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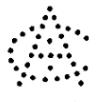
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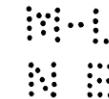
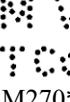
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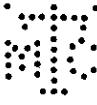
Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

Shown below is a philatelic overview of the perfins/precancel/prepper history of St. Louis, MO, our Convention's host city. A listing of perfins users whose primary user location is listed as St. Louis is far more robust than that for North Charleston, SC, location of last year's Convention (121 patterns vs. 3). Surprisingly, only 12 of the perfins listed for St. Louis lack an identification for the primary user; all others have their primary user identified in the most recent *Catalog*.

The patterns (*reproduced at 90%b actual size*) and their catalog numbers, plus identifications reported for the primary user are shown below.. *Note that an "§" following the catalog number indicates the use of the pattern by both a primary and a supplemental user in St. Louis; an "*" indicates that the pattern is known in precanceled stamps.*

								
A069	A073.5*§	A075*§	A171	A223	A270-11*§	A270-17	B116-27	B170
A069 - Amer. Car & Foundry Co	A171 - A. S. Aloe Co.	A223 - Amer. Red Cross NW Div.	A270-11 - Amer. Type Founders Co.					
A073.5 - Amer. Central Insurance Co.								
A075 - Amer. Credit & Indemnity Co.								
								
B217	B224*§	B235.5	B244	B260	B293	C036	C044	C101
B217 - ?		B244 - Blackwell-Wielandy Book & Stationery Co.	B260 - ?					
B224 - Blue Ribbon Shoemakers, Inc.								
B235.5 - Bell Telephone Co.		B293 - Buxton & Skinner Stationery Co.						
								
C102	C102A	C162	C272*	C308	C311	C318	C327*§	C425
C102 - Carleton Dry Goods Co.		C272 - Con P. Curran Printing Co.						
C102A - Carleton Dry Goods Co.		C308 - Commonwealth Steel Co						
C162 - ?		C311 - Carnegie Steel Corp.						
								
D036	D051	D051A	E067	E078	E083	E117	F046	F095
D036 - Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Co.		E067 - Dennison Mfg. Co.						
D051 - Seeds		E078 - ?						
D051A - D. I. Bushnell & Co.		E083 - Chester Myers						

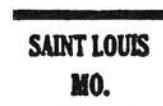
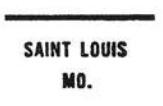
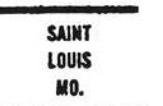
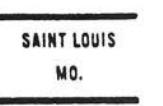
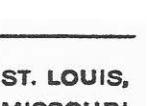
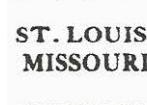
								
F096	F100*	F103*	F105	F109§	F199	G067*§	G072-48*	G203.5
F096 - St. Louis San Francisco RR Co. F100 -? F103 - Fairbanks, Morse & Co.			F105 - Fairbanks, Morse & Co. F109 - Ferguson McKinney Drygoods Co. F199 - F. C. Taylor & Co.			G067 - George D. Barnard & Co G072-48 - General Electric Co. G203.5 - Garnett & Allen Paper Co.		
								
H028*	H030.5	H082	H093	H150	H158	H178*	I006*	I018*
H028 - Hettinger Brothers Mf. Co. H030.5 -? H082 - Henry Heil Chemical Co.			H093 - Hanley & Kinsella Coffee & Tea Co. H150 - Hoyt Metal Co. H158 - Armour & Co.			H178 - Huttig Sash & Door Co. I006 - I. Abraham I018 - Internat. Bank		
								
I043.7A-14	I043.7G-06*	I070	I111	J096-01*	J096-13*	J143§	L029	L053*
I043.7A-14 - Internat. Harvester Co. of Amer I043.7G-06 - Internat. Harvester Co. of Amer. I070 - ?			I111 - Inland Type Foundry J096-01 - Johns-Manville Co. J096-13 - Johns-Manville Co.			J143 - St. Louis Jewelry Clock & Silver Co. L029 - Langenberg Bros. Grain Co. L053 - ?		
								
L055-06	L056*	L182*	M046	M165	M190	M211*	M211A	M212*
L055-06 - The Liquid Carbonic Co. L056 - ? L182 - Ligget & Myer Tobacco Co.			M046 - Mound City Paint & Color Co. M165 - Merchants-Laclede Natl. Bank M190 - MO Pacific RR Co. (TX Lines)			M211 - Missouri Pacific RR. Co M211A - Missouri Pacific RR. Co. M212 - Missouri Pacific Rwy. Co.		
								
M248*	M270*	N107*	N108	N113Aa-11	N113Aa-11A	N113ABb-13	N121*	N122*
M248 - Missouri State Life Insurance Co. M270 - MS Valley Trust Co. N107 - ?			N108 - National Lead Co. N113Aa-11 - NY Life Insur. Co. N113Aa-11A - NY Life Insur. Co.			N113ABb-13 - NY Life Insur. Co. N121 - N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co. N122 - N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co.		
								
O016	P056-16*	P160	Q006*§	R046§	R092*§	R096	R115*	R125*
O016 - ? P056-16 - Parke, Davis & Co. P160 - Pierce Oil Co.			Q006 - Quick Meal Stove Co. R046 - Red Diamond Clothing Co. R092 - Ringen Stove Co.			R096 - Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co. R115 - Ralston Purina Co. R125 - Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co.		
								
S057	S101*§	S126	S130	S138	S151§	S195-16	S195-61*	S284*
S057 - Singer Brothers Cloak Co. S101 - St. Louis Dressed Beef & Provision Co. S126 - Scullin Gallagher Iron & Steel Co.			S130 - The Scudder-Gale Grocer Co. S138 - Simmons Hardware Co. S151 - Sligo Iron Store Co.			S195-16 - Standard Oil Co. S195-61 - Standard Oil Co. S284 - St. Louis SW Rwy. Lines		

								
S285	S299	S300§	T080	T107.5	U028	U082-18*	U094*	W012*
S285 - St. Louis SW Rwy. Lines			T080 - Terminal Rwy. Assn.			U082-18 - United Shoe Machinery Co.		
S299 - Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney			T107.5 - Traffic Motor Truck Corp			U094 - United States Tire Co.		
S300 - Sacramento Valley Impvmt. Co.			U028 - Union Electric Light & Power Co.			W012 - W012 - Wabash RR Co.		
								
W017*	W072.08	W072.15*	W072.28*	W102*	W174	W176	W199-19*	W203-5
W017 - Whitman Agricultural Co.			W072.28 - Western Electric Co.			W176 - Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe Co.		
W072.08 - Western Electric Co.			W102 - W. H. Markham & Co.			W199-19 - Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc		
W072.15 - Western Electric Co.			W174 - ?			W203-5 - Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc.		
								
W224*	No. 23§	Des. 41*	Sch. 000079					
W224 - Woodward & Tiernan Printing Co.	No. 23 - Mechanics-Amer. Bank of St. Louis	Des. 41 - Simmons Hardware Co	Sch. 000079 - Third National Bank					

In addition to the patterns marked with an "§" above, there are an additional 43 patterns which are reported as being used in St. Louis by other than the primary user (located in another city). Patterns reported only as supplemental usage are reported below only by catalog number. They are:

A271*	C043*	D154*	G184	L048	N113AB-05	P230	U067*
B118	C262*	E071*	H091*	M099	N122*	R075.5	W007-00
B131*	C375*	F048*	H170*	M148*	N163*	R128*	W008*
B260A	D036*	F188*	J029*	M162	O031*	R159	W119
C020	D132	F207*	K031	M204	P052*	S334	W199-01*
					P088*	S364	W199-02*

There are also quite a few prepers reported; both bureau and local precancelled stamps are known with perfins whose primary users were located in St. Louis. Full size illustrations of the precancel types known on stamps which are perfinned are presented below, followed by an abbreviated listing of known prepers.

					
42	43	61	63	71	
Bur 42	Bur 43	Bur 61	Bur 63	Bur 71	
					
L-2	L-3	L-44	L-5	L-6	L-9
		Like L-1 but spaced for Parcel Post			Like L-1 but spaced for Panama-Pacific
		L-10	162 [reduced]		
					

Perfin Pattern	Precancel Type(s)
A060	61
A72	L-5
A73.5	42 & 43 :: L-5 & -6
A171	L-3
A270-11	41,63 & 63 :: L-6
B116-27	61 & 63 :: L-6
B217	43, 61 & 63 :: L-3, -4, -5 -6 & -10
B224	42, 43, 61 & 63 :: L-3, -4, -5, -6, -9 & -10
B244	L-4
C162	L-3 & -4
C272	L-5
C311	L-6
C327	43, 61 & 63 :: L-3, -4, -6 & -10
C375	61
C425	42 & 43 :: L-6
D036	43,61, 63 & 71 :: L-6
E067	42 :: L-2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -9 & -10
E078	L-5
E083	L-3, -4, -5 -9 & -10
E117	61 & 71 :: L-6
F096	43 & 71 :: L-4 & -5
F100	L-4, -5 & -6

Perfin Pattern	Precancel Type(s)
F103	L-3, -4 & -10
G067	L-3, -4 & -10
G072-48	61 :: L-4, -6 & -10
H028	42, 43, 61 & 63 :: L-3, -4, -5 -6, -9 & -10
H178	L-3 & -10
I006	L-4 & -10
I043.7A-14	61 :: L-3, -5, -6 & -10
I043.7G-6	61 & 61
J096-01	L-6
J096-13	42 & 43 :: L-3, -5, -6 & -10
J158.5	L-4
L053	63
L056	42, 43 & 63 :: L-6
L182	L-4
M211	61
M212	L-3 & -4
M248	L-4
M270	L-6
N107	L-3
N121	L-1
N121.5	61 & 71 :: L-6

Perfin Pattern	Precancel Type(s)
N122	42, 43, 61 & 63 :: L-4, -5 & -6
P056-16	42, 43, 61, 63 & 71 :: L-3, -4, -5 -6, -9 & -10
P088	? [as 162] :: L-5
P164	L-3
Q006	61
R092	43
R115	L-4,-5 & -6
R125	L-3,-4 & -10
S101	L-6
S195-61	42, 43, 61 & 63 :: L-5 & -6
U082-18	61 & 63 :: L-4 & -6
W012	42, 43 & 63 :: L-3 & -6
W017	L-3
W072.15	43 :: L-4, -5 & -6
W072.28	42, 43, 61 & 63 :: L-4, -5 & -6
W102	43 & 61 :: L-6
W199-19	61
W224	42, 43, 61 & 63 :: L-4, -5 & -6
Des. 41	L-4, -5, -6 & -10

Perfin patterns A075 and S284 are reported to exist as prepers but are not listed in Smith's catalog.

In summary, of the 121 perfins with primary user in St. Louis, 5 are A rated, 5 are B+ rated, 15 are B rated, 16 are C+ rated and the remaining 80 are rated C or lower, and thus, most should be available for a reasonable investment of your stamp budget. The cost of confirming covers for the 56 supplemental users reported, would present a slightly different picture of availability. Most of these are in collections, and are simply not generally available. And, finally, for those collecting prepers, V raters (scarcity comparable to A rated perfins) account for a total of 26 of the 62 types; W rated (~B rated) another 12; X rated (C rated) 12 more; with the remaining 12 being common.

A representative collection of Saint Louis perfins seems possible for even the collector of average means. A representative collection of prepers is also possible, though somewhat more pricey. However, the collector of supplemental users of St. Louis perfins will probably have trouble even locating, much less procuring, them.

Price and availability aside, the fun is in the hunt, so, above all, have fun hunting both the common and the elusive!

References (for fuller information about the perfins and precancels noted above):

Endicott, S. 2021. *Catalog of United States Perfins*. USA: The Perfins Club, Inc. 1017 p.

Smith, D. 2020. *Catalog of Perfined Precancels of the United States. Third Ed.* USA: The Perfin Stamp Club & The Precancel Stamp Society. 579 p.

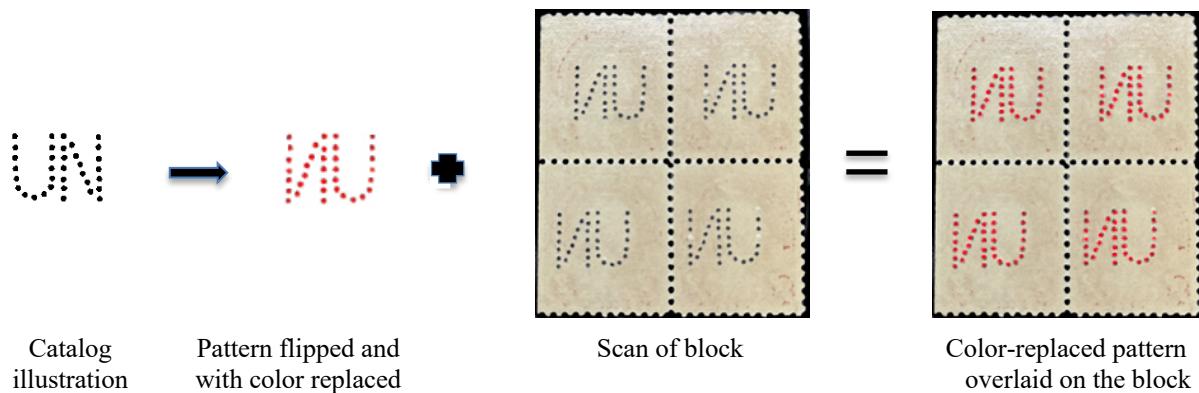
Canal Zone UN Perfin Revisited

Paul Mistretta (LM111)

In the last issue of the *Bulletin* [*The Perfins Bulletin* 78(3):52] I presented a question related to the genuineness of a block of four 2¢ red Washingtons with "Canal Zone" overprint and the perfin "UN" of University of Nebraska in all four stamps. While the note was accurate as far as it went, however I completely forgot that Robert Littrell has recently replaced Schwerdt's 1992 *The World Perfins Catalog: Americas* with a significantly updated *The World Perfins Catalog: American Section* (3rd ed., 1st revis.). Apologies to Robert, senior moments are a pain.

Below are presented four responses to that article which add significantly to the knowledge of these questioned items. As yet there is no closure to the question. Hopefully, expertization of the block will answer definitively whether the stamp with overprint and perfin are genuine. Sadly, confirmation of the genuineness (or not) will not answer the underlying question of *why* these perfins exist at all.

Since the article was written, I have Photoshop-extracted the perfin pattern from Endicott's *Catalog of United States Perfins* (2021) and overlaid it on each of the four patterns in the block. The result, shown below (reduced in size) indicates that the perfin is indeed pattern U043 used by the University.



U.S. Commercial Perfins on Canal Zone Stamps

Gary B. Weiss (#LM15) and Bob Szymanski (#LM145)

The most recent issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (volume 78 (3) May/June 2024 page 52) includes a brief note about a University of Nebraska perfin in Canal Zone Scott No. 74. It questions whether it is genuine and also questions its value. The questions raised about this perfin could be asked about any perfin. Whether a mint perfin is "genuine" may always be questioned. For example, the stamp could have received the perfin as a philatelic favor, the use of the perforator could have been unauthorized or done long after the perforator had been retired, or it could be a total fabrication. One of us (GBW) has several examples in his collection including a single of the UN perfin in CZ Scott No. 74. We are sure that all of the Canal Zone stamps are genuine. The perfins are also excellent matches to US perfins and we consider it unlikely that the perfins are fake. This and other contrived perfins known in Canal Zone stamps are the subject of this article.

The Johnson Smith Company (JSC, U.S. Perfin Catalog No. J144) sold novelties from a catalog worldwide. Their 1939 catalog stated, "We will accept good, clean, unused U.S. Postage Stamps of any denomination in payment of orders". It also notes, "Send 3¢ for our 576-page novelty catalog." Their perfins are known in several mint values of the 1939 Canal Zone 25th anniversary series, Scott Nos. 120-135. So far, only the 3¢, 5¢, 10¢ and 50¢ are documented. All are very scarce. Putting these two observations together, it is likely that some Canal Zone customers paid for their orders with Canal Zone stamps rather than U.S. stamps. We suspect that some or all were accepted. These stamps would then have had the security perfin added and were finally placed in stock for use in mailings. They may have been detected before being used for mailing and not used. At some time, these unused stamps may have been sold or given to collectors. We believe that these stamps and their perfins are genuine, but they were never used in the Zone by the Johnson Smith Company.

The University of Nebraska (UN, U043) and other universities frequently mailed applications and catalogs to prospective candidates; most now have their material available on their web site. We remember including a SASE when applying to colleges. We are aware of 2 blocks of 4, one pair and six mint singles of CZ Scott No. 73. Some examples of CZ overprinted US stamps without perfins are known used in the US. It is possible that these stamps were sent to the university for applications or catalogs. If

so, they could have been handled similarly to the handling by Johnson Smith Company. Again, we believe these are contrived (genuine, but never used in the Zone).

The rest of the examples discussed are all "one of a kind". The first is on a cover front and is discussed first (Figure 1). The damaged special delivery stamp is probably US Scott E11 (watermark not checked) and it has a CNB perfin (US Perfin Catalog No. C212) which is from either Chase National Bank or Commercial National Bank. US special delivery stamps were sold at CZ post offices, used from the Canal Zone, generally cancelled in the US, but frequently not cancelled. The cover appears typical of CZ special delivery mail of the period. As this stamp is not tied to the cover, it cannot be proven that it originated on this cover (but the cover did contain a special delivery stamp when mailed).



Figure 1: Perfin pattern US- C212 in Canal Zone Special Delivery stamp (prob. Sc#E11)

The next two stamps are used examples of Canal Zone Scott No. 115. The first has RI perfin (R75.5) from the Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company based in Chicago (Figure 2). The second has BFCo perfin (B112) of the Buffalo Forge Company (Figure 3). The cancel may be from Buffalo. It is difficult to explain why these perfins should exist in a Canal Zone stamp. The most favorable explanation would be that these were contrived, possibly done created using used stamps.



Figure 2: Perfin pattern US-R075.5 in Canal Zone Sc#115



Figure 3: Perfin pattern US-B112 in Canal Zone Sc#115

Finally, Wes Dunaway published an article on Canal Zone perfins in the *American Philatelist* (80:931-934, 1967). He illustrated additional perfins, C in circle, US Perfin Catalog No. C005.5, (ex-Tatelman, only reverse shown; a possible second example in CZ 114 appeared in a 2009 auction described as "C with rays" and sale price of \$160); FLP (F153, Famous Players Lasky, a movie film production company) in Canal Zone #79 (ex-Salz); G in crown (G14, Gruen Watch Company) in CZ #93; and PPI/ECo, the perfin of the Panama Pacific International Exposition (design shown, but the stamp was not identified or illustrated).

Dunaway suggests that these were not punched in the Canal Zone and might have been punched accidentally. He also notes that large mail order companies often sent parcels in bulk by boat to the Zone. The parcels, pre-franked with CZ stamps, were turned over to the CZ postal service for delivery. This explanation might apply to any higher denomination stamps.

Concerning value, collectors of Canal Zone stamps approach and value perfins very differently than general perfin collectors. The general collector wants one example of each pattern; multiples are not very important, and covers are of interest primarily to identify the user. In contrast, the country collector wants examples of each stamp design for each perfin, may collect varieties such as perfin orientation, and pay premiums for multiples and covers. Recent auctions have sold rare perfins on cover for over \$1000 and rare single perfins for close to that price. The value of these undocumented stamps is hard to determine. The items from my collection were all obtained as parts of large lots; the price I paid for each stamp in such a large lot is arbitrary. These stamps were not the reason I made the purchase and the value I assigned to these was minimal. The only recent auction realization I can find is the block of four of the UN perfin in CZ #73 in the Bates auction (\$250 + 20% + tax = \$300). Examples of JSC and UN perfins on eBay were listed at \$200-300 per stamp but I am unaware of any actual transactions. If several Canal Zone collectors want these in

their collections, high prices may be warranted. If they are not needed (for completion) of a CZ collection, they would have only minimal value. Additional examples, especially on cover, should be reported to the Editor.

The authors thank Michael Drabik for useful discussions of this topic.

Another Approach to Resolving this Conundrum

Perry N. Moore (#4323)

I shared a scan of your Perfin Bulletin article in a Facebook group (eBay Or Hipstamp fraudulent U.S. stamps) which is something of a “watchdog” group for scammers on the internet. Perhaps some of those users may have some insight on the curious block of Canal Zone perfins. I also found what appears to be the web site of the sellers “KurtS”, and that is: <https://ksphilatelics.com/>. On the site, the seller purports to specialize in Canal one and US Possessions. The APS website lists ksphilatelics as a Member-Dealer.

Based on all this, it would seem the seller is “on the up-and-up”, so perhaps if the item is not genuine, it is an item acquired from someone less conscientious. It has been my observation over the past few years that overprints have been a ripe area for counterfeiters and one US-collecting colleague has observed that nearly all Kansas-Nebraska overprints on the market now are likely faked. It seems perfectly reasonable to me that KS Philatelics should provide a high-resolution scan of the item, even for a nominal fee. In fact, it is my opinion that, based on the apparent rarity of the item, there is reasonable basis to presume it may be fraudulent and so its authenticity should be verified by the seller within the APS code of ethics. Item 7 of that code reads “I agree not knowingly to sell, trade, produce, or advertise repaired, altered, or otherwise modified philatelic items unless that condition is clearly stated. I further agree not to sell, produce, or advertise counterfeit material in any form, in violation of any law.”

I did spend a little time educating myself on Canal Zone stamps out of sheer, philatelic curiosity and did find this rather interesting publication, indicating that there many thousands of this overprint (<https://www.canalzonestudygroup.com/Docs/Dade-Schay.pdf>). Raises the question of whether a sheet mistakenly ended up in Nebraska and was perfinned.

Finally, this block does not seem to be the only such example of the UN Perfin in this stamp. [Ed. note: see paragraph 4 in previous note for more on additional copies.] These examples appear to have a higher quality scan of the overprinted, perfinned stamp. But I do find it curious that all seven examples, blocks, pairs, and singles are being offered by the same seller (buystamps) and all examples are unused. That seller also purports to be an APS Member-Dealer, so they too should have these items verified.

I think you've asked a good question about these examples and that the philatelic and perfin communities would be well-served to establish whether the provenance of these items establishes that they are genuine or are altered by fake perfins or added overprints.

Response to Perry and Further Comments

Stephen Tauber (#2949)

Response: My interest in this item is peripheral since it does not fall into my specific collecting interests. (Among perfins I collect only officially prepared patterns.) I notified Paul because the item seemed bogus.

Having all of the examples come from the same dealer may be no more complicated than that they come from the same collection which he bought. As you point out, as an APS dealer he should closely investigate an item as improbable as this.

Further comments from a separate email: Upon close examination of the images of the 7 UN pattern perfins, to my eye there appears to be at least a trace of black on at least one of the edges of one of the holes. If this were verified as correct by examining the stamps themselves, then that would be definitive demonstration that the overprints are fake. Additionally, most of the overprints strike me as being a bit fuzzier than those which I have seen on Canal Zone stamps.

Since the offeror presents himself as an APS member dealer, it should be no problem to have him make that determination. If there is no trace of such black, and the overprints themselves pass muster, then it seems reasonable to submit one for expertization — perhaps such a sheet did indeed wander to Nebraska.

Comments from the Editor of the Updated Americas Section of the World Perfins Catalog

Robert Littrell (#3992)

No question that the stamp is genuine, the overprint is genuine, the perfins is that of the University of Nebraska. The only question is why is it in the stamp? How did it get there?

Assuming no cover appears, one can only speculate, but it is worth noting that there were five Canal Zone perfins that I deleted from the revised edition for the same reason: no covers and suspicious perfins origin. Why would the Gruen Watch Company of Cincinnati, OH or any of the other companies) have a punch in a CZ stamp? No CZ postmarks appear on any of these stamps according to Schwerdt (see 1st ed. of the *Catalog*).

The common denominator in the six instances (including the UN stamps) is the Canal Zone. Why would such a proliferation of questionable perfins be limited to the CZ (which happen to be highly collectable)? Bob Szymanski calls them “philatelic follies”. Extraneous items happen from time to time, but I have yet to see it happen to this extent in any other small country that I have dealt with. Did someone with an interest in the CZ, or an interest in making money, collect discarded perforation machines? With instances of sales in excess of \$250, it could be profitable, especially if they limited their production numbers!

End Note from the Editor – Where We Stand

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Thanks to all for the above input.

The comment by Gary Weiss regarding the value of Canal Zone materials mirrors his note in *Bulletin* from 2019 (73(5):84-85). Clearly nothing has changed in the market for Canal Zone perfins; CZ perfins demand higher prices than perfins from most countries. It is hard for me to rationalize \$200 per copy of the “UN” perfins, a perfins for which a B+ rating with a price tag of around \$50 would apply in U.S. stamps. Fascination with multiples which are not to be further broken and a limited supply might boost the (U.S.) pattern equivalent to a rating of A which still would not command \$200+ a copy.

Of all of the discussion above, the most revealing information in support of genuineness are the two explanations which hadn't occurred to me when writing the note for the last issue. Two possible scenarios occur based on these two items.

1. The proposition that payment could be made for items in postage stamps is one possible easy explanation if followed. a sheet of these stamps could have been accidentally perfinned by an inattentive mailroom clerk. which were subsequently perforated only to be discovered and removed from the supply of available postage, or deliberately perfinned by a nefarious one. These perfinned stamps could easily have then been trashed to a collector's accumulation, in mint form.
2. As an alternative, if the company received these stamps to pay postage in the Canal Zone after bulk mail ship transport there, it would again be possible that a sheet of these stamps was perfinned (accidentally or deliberately) by the US company shipping to the CZ. This explanation suffers greatly from the almost complete lack of covers or cancelled CZ stamps for any of the six companies for which US company perfins exist in CZ stamps.

Either of these scenarios is possible, but it is hard to believe that the University of Nebraska accepted postage for some product (?publications). We probably will never have that piece of the puzzle.

The opinions expressed seem to favor, but do not actually go so far as to confirm, the genuineness of both the overprinting and the perfins pattern. The slight variations between catalog and perfins seen in the graphic above are not of particular note. Pattern U043 is listed as having been produced by a 5-die perforator, so the exact match is speculated to be one of the three dies not seen in the block. The match is 99% correct is adequate to state that the actual UN perforator was used.

The use of a 5-die head raises another issue. Were the sheets being perforated folded in half (forming a 5 x 10 stamp double thickness “sheet” before being fed through the perforator? And if it (or they) were folded, do mirror image blocks of the one offered for sale exist? And, further, do tête-bêche pairs or blocks exist from the enter columns (cols. 5 & 6)?

In the final analysis, however, it would be nice to have the block offered for sale, or another of them, expertized.

2024 Convention Info and Contacts
August 19-24, 2024
Sheraton Westport Plaza – 900 Westport Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146



The Missouri Precancel Club has been working hard setting up this year's Convention. We have a full agenda of items to discuss along with searching for that perfin you have been looking for. All of the major perfin and precancels stamp dealers will be attending. We are hoping that everyone can come. Preregistration this year will be the same as last year; the Convention Registration form was published in the *Bulletin* (p. 51 of the May/Jun *Bulletin*) and on the web [see next paragraph]. The registration form on the web is accessible using the "Events" link on the Perfins Club home page or on the home page of the PSS website. The form downloads directly to the opening screen on your computer, and is a "fillable" pdf file, so just type in your information and save it if you wish.

Please print it out and send it, with your registration fee (and if you wish a few booster bucks [see below]), to *Dan Baugher, 14618 Big Timber Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017*

Registration checks must be made out to "Missouri Precancel Club" and should be sent to Dan. The Registration forms should be submitted by 31 July 2024 or sooner.

For hotel reservations, click the link under 'Events' on the Perfin Club website; or you can call the hotel directly (Sheraton Westport Plaza, (888) 627-7064). Remember to ask for the "Precancel Stamp Society Convention 2024" room block. Discounted room rate is \$149 a night, guaranteed if booked by July 29, 2024.

The Auction: Donation lots will be gratefully accepted as well as lots to be sold for a commission of 20%. Check your Stamp Room for "Treasures" that you have collected or inherited that need 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 *Dan Baugher*.

Booster Bucks: Booster Buck donations can be sent to *Dan Baugher*, as part of the PSS registration form, or separately. Please make checks payable to the Missouri Precancel Club.

Coffee Station: Regular and decaffeinated coffee, as well as water, are planned to be available for all six mornings 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.

There will be a reception at the hotel Tuesday (6 p.m.) and a dessert bar on Friday (8 p.m.)

Companion Activities: There are many things to do within an hour or so of the hotel. Barb Rehkop will be coordinating the companion activities; more at the Convention. A very incomplete list of possible activities is available elsewhere in this issue. St. Louis is *loaded* with opportunities!

Don't forget to make your hotel reservation by July 29, 2024, and send in your Registration form in. If members have questions about anything about the Convention, or the hotel, please contact *Dan Baugher*.

August 18-24, 2024
Sheraton Westport Plaza
900 Westport Drive
Maryland Heights, MO
888-627-7064



Convention Hotel Information

Make your hotel (and other) reservations now. For the Hotel Convention rate, reservations must be made by July 29, 2024. Convention rate (be sure to request it) is \$149/night + taxes for single or double occupancy. Reservations: phone 1-888-627-7064- or use their website (<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1700606734270&key=GRP&app=reslink>). *Be sure to request the Convention rate.*

Hotel amenities include:

- smoke free property
- complimentary on-site parking
- business center
- fitness center
- complimentary Wifi
- pool
- free coffee/Tea
- restaurant on-site
- on-site bar
- convenience store
- gift shop
- no pets allowed, however
- service animals welcomed
- many accessibility features

Flying to St. Louis?

If you are planning to fly to the Convention city – St. Louis Lambert International Airport (Lambert Field), in unincorporated St. Louis County, will be your destination airport of choice. Carriers including American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines (and several others) fly to this largest airport in the State of Missouri, at all times of the day and night.

And, once you have arrived, use “normal schedule” complimentary hotel shuttle service to the hotel. Or pick up a car at one of the many car rental agencies (including Hertz, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, National, Thrifty, Dollar, Alamo, and other choices).

Driving to the Convention?

From the Airport: Take I-70 W (0.3 mi). Then take I-270 S to Dorset Rd. (exit 17) in Maryland Heights (6.2 mi.). Exit onto Progress Parkway (1.4 mi to hotel).

From anywhere else: From I-270 South: Follow “from airport” directions beginning at :Then take...” From I-270 North: Take “MO-D E / Page Ave.” exit (#16A (0.45 mi); take the ramp towards “Lackland Rd. / West Pot Plaza Rd.” (0.13 mi.); merge onto Concourse Dr. (0.10 mi); turn right onto Lackland Dr. (0.29 mi); turn right onto Westport Plaza Dr. (0.37 mi); and, finally, turn left onto Westport Plaza (0.11 mi).

81st 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 19-24, 2024, to be held at the Sheraton Westport, St. Louis. An Executive Board meeting will be held prior to the Club's Business Meeting.

A tentative agenda for our annual business meeting is shown below. If members would like to have topics considered as New Business, they are requested to send a written request of the topic to Bob Hodges for receipt prior to July 15, 2024. 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 2024 Annual Business Meeting Agenda Wednesday August 21, 2024, at 1:00pm

Call to Order	Ballot of election - entered by Secretary for the Club for all non-contested positions/offices
Member Self-introductions	Award Announcements:
Minutes 2023 Annual Meeting	2021 Floyd Walker Award
Treasurer's Report	2021 Hallock Card Award
Program Managers' Reports	Other Announcements
Old Business	Closed Albums
New Business	Adjournment
Report of nominations for Executive Board Positions	

Annual Precancel Stamp Society / Perfins Club Convention St. Louis, MO --- August 19-24, 2024

Monday, August 19

10 a.m. – 12 noon Dealer Setup
12 noon – 10 p.m. Trading & Bourse

Tuesday, August 20

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Trading & Bourse
10 a.m. 1st PSS Business Meeting
~11 a.m. - PSS & PC Photos
6 p.m. - Welcome Reception

Wednesday, August 21

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Trading & Bourse
10 a.m. – 2nd PSS Business Meet
1 p.m. - Perfins Club Annual Meet

Thursday, August 22

7:30 a.m. – Ladies Breakfast
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Trading & Bourse
6 p.m. - Perfins Club Dinner

Friday, August 23

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. - Trading & Bourse
2 p.m. - Auction
8 p.m. - Desert Reception

Saturday, August 24

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Trading & Bourse
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Bourse Breakdown
6 p.m. - Convention Banquet

Things to do in St. Louis in Your Spare Time

Be sure to check at the Convention to see if you are interested in any of the planned tours. If you still find yourself with spare time in St. Louis there are a huge number of ways to fill that time! St. Louis is loaded with opportunities for spare-time-filling activities.

Extracts from Gary Hendren's 2002 list will be followed by a few web addresses, which are only a very limited sample of what is available to the visitor with time to kill.

- The *St. Louis Arch* on the riverfront, with its tram up 630 ft. has a marvelous view of the local area
- The *Museum of Westward Expansion* is located below the Arch
- The *Old Cathedral* located on the Arch Grounds
- *Laclede's Landing* area, complete with restaurants, pubs, and small shops
- Galleries (several) depicting the history of St. Louis from its French and Spanish roots to the present time
- The *Eugene Field House* (he was a poet, and lawyer for Dred Scott), which is now home to the St. Louis Toy Museum
- *Busch Stadium* is the site of Cardinal baseball. During Convention Week the Cardinals will be at home to face the Dodgers (Sun Aug. 18 – 1;15p.m. CDT), and the Brewers (Tues Aug 20 - 6:45p.m. CDT; Wed Aug 21– 6:45p.m. CDT; & Thurs Aug 22 1:15p.m.); for tickets - <https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/tickets>

Forest Park is a sort of one stop destination; home to five of the region's major institutions: the *St. Louis Art Museum, the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, the Missouri History Museum, and the Muny Amphitheater*. It also has several recreational facilities, including the *Dwight Davis Tennis Center, the Steinberg Skating Rink, the Boathouse Restaurant* (with boat rentals), *the Forest Park Golf Course, the Highlands Golf and Tennis Center, handball courts, and fields for softball, baseball, soccer, cricket, rugby, and archery*. The park also features over 30 miles of walking and cycling paths.

There is an overarching website (<https://explorestlouis.com/see-and-do/25-things-to-do-in-st-louis/>) with links to more opportunities than you can possibly experience during Convention week. A few are highlighted below:

- Missouri History Museum - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/missouri-history-museum/>
- Saint Louis Science Center - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/saint-louis-science-center/>
- The Muny (outdoor theater) - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/muny-the/>
- Sculpture in City Garden - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/citygarden/>
- Laumeier Sculpture Park - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/laumeier-sculpture-park/>
- Brewing History – 6 links to brewery tours
- National Museum of Transportation - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/national-museum-of-transportation/>
- World Bird Sanctuary - <https://explorestlouis.com/whats-new/world-bird-sanctuary-has-taken-to-conservation-like-a-duck-to-water/>
- Missouri Botanical Garden (includes the gardens and the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House) - <https://explorestlouis.com/partner/missouri-botanical-garden/>

And a few more:

- Saint Louis Art Museum - <https://www.slam.org/access-for-all-free-fridays/>
- The Saint Louis University Museum of Art - <https://www.slu.edu/sluma/>
- Saint Louis Zoo - <https://stlzoo.org/visit/hours-and-prices>
- The Rawlings Experience - <https://www.rawlings.com/rawlings-experience-st-louis.html>
- Walking Tours in Saint Louis - https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Products-g44881-t12046-zfg11876-Saint_Louis_Missouri.html
- St Louis Tours | Sightsee by Hop On Hop Off St Louis - <https://explorestlouis.com/plan-your-trip/guided-tours/>

New/Updated Lists of Perfins in Series of U.S. Stamp

Steve Endicott (LM #2284)

Improvements and updates to our Club website have recently been made and more improvements are in the works – thank you to Bob and Debra Hodges, Susan Kolze and Al Layton.

In conjunction with their work, I have updated several lists on the Club website, and I have added several new ones. These lists document all currently reported perfins in specific stamps.

Updated lists include:

- 2¢ Red Commemoratives
- Army-Navy issue (1936)
- Famous Americans issue (1940)
- National Parks issue (1934)
- Overrun Countries issue (1943)
- Panama-Pacific Exposition issue (1912)

New lists include:

- C1 to C6 airmails (1918 & 1923)
- Early bi-colored airmail stamps (C3, C11, C23 & CE2)
- Overprints with perfins (Kans, Nebr, series and Scott 646, 647 & 648).

Check them out on our website! With this massive amount of information (tens of thousands of perfins), there are undoubtedly a few mistakes. All my fault. Please let me know of necessary corrections. We would also like to learn of perfins not yet included in these lists.

I want to acknowledge (in alphabetical order) and thank the collectors who have been of major assistance in the construction of these lists: Clark Buchi (d.2023), Ballard Cheatham, Dan Fellows, Charles Gherman, Jerry Hejduk, Bob Hodges, Joe Laura (d.2010), Kurt Ottenheimer (d.2020), John Randall (d.2021) and Doug Turner.

Finally, please let me know if you would like to see other lists assembled. I would be happy to work with you to compile it (or them).

Auction #184

Closes: September 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 perf. 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

Email: josephc427@aol.com

Abbreviations used:

ADP = All different patterns
Blk(/#) = block (/of #)
cat(s) = catalog(s)
cc(s) = creased corner(s)
cf = corner fault
cl* = clipped @ (*)
Col(s) = Colonies
coll = collection
cr(s) = crease(s)
CV = catalog value
CVR = cover
"-c" when used indicates that the condition noted affects a corner of the stamp
ds = double strike
DUP = duplication
EKU = earliest known use
ENC = enclosure
env = envelope
exh = extra hole
FD = face different

flt (*)= unspecified fault @ (*)
frag(s) = fragment(s)
frt(s) = front(s)
fsc = face scrapeccr
G.B. = Great Britain
*h * (count) of missing holes
is(s) = issue(s)
lg = large
LNU = latest known usage
m* = missing part of stamp (@ *)
MB = minimum bid
MDP = many different patterns
MUD = Multiple different dies
NSE(*) = natural straight edge @ (*)
part = partial
pat(s) = pattern(s)
Pat # = perfin pattern (catalog) #
PCd(s) = Post card(s)
pf(*) = unspecified perforation
faults

fn(s) = perfins(s)
pg(s) = pages
PM: = postmarked:
pr(s) = pair(s)
Sc# = Scott's Catalog number
sl(s) = split(s)
sm = small
str(s) = strip(s)
st(s) = stamp(s)
th(s)* = thin(s)
to = toning
TP = total perfins
UNC = Unchecked
val(s) = value(s)
var(s) = Variety(varieties)
VHS = very heavy to ship
VSS = Value if sold separately
WW = worldwide
Several abbreviations are sometimes 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.

United States Perfins

Lot#	Cat#	Rate	Pat#	Descr	MB	Lot#	Cat#	Rate	Pat#	Descr	MB
1	A87-8	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	53	F51	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
2	A173.5	B+	Sc#506		\$20.00	54	F117	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
3	A212	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	55	F122A	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
4	A221-31	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	56	F176	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
5	A224	C	Sc#433	pfs, cr	\$1.50	57	F200	C	Sc#732	cr, pfs	\$1.50
6	A231A	C	Sc#506		\$3.00	58	G45	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
7	A258	C	Sc#729		\$3.00	59	G68	C	Sc#300		\$3.00
8	A273	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50	60	G72-2	C	Sc#367		\$3.00
9	A305	B+	Sc#642	pr - full strike across both sts	\$20.00	61	G150	E	Sc#655		\$1.00
10	B16	B	Sc#375	ds	\$10.00	62	G172	F	Sc#655		\$1.00
11	B27	C+	Sc#367		\$5.00	63	G211	C	Sc#504		\$3.00
12	B62-7	B+	Sc#425		\$20.00	64	H6	C	Sc#720	th	\$1.50
13	B81	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50	65	H14	C	Sc#367		\$3.00
14	B87	C	Sc#512		\$3.00	66	I18	C	Sc#425	NSER	\$3.00
15	B110	C+	Sc#332	pfs, cr	\$2.50	67	I71	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
16	B116-05	C	Sc#855		\$3.00	68	I74	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
17	B126	D	Sc#398		\$1.00	69	I94	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50
18	B131	C+	Sc#375	pfs, cc	\$2.50	70	I99	D	Sc#306		\$3.00
19	B132	C	Sc#807		\$3.00	71	J109	E	Sc#627	4h	\$1.00
20	B154	C	Sc#684		\$3.00	72	K3	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50
21	B163.5	B+	Sc#501		\$20.00	73	K62	C+	Sc#720	cr, pfs	\$2.50
22	B218	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50	74	L16	D	Sc#C11		\$1.00
23	B222	C	Sc#515		\$3.00	75	L39	D+	Sc#649	NSER	\$2.00
24	B223.5	C+	Sc#537	NSEL	\$5.00	76	L88	C+	Sc#684		\$5.00
25	B227	C+	Sc#640	pfs	\$2.50	77	L95	C	Sc#720	cc	\$1.50
26	B247	C	Sc#699	pfs	\$1.50	78	L106	C	Sc#720	pf	\$1.50
27	B257	B	Sc#379		\$10.00	79	M41	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
28	B260A	C	Sc#698	pfs	\$1.50	80	M90	E	Sc#398	NSEL	\$1.00
29	B289	C	Sc#377		\$3.00	81	M101A	C+	Sc#387		\$5.00
30	B293.5	C	Sc#414	NSEL	\$3.00	82	M184	F	Sc#654		\$1.00
31	C2	B	Sc#557		\$10.00	83	M193	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
32	C40.5	B+	Sc#556		\$20.00	84	M246	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
33	C43	E	Sc#614	1h, NSER	\$1.00	85	M250	C	Sc#807		\$5.00
34	C114	C	Sc#C11		\$3.00	86	M256	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
35	C135	C+	Sc#332	part	\$2.50	87	M289.5	B	Sc#557	part, 1h	\$5.00
36	C173	C+	Sc#564	3h	\$2.50	88	N41	E	Sc#303	NSET	\$2.00
37	C196	B	Sc#698		\$10.00	89	N82	B	Sc#507		\$10.00
38	C214.5	C+	Sc#334	NSEB	\$5.00	90	N89I	B	Sc#563	4h-N crossbar	\$10.00
39	C224	C+	Sc#406		\$2.50	91	N89I	B	Sc#640	5h-N crossbar	\$10.00
40	C265	C+	Sc#636	exh over P	\$5.00	92	N113A-09	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
41	C288	D	Sc#398		\$1.00	93	N113AB-13	B	Sc#811		\$10.00
42	C299	C+	Sc#634		\$5.00	94	N113ABb-6A	C	Sc#739		\$3.00
43	C311	D	Sc#628		\$1.00	95	N113Bb-01	C	Sc#720	pf	\$1.50
44	C356-13	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	96	N113BbDd-05	B	Sc#634		\$10.00
45	C359	B	Sc#627		\$10.00	97	N113C-07	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
46	C388	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	98	N113c-01	B	Sc#564	lg th	\$5.00
47	D85	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	99	N113Cc-01A	C+	Sc#807		\$5.00
48	D129	E	Sc#617	1h	\$1.00	100	N113Cc-02	D	Sc#627		\$1.00
49	E28	C	Sc#555		\$3.00	101	N113Cc-11	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50
50	E43	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	102	N113D-19	D	Sc#C11		\$1.00
51	E45	B	Sc#636	part	\$5.00	103	N113Dd-01A	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
52	E48	C+	Sc#375	fsc	\$2.50	104	N113Dd-02A	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50
						105	N132	B	Sc#554		\$10.00
						106	N134	B	Sc#557		\$10.00
						107	N155	B	Sc#375		\$10.00
						108	N170	E	Sc#627	NSEL	\$1.00

United States Perfins											
Lot#	Cat#	Rate	Pat#	Descr.	MB	Lot#	Cat#	Rate	Pat#	Descr.	MB
109	N176	D	Sc#649		\$1.00	156	S151	C	Sc#807	1h	\$1.50
110	N178	B	Sc#425	NSER	\$10.00	157	S217	C+	Sc#331	2h	\$2.50
111	N182	F	Sc#398		\$1.00	158	S255	C+	Sc#375		\$5.00
112	N192	B	Sc#374	cr	\$10.00	159	S316	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
113	N209	B	Sc#556		\$10.00	160	S340	B	Sc#638		\$10.00
114	O19	B	Sc#406		\$10.00	161	S350	C+	Sc#375		\$5.00
115	O46	B	Sc#499		\$10.00	162	S356	B	Sc#375	NSEB	\$10.00
116	O51	B	Sc#425		\$10.00	163	T78	D	Sc#618		\$1.00
117	O63	B	Sc#641		\$10.00	164	T97A	B+	Sc#634	sl	\$10.00
118	O70	E	Sc#629		\$1.00	165	T98	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
119	O78	D+	Sc#402		\$2.00	166	T121	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
120	O89	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50	267	T123	C+	Sc#397	NSER	\$5.00
121	O94	C+	Sc#640		\$5.00	168	U82-02	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
122	P8	C+	Sc#637	pfs	\$2.50	169	U88	E	Sc#C11		\$1.00
123	P26	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	170	U95	E	Sc#C11		\$1.00
124	P35	B	Sc#530		\$10.00	171	V1	C	Sc#614	complete pat	\$7.50
125	P46.5	B	Sc#425		\$10.00	172	V3	B	Sc#583		\$10.00
126	P50	B	Sc#374		\$10.00	173	V9	B	Sc#587		\$10.00
127	P76	B	Sc#634		\$10.00	174	V22.5	B	Sc#700	3h	\$5.00
128	PP80.4R	C	Sc#1280		\$3.00	175	W4	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
129	P102.5	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	176	W20	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50
130	P103	B+	Sc#566		\$20.00	177	W22	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
131	P128	B	Sc#332		\$10.00	178	W25	C	Sc#424		\$3.00
132	P157	B	Sc#331		\$10.00	179	W37	C	Sc#425		\$3.00
133	P163	B	Sc#499		\$10.00	180	W59.5	C	Sc#1008		\$3.00
134	P180	B	Sc#406		\$10.00	181	W62	D+	Sc#627		\$2.00
135	P186	B	Sc#551		\$10.00	182	W72-39	C+	Sc#406	th	\$5.00
136	P188	D+	Sc#398		\$2.00	183	W72-50A	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
137	P211	B	Sc#504		\$10.00	184	W150	C	Sc#720		\$3.00
138	P218	C	Sc#807		\$3.00	185	W162	C	Sc#515		\$3.00
139	P221.5	B	Sc#1039		\$10.00	186	W163	B	Sc#583		\$10.00
140	P237	B	Sc#499		\$10.00	187	W164	B	Sc#634	part, 1h	\$5.00
141	P247	B	Sc#499		\$10.00	188	W165	B	Sc#634	NSER	\$10.00
142	P254A	B	Sc#375	lg th	\$5.00	189	W70	C	Sc#720	pfs	\$1.50
143	P256	B	Sc#463	NSEL	\$10.00	190	W199-22	D	Sc#654	Blk/4	\$3.00
144	P259	B	Sc#554	cf	\$5.00	191	W199-23.5	B	Sc#425	NSER, cr, pfs	\$5.00
145	P261	B	Sc#634		\$10.00	192	W203.3	C	Sc#498	to, pfs, NSEL	\$1.50
146	R127	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	193	W203.4	C+	Sc#375	pfs, cl	\$2.50
147	R142	C+	Sc#504	6h	\$2.50	194	W210.7	B+	Sc#554	m-c	\$10.00
148	R161	C+	Sc#829		\$5.00	195	W214A	B	Sc#405		\$10.00
149	S16	C	Sc#720		\$3.00	196	No. 2	C+	Sc#375	NSB	\$5.00
150	S49	C+	Sc#375	NSET, pfs	\$2.50	197	No. 18	F	Sc#627	part	\$1.00
151	S64	C+	Sc#332		\$5.00	198	No. 27	C	Sc#375		\$3.00
152	S70	D+	Sc#374	cr	\$0.50	199	DES. 16	B	Sc#405		\$10.00
153	S79	C+	Sc#632		\$5.00	200	DES. 25	C	Sc#406		\$3.00
154	S100	C	Sc#558	sm tr	\$1.50						
155	S139	C+	Sc#558	2h	\$2.50						

United States Mixtures						
201	War & Defense	1000+	2 oz of war & defense issues pfn's. Very clean lot. Sc#899, 900, 901, 905, 907, 908. Mostly E's & F's from a large issues collection. No railroads			\$50.00
202	Wash. Bicent & Prexie	1000+	2 oz of pfn'd Washington Bicentennial, prexies, 4th Bureau & Liberty issues. Mostly E's & F's from a large issues coll. No railroads. Very clean, nice lot.			\$50.00
203	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP			\$15.00

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204	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
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207	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
208	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
209	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
210	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
211	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
212	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP DUP	\$15.00
213	G72 Series	43	G72 pfns on cat pgs. 43 ADP. C-6; D-1; D-11; E-25. VISS \$23.00. Priced to sell.	\$7.50
214	I43 Series	110	I43 pfns on cat pgs. 110 ADP. B-1; B-9; C-11; C-23; D-22; D-38; E-6. VSS \$272. Priced to sell.	\$90.00
215	S2 Series	19	S2 pfns on cat pgs. 19 ADP. B-2; B-3; C-5; C-1; D-1; D-1; E-6. VSS \$100. Priced to sell.	\$35.00
216	S195 Series	54	S195 pfns on cat pgs. 54 ADP. B-8; C-5; C-17; D-10; D-13; E-1. VSS \$172. Priced to sell.	\$55.00
217	W72 Series	63	W72 pfns on cat pgs. 63 ADP. B-7; C-12; C-14; D-4; D-16; E-9; F-1. VSS \$179. Priced to sell.	\$60.00
218	W199 Series	24	W199 pfns on cat pgs. 24 ADP. B-3; C-2; D-2; D-8; E-8; F-1. VSS \$43. Priced to sell.	\$14.00
219	Numbers	19	Number pfns on cat pgs. 19 ADP. B-3; C-4; C-5; D-1; E-4; F-2. VSS \$66. Priced to sell.	\$22.00
220	Designs	36	Design pfns on cat pgs. 36 ADP. B-7; C-7; C-9; D-1; D-7; E-5. VSS \$143. Priced to sell.	\$45.00
221	Washington / Franklin Series	31	Washington/Franklin pfns (Sc. types A138/9). All D+ rated. 28 DP, 31 FD pfns. Some flts but very nice overall. Well worth the MB.	\$10.00
222	C & C+ pfns	33(33)	A group of 33 pfns (all with flts of some type). Owner states they are all C or C+ rated pfns.	\$1.00
223	D Rated pfns	108	D-Rated pfns. Letter A. 29 DP, 108 pfns. DUP	\$11.00
224	D Rated pfns	94	D-Rated pfns. Letters B-E. 40 DP, 94 pfns. DUP	\$9.00
225	D Rated pfns	83	D-Rated pfns. Letters F-G. 40 DP, 83 pfns. DUP	\$8.00
226	D Rated pfns	139	D-Rated pfns. Letters H-L. 64 DP, 139 pfns. DUP	\$13.00
227	D Rated pfns	120	D-Rated pfns. Letters M-N. 50 DP, 120 pfns. DUP	\$12.00
228	D Rated pfns	101	D-Rated pfns. Letters O-R. 41 DP, 101 pfns. DUP	\$10.00
229	D Rated pfns	150	D-Rated pfns. Letters S-T. 46 DP, 150 pfns. DUP	\$15.00
230	D Rated pfns	136	D-Rated pfns. Letters U-W. 42 DP, 136 pfns. DUP	\$13.00
231	D Rated pfns	115	D-Rated pfns. Letters Y-Designs. 20 DP, 115 pfns. DUP	\$11.00

Canadian Prepers. Prices from The Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue 8th Edition 2020. MB set at a fraction of CV

232	C15	Toronto. P-3-110. Position 1. C/GE, NSET	\$20.00
233	G8	Toronto. P-3-89I. Position 1. GM/CO.	\$25.00
234	G8	Toronto. P-3-89. Position 3. GM/CO. 2h.	\$15.00
235	N1	Toronto. P-7-104. Position 1. NA/LIFE.	\$12.50
236	S1	Toronto. P-10-105. Position 1. S. 3h	\$9.00
237	W13	Toronto. P-5-106I. Position 1. WR/CO	\$19.00
238	W18	Toronto. P-5-104. Position 1. WW/JR. NSER	\$15.00
239	C29	Toronto. P-15-231. Position 1. C/N/R.	\$7.50
240	W14	Vancouver. P-1-104I. Position 1. WR/CO..	\$19.00
241	J2	Windsor. P-3-163. Position 1. JBF/CO.	\$12.50
242	B1	Windsor. P-5-231. Position 1. Star(B).	\$12.50
243	J2	Windsor. P-4-195. Position 5. JBF/Co.	\$10.00
244	J2	Windsor. P-5-231. Position 7. JBF/Co.	\$6.50
245	P7	Windsor. P-5-217. Position 3. PD/Co.	\$5.00
246	P7	Windsor. P-5-231. Position 1. PD/Co.	\$2.50
247	P7	Windsor. P-5-249. Position 1. PD/Co. Split.	\$1.00
248	C33	Winnipeg. P-8-249. Position 1. C/P/R/. 1h	\$3.00
249	C26	Bars. P-X-339. Position 3. C/N/R. 2h	\$5.00
250	C34	Bars. P-X-339. Position 1. C/P/R	\$10.00

One man's lifetime coll of WW perfins. UNC by me and not "cherry picked". The G.B. coll is extremely well represented with all reigns present & wide range of pats including high values, ADD and MUD in DDF. Most colls are on black stock sheets - VHS. Each pat is labeled and stamps arranged next to it. VNCs!				
251	Great Britain QV Letters J-K	907	G.B. Queen Victoria pfns coll. Amazing var of both sts & pfns. 380 ADP, 907 TP. Some DUP but not great. Many penny reds, 2 penny blues & high vals. Letters J-K. Well worth the MB.	\$225.00
252	Great Britain QV Letters L-O	1005	G.B. Queen Victoria pfns coll. Amazing var of both sts & pfns. 411 ADP, 1005 TP. Some DUP but not great. Many penny reds, 2 penny blues and high vals. Letters L-Ot. Well worth the MB.	\$255.00
253	Great Britain QV Letters P-R	729	G.B. Queen Victoria pfns coll. Amazing var of both sts and pfns. 294 ADP, 729 TP. Some DUP but not great. Many penny reds, 2 penny blues & high vals. Letters P-R. Well worth the MB.	\$185.00
254	Great Britain QV Letters S-T	1055	G.B. Queen Victoria pfns coll. Amazing var of both sts & pfns. 411 ADP, 1055 TP. Some DUP but not great. Many penny reds, 2 penny blues & high vals. Letters S-T. Well worth the MB.	\$265.00
255	Great Britain QV Letters U-Designs	706	G.B. Queen Victoria pfns coll. Amazing var of both sts & pfns. 307 ADP, 706 TP. Some DUP but not great. Many penny reds, 2 penny blues & high vals. Letters U-Designs. Well worth the MB.	\$200.00
256	Spain and Colonies	365 Pfns & 23 Cvr	Spain and Cols pfns coll. Does not seem to be the main coll, but rather Spanish Morocco, the T1-T6 perfins, punches, 23 Philatelic Commemorative pfns cvrs & a bunch of Spanish Civil War related pfns. Unusual and desirable.	\$150.00
USA Perfin Covers				
257	Pfn Users	9	8 cvrs and 1 card with perfins from pfn collectors.	\$9.00
258	Univs.	7	6 cvrs and 1 str with pfns from Universities	\$6.00
259	Banks	5	2 cvrs, 2 frts, 1 str from banks	\$3.00
260	Railroads	3	3 cvrs (T&P x 2 and RI x 1)	\$3.00
261	Voting Mail	14	14 #10 cvrs from various areas (mainly universities) to the American Physical Society (contained votes). All 1981.	\$10.00
262	Covers	19	Cvrs, mix of companies and businesses. Has one TRAV (T81) perfin cvr with contents discussing policies and obviously pleasantries between two insurance agents. Frags and str not counted. Cheap at this price.	\$10.00
263	Cvrs/Cards	6	3 cvrs & 3 cards. 5 from universities & 1 card is N90.	\$3.00
264	A40	E	Cvr. New York, N.Y. Sta. D., 26FEB1913. American Book Company, 100 Washington Square, New York. Sc#406. Clean.	\$2.50
265	A87-2	E	Cvr. National Stock Yards, ILL., 13AUG1920. Armour and Company, National Stock Yards, St. Clair Co., Illinois. ENC on company letterhead with cancellation of order. Sc. 527. Nice item.	\$7.50
266	A221-06	D	#10 Env. Denver, COLO, 19APR1946 (LKU). American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, 720 U.S. National Bank Bldg, Denver 2, Colo. Sc#807	\$4.00
267	A199	C+	Censored cvr. Chicago ILL, 30OCT1917. Who's Who in America, A.N. Marquis & Company, Chicago, Publishers. Genova. Sent to Italy. Firenze markings with "Al Mittente" (return to sender) & "Sconosciuto Portalettere" (unknown to the postman) markings on front. Italian censor tape. Sc#504. Grubby.	\$10.00
268	B15	E	#10 cvr. Detroit Mich., 1909. Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. Adding Machine logo (small) illustration on the reverse. This is an EKU. Sc#331.	\$15.00
269	B91	D	Cvr. Chicago, Ill., 29JUN1916. Benjamin Electric Mfg. Co., 120-128 S. Sangamon st, Chicago (H.A. Frahm). ENC on company letterhead speaks to a fishing trip. Sc#425.	\$6.00
270	C327	E	Cvr. St. Louis, MO., 1JUL1914. Curtis, Saws - Saw Mills, St. Louis. ENC requests technical specifications on order received. Sc#406. Nice cvr.	\$5.00
271	F71	E	Cvr. Detroit, Mich., 8JAN1915. D.M. Ferry & Co., Seed Growers and Importers, Detroit, Mich. Sc#406. Clean cvr.	\$4.00
272	F165	F	Mail Bag Tag. 25MAY1925. Sc#554, 566, 569.	\$5.00
273	H127	E	Registered cvr. New York, N.Y. 24JAN1914. The Hanover National Bank, New York, P.O. Box 2500. Sc#416 added to a 2c stamped env type U91. Nice label or sticker from the bank on the reverse of the env (red). Clean.	\$6.00
274	H211	D	#10 env. Hudson Term. Sta. N.Y., 19AUG1909. Harper & Brothers, Publishers, Franklin Square, New York, N.Y. "Called Out" postal marking on front in purple. Sc#334. Letter from owner to friend asking the significance of the called out marking. Interesting.	\$10.00

USA Perfin Covers												
275	L88	C+	Fragment of a package. Attleboro, Mass. 1NOV1938. [NEW ID!] L. G. Balfour Company, C.S.& C. Division, P.O. Box 718, Attleboro, Massachusetts. Sc#640.									\$25.00
276	N211	F	Picture PCd "Crossing the Alleghanies, Norfolk and Western Railway". Norfolk, VA 25JUL1916. Sc#425. Pretty.									\$5.00
277	Q10	D	2 Photo PCds. 1) 15SEP1911. Sc#374. Picture is of the "first saltpeter vats". 2) Atlanta. SEP1911. Sc#374. Picture is of Mammoth Cave, KY. Both are copyrighted (1892 & 1908). Nice.									\$10.00
278	R3.7	C	Registered Cvr. New York, N.Y. Wall St. Sta. 18JAN1911. Redmond & Co., New York. Sent to France and forwarded to Germany. Wax Seal on reverse. Many datestamps. Sc#335 & 338.									\$15.00
279	U48	D	Window env. Madison SQ. Sta., NY 2. 22JUL1921. The University Society, Inc., 44-60 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. Sc. 528B. ENC on company letterhead to an attorney about the status of a past due claim. Sc#640. LKU cvr.									\$10.00
280	U61.5	F	#10 env. Los Angeles, Calif. 5A. 28MAR1969. Union Pacific Railroad Company, Department of Traffic, 507 So. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif, 90013. Pretty multicolor logos and a nice "Golden Spike Centennial 1869-1969" poster stamp on front. Sc#1338.									\$4.00
281	V1	C	Cvr. Brooklyn, N.Y. 18SEP1930. Chas. H. Ross, The Vitaphone Corporation, Eastern Studios, 1277 East 14th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Sc#634. Clean.									\$6.00

Perfins Club Auction 181 Prices Realized													
1	\$1.00	27	\$21.00	53	\$1.50	79	\$10.00	105	\$5.00	131	\$3.00	158	\$6.00
2	\$3.00	28	\$55.00	54	\$1.00	80	\$10.00	106	\$5.00	132	\$3.00	159	\$50.00
3	\$3.00	29	\$5.00	55	\$3.00	81	\$25.00	107	\$10.50	133	\$1.50	160	\$70.00
4	\$3.00	30	\$10.00	56	\$10.00	82	\$10.00	108	\$2.25	134	\$3.00	161	\$135.00
5	\$20.00	31	\$5.00	57	\$5.00	83	\$10.00	109	\$5.00	135	\$2.50	162	\$125.00
6	\$5.00	32	\$5.00	58	\$50.00	84	\$10.00	110	\$5.00	136	\$21.00	163	\$120.00
7	\$10.00	33	\$3.00	59	\$5.00	85	\$5.00	111	\$3.00	137	\$15.00	164	\$110.00
8	\$10.00	34	\$21.00	60	\$10.00	86	\$5.00	112	\$3.00	138	\$15.00	165	\$95.00
9	\$1.00	35	\$3.00	61	\$2.50	87	\$3.00	113	\$5.00	139	\$15.00	166	\$75.00
10	\$21.00	36	\$1.00	62	\$1.00	88	\$5.00	114	\$1.50	140	\$15.00	167	\$125.00
11	\$21.00	37	\$1.00	63	\$10.00	89	\$5.00	115	\$2.50	141	\$15.00	168	\$10.00
12	\$10.50	38	\$1.00	64	\$2.50	90	\$5.00	116	\$22.00	142	\$15.00	169	\$30.00
13	\$21.00	39	\$5.50	65	\$10.00	91	\$10.00	117	\$1.00	143	\$15.00	170	\$25.00
14	\$32.50	40	\$1.50	66	\$10.00	92	\$5.00	118	\$17.00	144	\$15.00	171	\$20.00
15	\$21.00	41	\$2.50	67	\$10.00	93	\$5.50	119	\$1.00	145	\$15.00	172	\$20.00
16	\$10.50	42	\$1.00	68	\$10.00	94	\$1.00	120	\$1.00	146	\$15.00	173	\$50.00
17	\$21.00	43	\$1.00	69	\$10.00	95	\$1.00	121	\$1.00	148	\$90.00	174	\$50.00
18	\$10.50	44	\$1.00	70	\$10.00	96	\$3.00	122	\$1.00	149	\$20.00	175	\$125.00
19	\$10.00	45	\$5.00	71	\$10.00	97	\$10.00	123	\$3.00	150	\$7.00	176	\$125.00
20	\$20.00	46	\$5.00	72	\$3.00	98	\$5.00	124	\$2.25	151	\$430.00	177	\$125.00
21	\$20.00	47	\$3.00	73	\$10.00	99	\$10.50	125	\$2.50	152	\$70.00	178	\$125.00
22	\$21.00	48	\$1.00	74	\$6.00	100	\$3.00	126	\$11.00	153	\$13.50	Total Sales	
23	\$5.00	49	\$1.00	75	\$10.00	101	\$3.00	127	\$5.00	154	\$37.50		
24	\$20.00	50	\$1.00	76	\$10.00	102	\$11.00	128	\$3.00	155	\$6.50		
25	\$3.00	51	\$3.00	77	\$5.00	103	\$5.00	129	\$2.50	156	\$50.00		
26	\$10.00	52	\$2.50	78	\$5.00	104	\$10.00	130	\$3.00	157	\$165.00		
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Bulk Perfins – Still Cheap?

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

I read Charlie Adrion's article entitled, “\$1.25/1000 – How Time Have Changed” and the editorial response by Paul Mistretta with interest. It got me to thinking about the value of a dollar in 1960 vs. today, and if there were comparisons to lots I see today. Let's examine two auctions, the first being the Perfins Club Auction where it is routine for me to advertise Lots of 500 perfins with a reserve price of \$15. The second auction being the Great Britain Perfin Society's, where the last 4 auctions have been selling large lots of Queen Elizabeth II decimal perfins. Let's do a bit of analysis, shall we?

The ad on the postcard from Dave Stump in 1960 (shown in Charlie's article) advertised 1000 perfins for \$1.25. So exactly how much is a 1960's dollar worth today. Any currency calculator will quickly tell you that the 1960 dollar is worth \$10.59 today. Still, a good deal at 1.06¢ per perf in today's currency value. Now let's do a bit of conversion. Lots 137-146, despite there being 4 different bidders, sold for the minimum, \$15 each. That is only 3¢ per perf even though the same caveat stated by Dave Stump holds; if you have over 2,000 perfins, these lots are not for you. So, cheap perfins in the US Perfins Club's reviewed lots are about 3 times as much now, as they were in 1960.

Moving on to the last 4 Perfin Society auctions. Auction 133 closed 15SEP23; 134 closed 10NOV23; 135 closed 15MAR24 and finally 136 closed 4MAY24.

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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: 2,000,000 perfins; 70% U.S., 15% Great Britain, WW. Rail covers. Penny Reds. Most with ID. Will also trade perfins for help. Nelson Laffey (#4209).

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Bulk Rate Perfin cost – cont. from p.79

In auction 133, there was a bulk lot of 50,000 Machin perfins with a starting price of £100. That lot realized £675.10 or 1.35p per perfin. Today's exchange rate is \$1 = 78p making the cost per perfin 1.73¢. Not much more than the 1960's price of 1.06¢ per perfin. In auction 134, there was a lot of 10,000 perfins. It sold for £175.90 or 1.759p per perfin equivalent to 2.55¢ per perfin. Still reasonable. Along comes auction 135 with another lot of 10,000 perfins which sold for £55.10. Now we have a bargain. Each perfin was .551p each equivalent to 0.706¢ per perfin – less than the 1960's price. In auction 136, another lot of 10,000 perfins sold for £100.10 or 1.001p per perfin. Another bargain, equivalent to 1.283¢ per perfin, just barely above the 1960's price.

In conclusion, bulk perfins are almost as cheap today as they were 64 years ago. This follows that old investment axiom that it takes money to make money: rare items continue to climb in value, cheap stuff remains cheap. From a collector point of view, I want even the cheap stuff as I am not an investor, I am a collector, and I can have as much fun with cheap perfins as I can with the more expensive ones.

Upcoming Events of Interest

August 19-24, 2024 - PSS/Perfins Club Annual Convention – Sheraton Westport Plaza, 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. Make your reservation before July 29, 2024. [see pgs. 69-72 for more].

Annual dues were due by June 30, 2024

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