc# 406. This is the ID cover and very scarce - ODU in catalog.	\$50.00
175	SCH 1245	C+	Envelope. Undated. Canc. on Reverse: 13MAY1910 from [the destination] Chicago. ID: The Review of Reviews, 13 Astor Place, New York. CV \$450. Likely Sc# 343.	\$125.00
176	SCH 2356	C+	Env. PM: 1910. Hudson Term. Sta., N.Y. ID: Osborne Company, Hubert West and Washington Streets, New York, USA. Osborne Art Calendars. CV \$450. Likely Sc# 343.	\$125.00
177	SCH 24568	C+	Window Env. PM: 20APR1911. New York, N.Y. ID: Austin, Nichols & Co., Importers, Manufacturers, Wholesale Grocers, New York with additional ad of Sunbeam Pure Food "The World's Best" on front. CV \$450. Likely Sc# 344.	\$125.00
178	SCH 45689	C	Window Env. PM: 28DEC1909. Hudson Term Sta. N.Y. ID: U.T. Hungerford Brass & Copper Co., New York with their Star Brand trademark on front. Reverse of env is covered in advertising and speaks to the products they made. CV \$450. Likely Sc# 344. Really nice cover.	\$125.00

Netherlands "Snowflakes" Revisited

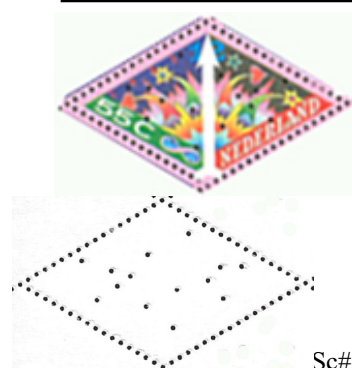
Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Back in the pre-color days of the *Bulletin* The Netherlands issued a sheet of stamps perforated with "snowflakes" This minisheet of 20 stamps plus a center label contained 2 different designs (10 of each Sc# 848 & #849), each design with its own perfin pattern. A full description of this sheet was given in the *Bulletin* (48:105-107) and will not be repeated here.

At the 2023 Convention, Mike Molle from the Netherlands passed out copies of this sheet to attendees. The sheet was new to me, and I thought it would be nice to share it with members of the Club not in attendance. So, shown below – in color – is the sheet, the two stamps and the "snowflake" perfins for your viewing pleasure.



Sc# 848



Sc# 849

Secretary's Report

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INTERESTS: US primarily

Closed Album

Phil Nodder #3889 - Passed away
Sept. 2023

Mary Yahr #4273 - Passed away
Nov. 2022

Resignations:

Louis Asher #4270 - "not been
doing much with perfin"

Ronald Kane #4126 - "collecting
interests have shifted"

Yvonne Kolarik #4226 - "too
many other philatelic interests"

Robert Langdon #4121 - "...
interests have changed"

Jeff Lough #4258 - "cutting back
on memberships in general"

Rene Michaud #2986 - "moved to
health care facility by family"

Darrell Walker #4307 - "decided
to start getting rid of
collections"

John Vagnetti #4301 - "no longer
collecting stamps of any kind"

Eddy Vanderaerden #4214 -
"leaving for private reasons"

William Wacenske #4287 - "no
time with other priorities"

Ernie West #4256 - "health issues;
quitting all clubs"

Dropped for non-payment

Jeffery Bennett #4137

Ronald Cilenti #4234

Hubert C. Connolly #3911

Robert Dedecker #2157

Ann Eggers #3999

Richard Esquivel #4277

Helmut Heuer #3985

Edward Kozelka #4194

Gary McKee #4274

Steve Peterson #4319

Ralph Poore #4147

Robert Pope #4022

Kathleen Reed #2655

Donald Williams #4305

Donald Young #3437

Donations: The Club thanks the
following members for their
additional financial support:

Francois Serier

Anonymous

Robert Schneiderman

Steve Endicott

William Phillips

Current membership: 366*

* Recent extensive work on the membership
list has corrected this number. Simple
addition and subtraction to/from the 391
total reported in the Nov/ Dec Bulletin will
not generate the Current Membership count.

Clubmember ads

Wanted: New member (#4298) collecting perfins in 1901 Pan-American
Exposition Issues (Scott #'s 294-299). If you have any available, please contact
Mike at mjvagnetti@gmail.com.

For Sale: The new hardbound Czech Perfin Catalog - Monografie 24.
English translation of all the front matter comes with it. Price: \$40 + postage.
Email: Josephc427@aol.com. Joe Coulbourne, 1532 Lakeview Parkway,
Locust Grove, VA 22508.

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Holey Veterans!!!

From a brief note from Steve Endicott (LM#2284)



the stamp



the punch



the “before” VFW Cross

Steve’s comment about sums up this item:

“I don’t know what to say about this interesting, well placed simple punch in the VFW stamp. Someone was very careful with their punch device...”

The stamp is A Sc# 1525, issued to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of “Veterans of Spanish-American and other foreign wars”. Unclear from the punch is whether the user had something against war, eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, organization, modified Maltese Crosses, ..., or was simply playing with the punch (the most likely explanation).

Regardless, Steve has it absolutely right – this is impressive placement of the cutout using, probably, a handheld punch.

Upcoming Events of Interest

January 24-27, 2024 - The Florida Precancel Club Precancel Bourse and Perfins Exchange 67th annual Winter Meet in Tampa Florida. This event will be held in the parish hall of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church at 502 Druid Hills Road, Temple Terrace, FL 33617.

The hotel location is Ramada Temple Terrace Hotel, 11714 Morris Bridge Road, Tampa FL 33637. A block of 25 rooms has been set up for the meet with a price of \$99 per night. When you call for reservations at 813-985-8525 Extension 0, ask for the Florida Precancel rate. The hotel is about 2 miles from the hall.

We request those attending our 2024 event to bring an item or two for the Friday auction. Funds received from the annual auction help the Club with expenses to put the event on each year. The very generous donations in the past have been appreciated. Hope to see you in January!!

August 19-24, 2024 - PSS/Perfins Club Annual Convention – Maryland Heights, MO (suburb of St. Louis). PSS room rate \$149.00. The group rates are good for three days before and after the convention. the Sheraton Westport Plaza is located at 900 Westport Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. There is complimentary on-site parking and a free airport shuttle. Make your reservation before July 29, 2024.

For reservations: Book your group rate for Precancel Stamp Society Convention 2024. Or use the direct link:
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1700606734270&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
Or phone reservations please call 888-627-7064 and reference Precancel Stamp Society.

June 7-8, 2024: MULEfest 2024 Missouri Precancel Club: Arlington United Methodist Church, 3770 McKelvey Road, Bridgeton, MO. Friday - 9am to 10 pm, Saturday - 8am to 3pm. (DS)

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