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Prosper Advertising Postcards

Dan Baugher (#3825)

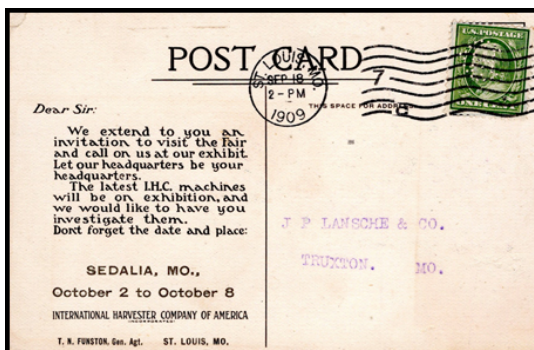
In the early 1900's advertising postcards were used as a way for sellers to communicate with customers about their product or upcoming State Fairs with their exhibits. International Harvester Company (IH) used advertising postcards.

A little background about International Harvester Company (IH). The McCormick-International Harvester Company was an agricultural implement company formed in 1902 from a merger of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, the Deering Harvester Company, and three smaller firms.

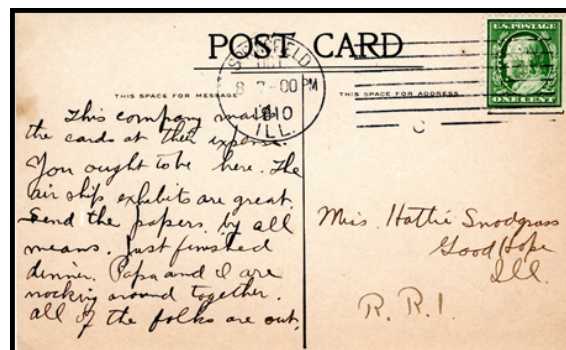
In 1909, IH began to advertise its products with a new company logo. It also created a mascot named Prosper, short for Prosperity, to help people remember that trademark.

The sprite-like Prosper had a body made from an ear of corn, a spear made from a stalk of wheat, arrows made of timothy (a type of grass used for hay), and a helmet of clover and oats. Prosper wore a purposeful smile and carried a shield shaped like the new IH logo. Prosper first appeared on postcards, buttons, scarf pins, and watch fobs. These items were often given away at state fairs or mailed to potential customers.

I recently was fortunate enough to acquire some Prosper postcards from various places across the country with perfinned stamps. It appears that there are 2 types of postcards. The main one is preprinted with an invitation to the various State Fairs where IHC will be having an exhibit of all their latest machines. The other type appears to be a blank postcard given out to fair goers to be used to mail home.



Postcard with preprinted advertising



Postcard with blank space for personal message

I am working on putting together a survey of postcards to be posted on the Perfin website. If you could send a scan of the Prosper postcards you have, I will add them to the list.

Reference:

Willey, Eric. 2024. Prosper, the International Harvester Mascot. Wisconsin Historical Society website. Accessed at: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/ArticleCS3482>. Accessed on: 12 Sept 2024.

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A Stroke of Brilliance

by Robert Littrell (#3932)

Figure 2 I am amazed from time to time by what seems to me to be a stroke of brilliance by others. This happened to me the other day after I received a lot of Chile perfin from the auction manager who succeeded Bob Szymanski (LM145) last year. It was a lot of only five stamps, but I had only one item in mind when I placed the bid: a piece with two revenue stamps of Chile, each of which was cancelled by a perfin in the form of what appeared to be an unusual “M” (see *Figure 1*). I have not seen such a single letter made in this fashion in any other perfin.

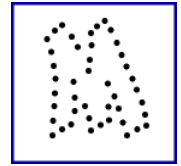


Figure 1: perfin

The piece I received is shown in *Figure 2*. It had the description “Caja Nacional de Ahorros” (National Savings Bank) so I had an identification.



Figure 2: Two Chile revenue stamps on piece, reverse and front.

I was curious about why the bank would use this single letter, so I asked my friend and Chile collaborator, Heinz Junge, for help. Sr. Junge lives in Santiago, Chile, and he is well known in philatelic circles. Over the past few years, he has almost single handedly contributed to the *World Perfin Catalog – American Section*, increasing the number of Chile fiscal section from 28 (mostly nearly empty) pages to 48 pages, with company identifications of most perfins.

Sr. Junge had not seen this perfin before I brought it to his attention. After studying it, he came up with a brilliant idea: The “single letter” was a monogram of the letters C N A: Caja Nacional de Ahorros! He sketched out his idea on a scrap of paper which I have labeled



Figure 3: Sketch by Heinz Junge of monogram.

Interesting Perfin in a Precancelled Stamp

Dan Baugher (#3825)

I recently went thru my holdings and found the stamp illustrated in *Figure 1*. It is a 1¢ Franklin perf. 10 Sc#581 with a Bureau precancel (type 42). It is not a legal perfin since it's larger than the stamp. The collector before me had written on the back of the stamp that this was from the “Public Library/Duluth MN”. I am usually skeptical about what is written on the back of a stamp. I spoke to a few perfin folks to see if anyone has seen this before or if they had one. They had not.

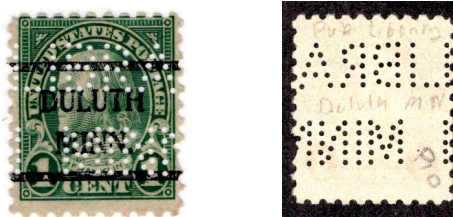


Figure 1: Sc#581 precanceled DULUTH, MIN. (type 42) and punched with “LIBRA/MIN”

I thought it shouldn't be too hard to find out if this was really from the Duluth Public Library. I called their Main Branch and asked the person at the Reference Desk for help. I emailed them a scan of the stamp and asked if they own, or had owned, a perforator with this pattern. I also asked if they could send a picture of the complete pattern and one of the perforator if they still had it. Their response was yes, and they still have it. *Figure 2* shows the complete pattern on a post it note.

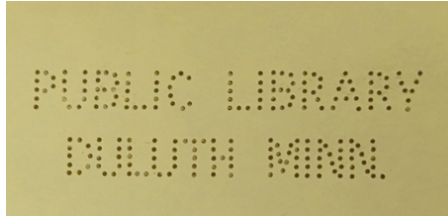


Figure 2: Complete perforation of the pattern, a partial of which is punched in the stamp shown in Figure 1.

They also included two pictures of the perforator.



Figure 3: Face view and side view of the perforator used to create the punches in Figures 1 and 2. The plate at the base of the perforator's face; it identified the perforator as a "Cummins'/ Library perforator/Pat'd Nov. 29,1892/The B. F. Cummins Co./ Chicago". The small silver strip to the left of the 2nd screw head from the right at the base of the perforator seen in side-view is a City of Duluth property inventory tag and not part of the original perforator.

They did not have an invoice showing when they purchased the perforator. I asked what they use it for. The response was that they have not used it for a while, but their best guess was that it was used to punch Library materials so they had the library's name on them; '...materials...' could include books, articles, pamphlets, or anything of that nature.

I am not sure why the library would perforate a precanceled stamp. It is probable that a 4-stamp strip was perforated to produce a full punch; I assume that this stamp is a one-of-a-kind survivor. If there is anyone else who has a stamp with this pattern, I would be interested to see it.

Ed. Note: The speculation that the library used the perforator to label materials is accurate. The device, much as for perfin in postage stamps, was a security device to allow identification of improperly "borrowed" books or other reading matter. I have commonly seen these identifying punches in the blank page which precedes a book's cover sheet. In reality, this punch didn't really work to identify ownership, since the perforated blank page could be easily removed (razor blade, wet thread, etc.) without affecting the contents of the book.

More practically, some libraries picked a page, such as page 25-26, and punched it. Less obvious to a "borrower", this mark could not be removed without losing some content from the book, or without being obvious to any reader capable of counting from page 24 to 27.

Rev perf Catalog Effort – Volume I; Section A

Paul Mistretta (LM111)

The revision of Art Mongan's 2010 version of the *Rev-perf Catalog* is progressing, if more slowly than I would prefer. With the resignation of Steve Endicott (LM#2284) as Editor of Volume I of the *Catalog*, I assumed the job.

One of the first problems with which I have had to deal is the printed illustrations of patterns in Volume I which are not at 100% scale of the patterns punched in stamps. The patterns illustrated range from about 92% to about 105% of actual, which makes them difficult to use, especially when trying to separate similar patterns. The solution is to rescan all patterns so that they reproduce accurately.

I have been able to scan (or have had scanned for me by other Members) 850 of the 938 patterns in Section A. This is a bit more optimistic than the 90.1% scanned suggests since only 311/850 are confirmed scans. Thanks to Dave Ripley (#3420), a copy of Chuck Spaulding's worksheets from 1999 was saved from the unfortunate loss of the Club's intellectual property which occurred when Art's estate was executed. The importance of these rescued worksheets; checking 30 revperfs from Section A against Chuck's illustrations showed a 100% match for all of the checked patterns. The result of this concordance between stamp and image is that I have been able to use Spaulding's worksheet illustrations to add 539 *presumed* accurate illustrations to the list of accurate pattern illustrations.

This leaves only 88 patterns for which we either have no image ("NEED IMAGE" or "*Need Photo*" in the current catalogue) or for which the only image is that in Mongan (which are presumed to be inaccurate). Below are presented three lists: A) a list of patterns in Section A which "NEED IMAGE" or "*Need photo*" in the current catalogue; B) those for which we have only Art's image, and C) those for which we have an image presumed to be correct derived from Spaulding's worksheets.

I need 100% scale images for the patterns which fall in the 'A' list. I would very much like to have 100% scale images for those in list 'B' for which I do have images, but which are presumed inaccurate. And I would appreciate images for those patterns in list 'C' to replace images presumed to be accurate with those which are confirmed accurate.

If you have any of these patterns and an accurate scanner, **please** scan the stamp(s) in which any of the following patterns appear. *Scanning should be done at 200 dpi or higher resolution.* Raw images are OK either vignette side or back side of the rev perf. Please name the image file with Mongan's catalog number, or, if you choose to scan a page with several patterns, with the range of Mongan Catalog numbers represented. I will create the final images for the *Catalog* from your submissions. Please send the scans **from Revenue Stamps only**, to **pmistretta70@gmail.com**. Thanks.

List A: Images absent from Mongan's catalog.

GA0090 KA0110 TA0125

List B: Patterns for which only Art Mongan's image exists; accurate image needed.

AA0010	BA0170	DA0195	HA0030	JA0122	OA0075	SA0155	ZA002.5
AA0040	BA0265	DA0210	HA0285	JA0300	PA0053	SA0370	ZA109
AA0045	CA0110	EA0108	HA0425	LA0020	PA0172	SA0375	ZA113
AA0056	CA0115	EA0178	HA0475	LA0227	PA0175	TA0055	ZA114
AA0082	CA0145	EA0183	IA0007	MA0350	PA0189	UA0090	ZA139
AA0125	CA0260	FA0176	IA0050	MA0390	PA0255	UA0092	ZA140
AA0161	CA0305	GA0155	IA0057	NA0025	PA0277	VA0020	ZA141
AA0200	CA0570	GA0240	IA0070	NA0095	PA0278	WA0085	
AA0210	CA0635	GA0310	JA0053	NA0171	RA0060	WA0095	
BA0110	DA0015	HA0019	JA0093	OA0025	SA0023	WA0330	
BA0153	DA0180	HA0023	JA0097	OA0067	SA0100	WA0340	

List C: Images available (and *presumed* accurate) from Spaulding's worksheets; accurate images desired.

AA0015	AA0052	AA0130	AA0199	BA0120	BA0230	CA0070	CA0280
AA0021	AA0053	AA0140	AA0201	BA0130	BA0231	CA0080	CA0290
AA0030	AA0054	AA0150	AA0205	BA0141	BA0235	CA0090	CA0300
AA0041	AA0055	AA0160	BA0020	BA0151	BA0250	CA0120	CA0320
AA0042	AA0069	AA0161	BA0030	BA0152	BA0260	CA0130	CA0330
AA0043	AA0070	AA0163	BA0040	BA0158	BA0287	CA0140	CA0340
AA0044	AA0080	AA0164	BA0070	BA0160	BA0295	CA0150	CA0350
AA0046	AA0100	AA0170	BA0100	BA0161	BA0300	CA0180	CA0360
AA0047	AA0120	AA0180	BA0111	BA0180	BA0310	CA0190	CA0380
AA0048	AA0121	AA0190	BA0112	BA0191	CA0050	CA0210	CA0470
AA0049	AA0122	AA0191	BA0113	BA0205	CA0060	CA0220	CA0480
AA0050	AA0128	AA0194	BA0114	BA0220	CA0065	CA0270	CA0520

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CA0685	FA0130	HA0190	JA0175	MA0140	PA0090	SA0040	UA0120
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CA0690	FA0155	HA0210	JA0200	MA0155	PA0110	SA0103	UA0137
CA0700	FA0160	HA0220	JA0210	MA0160	PA0120	SA0120	UA0138
DA0010	FA0170	HA0233	JA0220	MA0205	PA0130	SA0140	UA0150
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DA0045	FA0210	HA0270	JA0330	MA0263	PA0180	SA0213	WA0060
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Similar lists will be published on the Club's website for all Sections of the *Catalog* as they are developed.

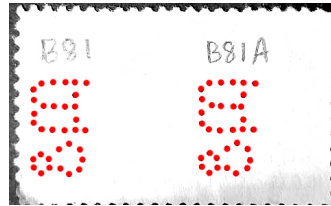
Again, thanks for any help you can give.

The Bettendorf and Micro-Westco Perfins – B081 and B081A

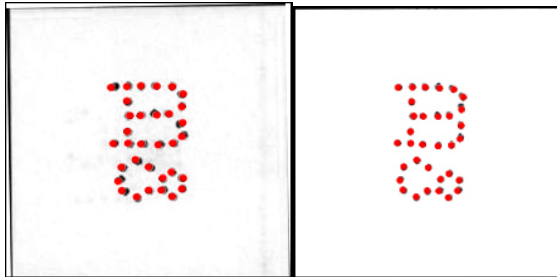
Steve Endicott (LM# 2284)

We are currently studying cases of similar patterns with cross-over stamp usage periods and postmarks, along with other user and historical information that would lend us to believe that the similar perfins came from the same perforator. In such cases, we are electronically comparing the patterns to determine if perhaps one of the similar perfins should be deleted from the *Catalog*. Here is our first of several analyses.

Dan Fellows (#3364) submitted the Special Delivery stamp shown here (Scott #15a – red lilac variety issued between 1927 and 1931) with two perfin punches in it. As marked in his pencil, Dan believed that one pattern was B081 and the other was B081A. After careful consideration, we agree.



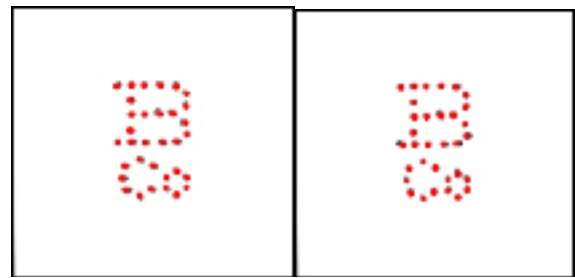
Overlays: Red dots are the original submission in the Special Delivery stamp



B081 (red) over: B081

B081A

Left image overlay shows the pins in the crossbar and the bottom of the B is a better fit for B081A.



B081A (red) over: B081

B081A

Image overlay showing the pins in the crossbar and the bottom of the B is a better fit for B081.

However, this presents an interesting research issue, since our Perfins Catalog lists the primary user of B081 to be the Bettendorf Axle Company in Bettendorf, IA, but the primary user of B081A perfin to be the Micro-West Company, also in Bettendorf, IA. The pattern [B/Co] is a logical representation for the Bettendorf Company. But what is the relationship with the Micro-West Company?

“The [Bettendorf] Company expanded in the early 20th century and its divisions made 29 different machines or tools. They acquired the Dooler Oil Company, which was later renamed the Bettendorf Oil Burner, Buddy L toys, Slice-Master bread and cake slicers and Chippewa Pumps, which made water pumps. They also had divisions that produced hand dollies to move rail cars, ice crushers, table-top cigar lighters, and a machine to compress and bundle wastepaper. The company also built the Meteor automobile between 1907 and 1912. Corporate holding companies named Micro and Westco Company were established to hold these acquisitions. They were later merged and named Micro-Westco.” (Renkes 1994).

From Wikipedia (Anon. 2024) we learn that Joseph Bettendorf (1864-1933) and his brother, William Bettendorf (1857-1910) were industrialists, manufacturing a variety of metal products. They began with interests in agricultural products, such as metal wheels and steel gear wagons. They incorporated their business as the Bettendorf Axle Company in 1895.

William Bettendorf's design of a one-piece railroad car frame eliminated bolts, which could work loose as the train was moving and cause delays or derailments. The new frame was cast from a single piece of steel and revolutionized the railroad industry.

By 1920 the Bettendorf plant was the largest railroad car manufacturing plant west of the Mississippi River and employed 3,000 people. The plant was closed in 1932 during the Great Depression, the year before Joseph Bettendorf died.

Patterns B081 and B081A have been seen in stamps issued between 1902 and 1942. All covers with postmarks except one (dated May 7, 1914) are dated in the 1930s, which is after the Bettendorf Axle Company operations, but during the operations of the Micro-Westco subsidiaries. Therefore, although the pattern [B/Co] is a nice representation of the original Bettendorf Company, it is reasonable to assume that most perfin usage occurred in the 1930s by the Micro-Westco company.

Only one cover has been seen: Purported to be B081A, it is in a 10¢ Special Delivery stamp on a cover used by Micro-Westco, Inc. in Bettendorf, IA with a postmark of March 15, 1938. It is shown on the Club's website in the Perfins Covers Exhibit.

My conclusion is that B081 and B081A are probably die varieties from one perforator owned by the Bettendorf Company, which became part of the Micro-Westco Company. I have some concern involving the dates of usage for the two patterns and the reported primary user. I would like to see more covers.

Please send scans to me. Thank you.

Special "Thank You's to Dan Fellows for his discovery shown above, and to Dave Hamilton (#3856) for his work in providing electronic comparisons of the perfins as shown in this article.

Perfin B081A will be deleted in favor of B081, pending discovery of additional covers. A "Y" code will be added; the usage periods and postmark data will be consolidated, and the supplemental note will be revised. Barring any new significant information the primary user will be listed as the Bettendorf Axle Company in Bettendorf, IA, with a note in the Supplemental Information section which reflects the use of this pattern by the follow-on Micro-Westco.

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Early Collectors of Perfins on Cover – Professor L. L. Bernard

Dan Baugher (#3825)

Who collected perfin covers back in the day? These are the people that helped us today understand the background and history of each perfin and the people who collected perfin covers.

When I started collecting perfin covers, my focus was always on who sent the cover/letter, and if their name was in the return address on the cover. One of the areas I started collecting early on was covers from Colleges and Universities. It is a fairly small list of only about 50 different perfin patterns.

Living in Missouri, I was especially interested in the University of Missouri and any surrounding schools in Illinois and Kansas. As I accumulated covers, I noticed that there were quite a few covers going to Professor L. L. Bernard. He was a professor at Washington University in St Louis for many years. I thought I would try to accumulate as many covers as I could that were sent to Professor Bernard. I am up to 67 covers with 14 different perfins. I put all of the covers in a spreadsheet organized by time to try to figure out where he worked over the years.



Professor Bernard; an abbreviated biography:

Luther Lee Bernard was born 29 October 1881 in Russell County, Kentucky. His family moved to West Texas for 10 years and then settled down in southwest Missouri. He earned his B. S. degree from a small Baptist college (Pierce City Baptist College) in 1900; an AB degree University of Missouri in 1907, and a Ph.D. from Chicago in 1910.

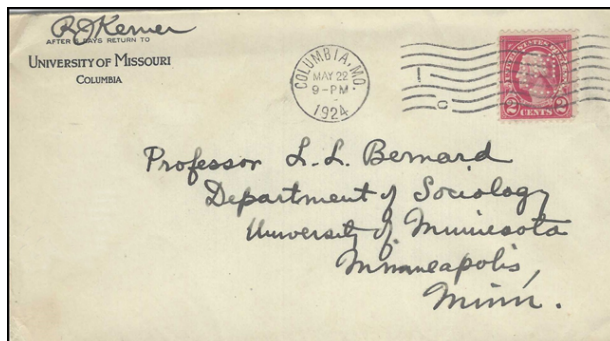
He became an instructor of sociology Below is a summary of the professional positions he held with the schools and dates of tenure.

Position	Where	When
Instructor in Sociology	Pierce City Baptist College, MO	1901-03
Professor of Languages	Lamar College, MO	1903 - 05
Instructor in Sociology	Western Reserve	1910 - 11
Professor of History & Social Sciences	U of Florida	1911 - 14

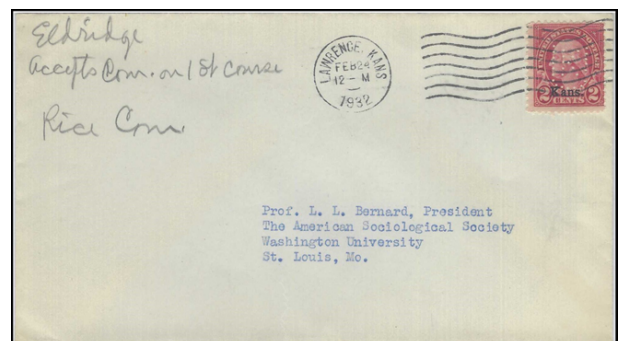
Position	Where	When
Professor of Sociology	U of Missouri	1914 - 17
Associate Professor and Professor	U of Minnesota	1918 – 25
Professor	Cornell University	1926 – 27
Professor of Sociology	Tulane	1927 – 28
Professor of Sociology	North Carolina	1928 – 29
Professor of Sociology	Wash U	1929 – 46
Lecturer and Visiting Professor	Pennsylvania State College	1947 – 50

He also was a Visiting Professor during the summers at Chicago, North Carolina, the University of Washington, and was research counsel fellow in Argentina. He wrote many books in his field of Sociology. He passed away 23 January 1951.

The covers I have found so far date from May of 1924 when he was at U of Minnesota.



Earliest cover I have found to date mailed to Prof. Bernard; it is franked a 2¢ red Washington with a U. Missouri perfin (U041)



Another cover, franked with a Kansas overprinted 2¢ red Washington, with the perfin of the Univ. Kansas (U039)

The most recent cover that I have documented is from Nov 1944, when he was at the University of Missouri. My collection includes covers addressed to him at the various places he taught between those dates. Here is a list of all the different covers with perfins.

Perfin #	Perfin	Correspondent's affiliation	Qty. of Covers
A134B	AGR	Cornell University	1
B177	BOE	Chicago Board of Education	1
C353	[CU]	Columbia University	1
H083.5	[HH]/(CO)	Henry Holt Co	2
I005	I	Illinois State Reformatory	1
M241	MSC	Michigan State College	5
N165	NU	Northwestern University	1
O005	OA	Oklahoma A&M	1
S154	SIU	University of Iowa	4
U036	U(I)	University of Illinois	9
U039	U(K)	University of Kansas	4
U041	U(M)	University of Missouri	16
U043	UN	University of Nebraska	5
U055.5	U[of]M	University of Michigan	1
U104.4	[UW]	University of Wisconsin	14

After working on this study, I started to notice other people that must have saved perfin covers. My start at a list of these correspondences includes covers from the Norton Company of Worcester, MA, Brand Brewing of Chicago, IL, and a few others.

Hopefully, I can gather enough info for future articles.

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New Editors for the Club's Publications

Dave Robinson (#4246) has replaced Dan Baugher as Editor of the *Catalog of Perfin Patterns of the Railroads of the United States and Canada*.

Dan Baugher (#3825), who retired from that position at the end of last year, is continuing to support Dave's efforts to overcome a steep learning curve. Upon 'retiring' from the RR Catalog editorship, Dan assumed the Editorship of Volume 3 of the *Rev-perf Catalog*.

Paul Mistretta (LM#111) has assumed the Chair of The Rev Perf cataloguing effort and has accepted the Editor role for the Volume 1.

Contact information for all three of us is found on page 22.

Ron Bowman Railroad Catalogue (Great Britain) Released

Edited from a note from Stephen Steele, The Perfins Society

Roy Gault, Catalogue Editor of The Perfin Society in Great Britain has just finished the fully updated *Ron Bowman Railway Catalogue*. It is available only in e-format (PDF's) on an 8Gb USB 'Twister'.

Rather than paraphrase the e-mail I received announcing the publication and its contents, I reproduce, below right, the index of the *Catalogue*:



The USB twister includes:

1. the *Railway Catalogue* of companies using perfins (190 p.), as listed in the index reproduced to the left.
2. the original Bowman catalogue (73 p.) published in 1976,
3. a file detailing Railway Parcel stamps with perfins (25 p.), and
4. a listing of this information in an Excel table.

The cost of this wealth of information is £10 for members and £15 for non-members plus £4.20 large letter postage to North America, plus a 6% PayPal fee. [1£ = ~US\$1.25 at the time of publication].

For further information or to purchase the catalog contact Steve Steere at: perfin.society@gmail.com.

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The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Here is an abbreviated history of the Standard Oil Company, which will lead us into a discussion of perfins No. 18 and No. 18A. “Abbreviated” because the history of the Rockefellers, Standard Oil, its various business and legal machinations would make a for multi-volume book.



Figure 1: Standard Oil of Ohio sign circa 1890.

Standard Oil Company of Ohio, organized by John Rockefeller, was the original Standard Oil Company. Standard Oil of Ohio moved its headquarters from Cleveland to its permanent headquarters at 26 Broadway in New York City in 1885. Concurrently, the trustees of Standard Oil of Ohio chartered the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey (SOCNJ) to take advantage of New Jersey's lenient corporate stock ownership laws.

Imagine, by 1890, Standard Oil controlled 88 percent of the refined oil flow in the United States. What a monopoly! The state of Ohio successfully sued Standard Oil, compelling the dissolution of the Standard Oil Trust in 1892. But Standard Oil simply separated Standard Oil of Ohio from the Trust and kept control of it.

So, in 1899, the Standard Oil Trust, based at 26 Broadway in New York, was legally reborn as a holding company, as the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (SOCNJ), which held stock in 41 other companies, which controlled other companies, which in turn controlled yet other companies. And the monopoly continued.

By 1911 the Supreme Court of the United States ruled, in *Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey v. United States*, that Standard Oil of New Jersey must be dissolved under the Sherman

Antitrust Act and split into 34 companies. Two of these companies were Standard Oil of New Jersey (Jersey Standard or Esso), which eventually became Exxon, and Standard Oil of New York (Socony), which eventually became Mobil; those two companies later merged into ExxonMobil.

26 Broadway was known as the "Rockefeller address" because the offices of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and John Sr. were in the building. After the completion of construction of Rockefeller Center in 1933, the offices of both Rockefellers moved to 30 Rockefeller Plaza. The same year, Standard Oil of New Jersey (by that time, also known phonetically as Esso) announced its intention to consolidate its operations at Rockefeller Center, although it retained other offices at 26 Broadway. Esso moved its remaining offices to 75 Rockefeller Plaza in 1946.

From this history, we see that Standard Oil's operations were headquartered out of 26 Broadway in Manhattan and that the parent company was Standard Oil of New Jersey (SOCNJ), located in that 26 Broadway building along with the headquarters of many of its subsidiaries. Therefore, the perfin pattern for No. 18 and No. 18A, which is “26” inside a circle, is quite logical. This history helps to clarify various misspellings of the Standard Oil company names and

locations as currently recorded in the *U.S. Perfins Catalog*. They will all be fixed to read The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, New York, NY.

But why are there two perfins with virtually identical patterns? Electronic comparisons demonstrate that the patterns are very close in design and could possibly be die varieties. However, visually, the loop in the number “6” appears to be narrower and, in fact, measures 3.5mm in diameter for No. 18 and 4.0+mm for No. 18A.



Figure 2: 26 Broadway, New York, NY circa 1930; headquarters of Standard Oil Co.



Figure 3: Early Standard Oil gas station sign.

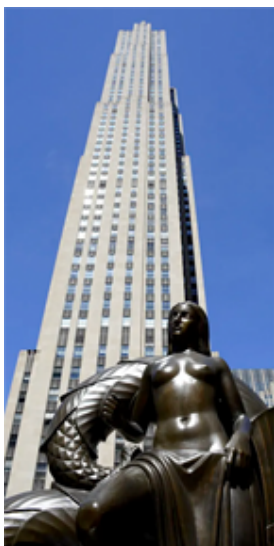


Figure 4: 30 Rockefeller Plaza Office building to which Standard Oil Co. moved in 1933.



Figure 5: 75 Rockefeller Plaza office building to which Standard Oil Co. (then Esso) relocated in 1947.

Perfin No. 18A has been seen in stamps issued between 1912 and 1918, with recorded postmarks from December 22, 1915, through Nov 24, 1917. The 1917 postmark shown on cover in this article is a new LKU found by Dan Fellows. In contrast, perfin No. 18 has been seen with later usage: in stamps issued between 1918 and 1940, with postmarks from December 18, 1923, through January 22, 1942.



Figure 6: Later, and more familiar, Standard Oil gas station sign.



Number 18 over 18A



Number 18A over 18

Figure 8: Comparison of patterns No.18 with No. 18A



Figure 7: Standard Oil gas station sign after being rebranded to Esso.

Without seeing any “cross-over date” usage, one can surmise that SOCNJ replaced their perforator sometime during 1918. Was the first device (No. 18A) retired to contribute to a scrap metal drive during WWI? Or was the perforator lost and then replaced during one of the many litigations involving Standard Oil Company? We don’t know.

Although the patterns are so close in design that normally we might consider deleting one as a die variety, the absence of cross-over date usage and the lack of documented use of the die varieties in a single stamp (or in a pair of attached stamps) cautions us about such a potential deletion. For now, our decision is to leave both perfins in the *Catalog*. As Catalog Chair, I ask you to search your collections and report any cross-over date usage that you find.

More information is *always* helpful (especially if it is in the form of attached pairs, single [commemorative size] stamps or a cover showing one of each pattern). Contact me if you have any further information related to these two: perfins@gmail.com.



Pattern No. 18A (Standard Oil Co.) used from the Company’s office at 26 Broadway, New York, NY

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B116-03 vs B116-03A

Steve Endicott (#)

Oh My Gosh!! I sure am having trouble sorting out B116-03 and B116-03A.

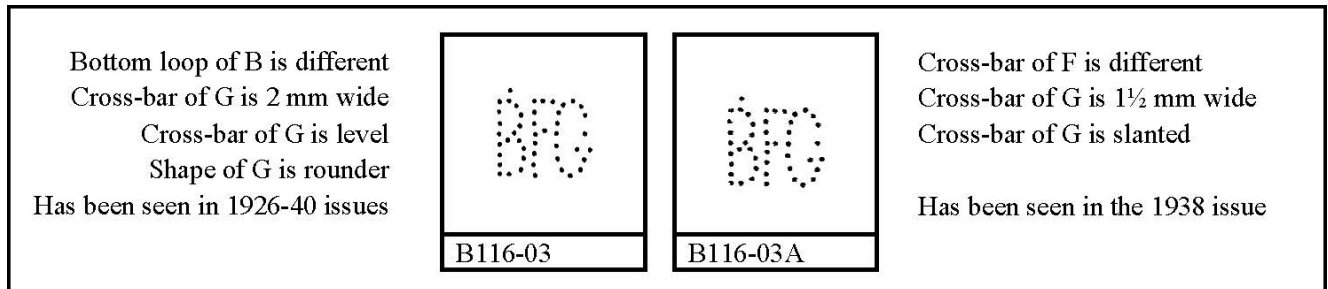


Figure 1: Comparison of patterns B116-03 and B116-03A as presented in the ‘Similar Patterns’ section of the Appendix for the B patterns (page B-46 of the *US Perfins Catalog*).

There are three visual differences as seen in the *Catalog* illustrations:

1. Is the bottom hole in the letter F vertically aligned (-03A) or skewed to the left (-03)?
2. Does the crossbar in the letter F align between the 2nd and 3rd holes in the letter F (-03) or align directly opposite the 3rd hole in the letter F (-03A)?
3. The control hole above the letter G appears to be closer to the letter G in (-03), but it is difficult to measure the difference. Instead, I measured from the control hole above the letter G to the bottom of the letter G. This distance measures 12mm in (-03) and 12.5mm to 13mm in (-03A).



B116-03 [gn] over B116-03A [bk]



B113-03A [bk] over B116-03 [gn]

Figure 2: Complimentary overlays showing comparisons between patterns B0116-03 and B0116-03A.

B116-03 has been reported in stamps issued between 1926 and 1940 and with postmarks from 5/10/1939 to 7/24/1940. The “Y” code has been listed, indicating that die varieties are known to exist.

B116-03A has been reported only in the 1938 Prexy issues – that is suspicious. And, with no postmark data.

Dan Fellows (#) sent in a scan of a cover with two airmail stamps which show both B116-03 and B116-03A patterns.



Figure 3: Cover franked with 2 Sc#C26 8¢ airmail stamps showing side-by-side punches of perfin pattern B0116-03 and B0116-03A in each stamp.

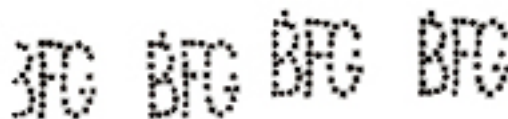


Figure 4: Enlargement of the BFG patterns extracted from the airmail stamps shown on cover in Figure 3.

Now, on to a discussion of the perfins seen in the airmail stamps presented by Dan Fellows. They are 8¢ airmails (Sc#C26) issued in 1944 with two patterns punched into the stamp.

- A. The bottom hole of the letter F is skewed (#1) in both perfins.
- B. The alignment of the crossbar in the letter F is “arguably” in between the holes in the letter F (-03) in the left side perfin but is clearly aligned to hole #3 as in (-03A) in the right side perfin.
- C. The control hole above the letter G is close as in (-03) in the left side perfin, but far as in (-03A) in the right side perfin.

I conclude that the airmail stamps show a mixture of the two perfins, with variations, similar to item #C above.

I welcome feedback on this conclusion. Contact me at: perfins@gmail.com.

Perfin Club Treasurer's Report for Year-end 2024

Dan Baugher, Club Treasurer (#3825)

The total financial assets for the Club are \$102,944, down slightly (2.5%) from December 2023. The Club CDs had increases due to getting better rates, but auctions, catalogs and cover sales had slight decreases for the year. Expenses were about the same.

We have four reserve categories: life memberships, escrow for member's personal credit accounts, self-insurance transit fund, and donations reserved for special projects. After subtracting for these, the Club has a remaining operational balance of \$32,952, which would cover about 2 to 3 year's expenses.

Perfins Club Balance Sheet 2024

Income		2024	Assets	
	Dues	\$4,422	Checking Account	\$19,013
	Club Circuit Approval	\$0	CD's	\$78,395
	Club Auction	\$17,030	Approval Account	\$4,961
	Club Catalog	\$866	Paypal Account	\$576
	Club Cover	\$810	Total Assets	\$102,944
	Interest (BofA and CDs)	\$1,446	Liabilities and Reserves	
	Club Transit Insurance	\$0	Liabilities	\$0
	Donations	\$572	Reserves	
	Ad Income	\$0	Life Memberships	\$28,100
Total Income		\$25,146	Donations - general	\$34,332
Expenses			Floyd Walker Memorial Fund	\$1,515
	Bulletin - printing & mailing	-\$7,404	Escrows for members	\$1,174
	Club Circuit Approval	\$5	Self-Insurance - Transit	\$4,872
	Club Auction	-\$18,906	Operating Fund	\$32,952
	Club Catalog	\$0	Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$102,944
	Club Cover	-\$599		
	Sunshine/Library/Historian	\$0		
	Officers	-\$80		
	Conventions/Promotion and Website	-\$545		
	Paypal Expenses	-\$87		
	Club Insurance Premium and Claims	-\$629		
Total Expense		-\$28,255		

Perfins in \$1, \$2 & \$5 Face Value Postage Stamps Further Updated

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

Within a day of the electronic release of the last issue of the *Bulletin* I had three responses which detailed additional patterns not included in that published list! Thanks to John Hart (#3411), Dave Robinson (#4246), James Sneed (#LM128), Mike Sterrett (#3888), Tom Unterberger (#1194), and John Welsch (#3832) for the information presented in the list below; and to Dan Fellows (#3364) for gently reminding me of the Prexie checklist which he maintains on the Club's website which I failed (in a senior moment) to note in the previous article. The prexie checklist includes *many* Sc#832, 833 and 834s which were missed in last issue's list.

Below is a listing of additional patterns not reported in the last issue of the *Bulletin*.

Sc#571 - \$1 Lincoln Memorial

<input type="checkbox"/> A060	<input type="checkbox"/> C132	<input type="checkbox"/> G152	<input type="checkbox"/> M159	<input type="checkbox"/> S234	<input type="checkbox"/> W072-64.5
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Sc#572 – \$2 Capitol Building

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<input type="checkbox"/> F164	<input type="checkbox"/> F15	<input type="checkbox"/> I019	<input type="checkbox"/> L099	<input type="checkbox"/> W055	<input type="checkbox"/> Des 006

Sc#573 – \$5 “America” statue

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Sc#832 – \$1 Wilson

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<input type="checkbox"/> A076	<input type="checkbox"/> B218	<input type="checkbox"/> C217	<input type="checkbox"/> D140	<input type="checkbox"/> F209
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Both were victims of a cut-and-paste error in the Jan/Feb *Bulletin*

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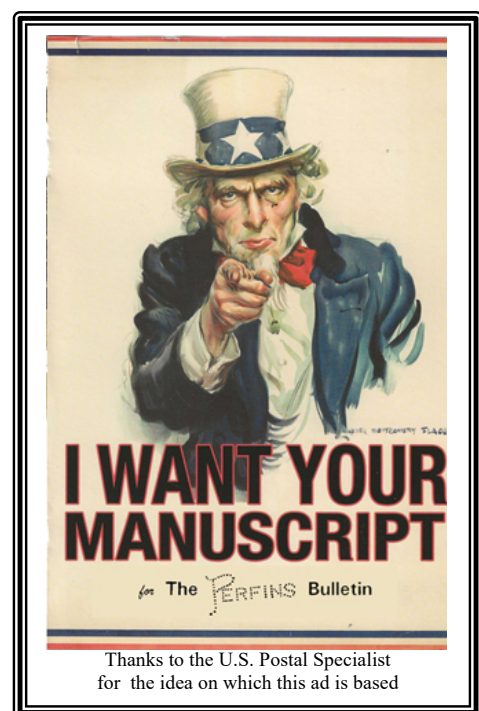
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Clubmember Ads

For Sale: Monografie Česko- slovenský 2022) with English Translation - \$40 + postage. Österreichische Firmenlochungen (Austrian Perfins Catalog 2017) - \$30 + Postage. Catalogs are new. Joe Coulbourne, 1532 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA22508. josephc427@aol.com.

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.



An Observation About Series of 1902 Perfins

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

I just finished putting about 300+ 1902s with perfins into lots for Joe Coulbourne to auction.

The observation: almost none (less than 1%) have faults such as missing pin holes.

My thought: very early/new use of the perforators -- pins weren't breaking down yet.

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An Interesting Use of Perfins in Belgium

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)



From the internet: A quittance de prime is a document that certifies the release of a debt or obligation related to a prime. A quittance is a type of receipt that confirms that a debt or obligation has been discharged.

I am uncertain, but suspect, that despite being postage stamps, the perfinned stamps paid a document tax. The cancels (Brussels 28/9/1911) document the date of the transaction recorded at the bottom.

Upcoming Events of Interest

April 9 – 11, 2025 - California Precancel Spring Roundup: Oxford Suites, 800 4th Street, Paso Robles, California (805-237-0305). Reservations before 22 February are eligible for group rate; more expensive rates after. Contact person is Ja'Quan Sayres.

August 04-09, 2025 - PSS / Perfins Club Convention: Albuquerque Precancel Club at Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel adjacent to the Albuquerque Airport; offers full-service restaurant, cocktail lounge, fitness center, free parking, airport shuttle service, outdoor pool, and walking distance of nearby restaurants. Advanced sign up for dealer tables has been very strong. Contact Matt Stephenson, mattsteph@cox.net, for table information about remaining tables.

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