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GB Queen Victoria £5 orange

William Hall (#2736)

During the Covid lockdown period, which we experienced here in the United Kingdom during 2020, I had a joyful moment. I managed to acquire a very rare British perfins. A copy of the 1882 £5 orange with perfins "C.I.H&S" (C3730.02) used by C J Hambro & Son, merchants and bankers, 70 Old Broad St, London.



The British branch of C J Hambro & Son was formed in 1839 by Carl Joachim Hambro (1807-1877) who was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, the only son of Joseph Hambro and Marianne von Halle. The bank remained in family ownership until 1998 when it was sold to the French bank Société Générale.

The bank used four different perfins between 1868 and 1910. The most common die is (C3730.02) which can be found on most of the Queen Victoria and King Edward VII stamps issued during that period.

Whilst my £5 orange bears a Lombard Street cancel, it is thought unlikely that the stamp was used postally. Any letter or parcel it was applied to would need to have weighed over 50 lbs. to warrant its use. A more likely usage would be to pay for a bulk mailing of perhaps 2400 postcards or trade cards with ½d postage each.

The £5 orange was issued in sheets of 56 stamps with corner letters at the bottom ranged from AA to DN. How intriguing that the corner letters of this example are CH, a coincidence, I'm sure.

I believed that mine was a unique example of the £5 orange with a perfins, until I recently read an article posted by GB Perfin Society catalogue editor Roy Gault on the society's website. His paper records details of some of the pioneer collectors of GB perfins, one of whom was Charles Jennings who had recorded a memoir of his life and career.

He describes how he had amassed a GB perfins collection of almost every stamp issued, even one of the rarest: *"The £5 orange had eluded me for years until a London dealer offered me an excellent specimen with the H.S.B. perfins of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank."*

He states that he sold his GB perfins to a lady from America. I've discussed this with Roy Gault and he believes that lady may have been Barbara Kloss whose own collection I understand was sold via the Perfins Club in June 1988. Was the £5 orange perfins "H.S.B" in that sale and was it acquired by another Club member?

So, my question to my fellow members is, can one of you show me a scan of my £5 orange's cousin? It would be wonderful to see it. My email address is w.hall13@ntlworld.com

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Stamps with Picturesque Cancels - and Perfins

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In this article I will discuss two picturesque cancels on stamps that also have perfins. Of course, many slogan cancellations exist on postage stamps; however, I will arbitrarily limit the discussion to focusing on cancels that have interesting illustrations. The Smokey Bear cancel shown here was the first one to catch my attention and that started my journey down this rabbit hole. This is perfin U056 (U/OF/M), a common F-rated pattern used by the University of Minnesota in a Scott #1031 (dry printing) 1c George Washington stamp issued in 1954.



Figure 1: Vignette and reverse of stamp (showing perfin in the stamp) cancelled with a Smokey Bear modern slogan cancel.

At the outset, let me explain that the bear's name was 'Smokey Bear', not 'Smokey the Bear' as many of us might mistakenly recall. In 1952, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote a song named "Smokey the Bear". They added 'the' to Smokey's name to keep the song's rhythm.

Smokey Bear was a five-pound, three-month old black bear cub, found in a tree in 1950 during the Capitan Gap Forest Fire on the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. Smokey had climbed a tree to escape the fire, but his paws and legs had been burned. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Ranger Ray Bell took the cub to Santa Fe, where he and his family cared for the little guy. They offered the cub to the U.S. Forest Service provided that Smokey would be dedicated to a conservation and wildfire prevention publicity program.

Smokey Bear lived at the National Zoo in Washington D.C. for 26 years. During that time, he received millions of visitors and so many thousands of letters addressed to him that in 1964 the United States Postal Service assigned him his own ZIP Code -- 20252.

Stepping back in time a few years, in 1944 the U.S. Forest Service had started a campaign encouraging forest safety, and focusing attention on the prevention of forest fires. A bear was chosen as the 'spokesperson' based on a sketch by Forest Service artist Harry Rossoll. The bear's name was inspired by "Smokey" Joe Martin, a New York City Fire Department hero who suffered burns and blindness during a 1922 rescue.

Returning to perfins, postage stamps and Smokey Bear cancels, here are two stamps with Smokey Bear. Figure 2 shows a 10¢ commemorative stamp from the Rural America series, Scott #1506 issued in 1974 with a fuller Smokey Bear slogan cancel ('Smokey & "Remember/only you can/PREVENT/FOREST FIRES"; but no perfin), from Paul Mistretta's USDA Forest Service-related memorabilia collection. Figure 3 is a 20¢ commemorative stamp honoring Smokey Bear, Scott #2096 issued in 1984. The copies with perfins are the personal punch RP033.5 (right hand illustration), used by Roberta Coleman in Clearlake, CA.



Fig. 2: Smokey slogan cancel on Scott #2096



Figure 3: Smokey stamp (Sc# 2096) with perfin PR033.5

The second picturesque cancel I want to share is one presenting Paul Revere's Midnight Ride.

Recently I came across this 6c 1938 Presidential issue with an interesting, partial pictorial cancel. Dan Baugher, Mike Sterrett and Paul Mistretta helped me identify it as being Paul Revere on his horse. Later, Paul found an illustration of a cover with the complete slogan cancel, shown below (Fig. 6).

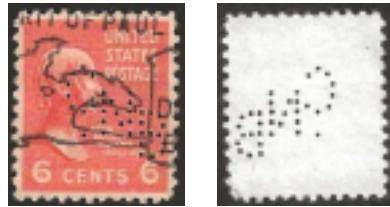


Fig. 4: Paul Revere cancel on vignette of stamp and reverse of stamp showing perfins pattern C219.

On the evening of April 18, 1775, Dr. Joseph Warren summoned Paul Revere to give him the task of riding to Lexington, Massachusetts, with the news that British soldiers stationed in Boston were about to march into the countryside northwest of the town. According to Dr. Warren, these troops planned to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock, two leaders of the Sons of Liberty, who were staying in Lexington. It was thought they would then continue on to the town of Concord, to capture or destroy military stores - gunpowder, ammunition, and several cannon - that had been stockpiled there. In fact, the British troops had no orders to arrest anyone; Dr. Warren's intelligence on this point was faulty, but they were very much on a major mission out of Boston. Paul Revere contacted a friend (probably Robert Newman, the sexton of Christ Church in Boston's North End, now known as the Old North Church) and instructed him to hold two lit lanterns in the church tower as a signal to fellow Sons of Liberty across the Charles River in case he was unable to leave town.

The lanterns were a predetermined signal stating that the British troops planned to row "by sea" across the Charles River to Cambridge, rather than march "by land" out Boston Neck. "One, if by land, and two, if by sea", was the phrase Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote in his poem, *Paul Revere's Ride*.

After being ferried across the river by friends and borrowing a horse, Paul Revere left for Lexington at about 11pm. Narrowly avoiding capture just outside of Charlestown, Revere changed his planned route and rode through Medford, where he alarmed Isaac Hall, the captain of the local militia, and informed him of the British movements. Revere then traveled on to Lexington.

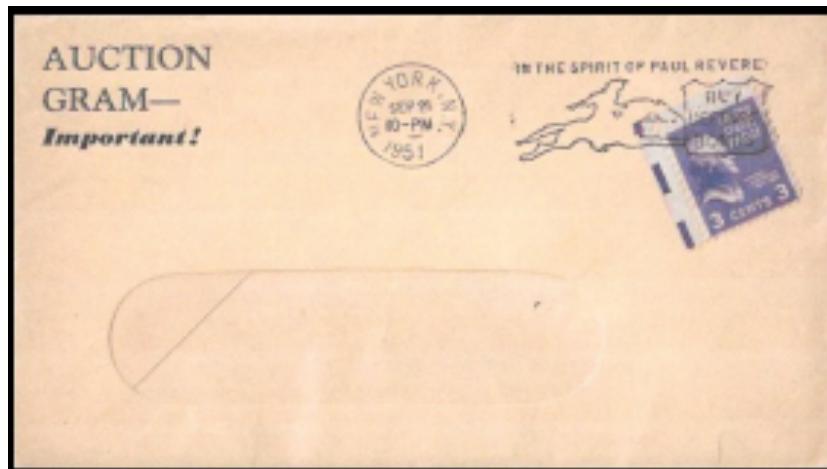


Fig. 6: Cover showing full slogan cancel "IN THE SPIRIT OF PAUL REVERE" / image of Revere on running horse | Shield [BUY / DEFENSE / BONDS]

The stamp shown in Figure 4 (off cover) includes the common perfins C219 [CNB] used by the Chase National Bank in New York City. The slogan cancel "In The Spirit of Paul Revere – Buy U.S. Defense Bonds", is financial in nature, appropriate for a bank.

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A Study of Laser-Cut Holes in Postage Stamps Using Microscopy

George A. Miura (#3906)

In 2018 I was excited to finally locate an engraver who would create for me a seven-hole "L" perfin pattern by means of software.^{1,2} Employing a laser machine as the perforator, he cut the "L" perfin in modern U.S. postage stamps. The perfin appeared to be very good at first glance. I first noticed that there was something wrong with the perfin holes when I magnified them using a digital microscope connected to a computer.² I was able to see that they were eccentric holes with burnt residue around the perimeters. Given the quality of the holes, it was difficult to justify the high cost for the services. Nevertheless, caught in the moment, I plunged into a study of modern U.S. Christmas seals in 2019 because of my interest in Danish Christmas seals with perfins. As before the laser holes in the seals with self-adhesive gum were acceptable, and I was happy to use the perfin seals on my holiday mail.³ As I grew dissatisfied by the results of my experiments, I decided it would be best to stop tinkering for a while. I wanted to look at a few laser-cut decorative designs cut in international postage stamps. Their predecessors predated my perfin by many years.⁴ Specifically, I was intrigued by the small round holes cut in the face of the stamps. I magnified the holes to determine if they were good enough to serve as perfin holes.

When I examined the printed side of the 2018 United Nations souvenir sheet with water activated gum for Macao's 35th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, I was impressed with the finely made holes with crisp outlines, the absence of combustion deposits and the small degree of eccentricity.⁵ The round holes in the 2011 Liechtenstein Chinese New Year souvenir sheet with self-adhesive gum were of similar quality as those on the previous sheet.⁶ With the 2016 Switzerland flower and butterfly souvenir sheet with water activated gum, I found it lacked a sufficient number of round holes for study.⁷ In addition I noticed a thin white band around the perimeter of the holes in the Lichtenstein and Switzerland sheets, a telltale sign I had previously noted with my laser-cut perfin holes.^{1,2} In contrast the white bands were absent around regular perfin holes punched by mechanical perforators.²

After learning that other lasers performed very well, I resumed my laser work in 2021 focusing on stamps with water-activated gum to determine whether our setup was impacted by the adhesive's properties. Stamps of the 2002 Hawaii missionary souvenir sheet (Scott #3694) were cut with the "L" pattern that was configured to meet the dimensions of the sheet. Viewing a video cited below on the laser perforation of postage stamps may be useful to readers to visualize a laser machine at work.⁸

Gum was indeed not the issue of our difficulties. When we drilled the stamps with water-activated gum, eccentricities and black deposits were observed again when magnified (Figure 1). For comparison Figure 2 illustrates the enlarged laser holes from a pane of 2017 seashell postcard rate stamps (Scott #5166a) with self-adhesive gum that were cut in 2018 using the same laser.¹ When the stamps were cut from the printed side of the missionary stamp or the adhesive side, both runs produced nearly equivalent results. The exception was the white borders around the edges of the holes when drilling was from the printed side. When drilling from the gum side, this was not the case. Lastly, when the "L" perfin was cut in plain white paper lacking gum, our results were no different from the results with stamps with self-adhesive or water-activated gum.

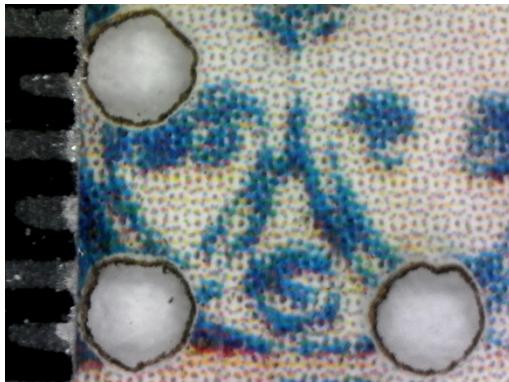


Fig. 1: Laser-cut perfin holes in the 2002 Hawaii Missionary sheet (Sc# 3694) with water-activated gum.

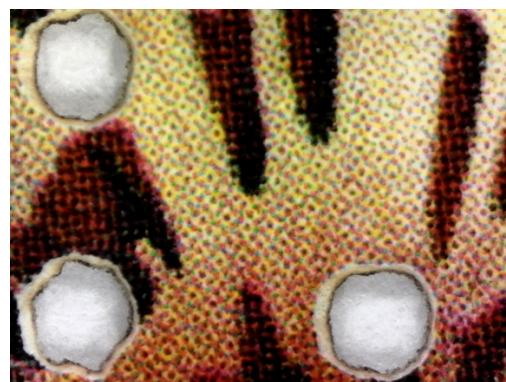


Fig. 2: Laser-cut perfin holes in the 2017 seashell postcard rate stamp (Sc# 5166a) with self-adhesive gum.

In three trials conducted between 2018 and 2021, a suboptimal laser result was obtained in each instance based on microscopy. The results suggested a new approach to overcome the limitations. So it was no surprise to me, then, when I learned that after the last experiment, the laser machine used by my engraver despite its pristine appearance was purchased

in 2005 and had not been upgraded. Unlike this hobbyist, the postal administrations discussed in this article probably had used high-tech laser machinery for stamps released in 2011 - 2018. Liechtensteinische Post reported that the Chinese zodiac series was made using “ultramodern laser technology” in order to produce the high-quality result.⁹

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Ed. note: For your enjoyment below are shown three of the items George refers to in his article. The first is the U.N. sheet described above. The second is Liechtenstein's 2011 Chinese New Year souvenir sheet with self-adhesive gum and laser cutouts. The four stamps in the sheet have the background behind the dragon cut out by laser shows as black in the sheet as can be confirmed from the single stamp placed on a buff background.



U.N 2018 SS for Macao's 35th Asian International Stamp Exhibition

Liechtenstein 2011 SS for the Chinese New Year

Switzerland's 2016 flower and butterfly souvenir sheet

The stamps & the illustration on lower row (not to scale) show the laser cut-outs; the UN & Liechtenstein single stamps are superimposed on a backing of a different color than that backing the SSs in the top row. Comparison of the pairs of images show clearly the shape of the cut-outs. The illustration at the right in the second row shows the laser cutting of the Swiss sheet. Note that the two left items show no discoloration around the laser cut shapes or perforations, while the Swiss item does (white edges around holes) as seen in the enlarged image at the right.



An Open Invitation

Susan Kolze (LM#4175) & Dave Robinson (#4246)

There are 366 paying members in this Perfins Club, but over 3,000 registered followers on our Facebook group. We are asking those of you paying members that follow social media to check in on our Facebook group regularly and see if you could answer questions from other group followers. Maybe add some interesting information about your collection, any unusual perfins you may have, or any thoughts encouraging these 3000+ group members to become full-time members of the Perfins Club. Seems to be an untapped potential for membership. Other than a few electronic perks, receiving a copy of this Bulletin is the most tangible advantage to joining the Club. Membership is a bargain because of this. We need to subtlety inform these 3000 people of the articles, information, auctions, A & C's, contained in the Bulletin. Thanks for your attention. web address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156514221215332/>

Help with a Research Project Solicited

Edited from a note from Jim Graham (Editor of the *The BNA Perforator*)

I recently received a note from Jim requesting help with a research project in which he has become involved. In his own words:

"I am working on a monograph dealing with the Canadian Government's use of OHMS perforated postage 1939-1949. The Post Office Department used two different Cummins Model 53 perforators (10-die machines) during this period, one from '39 to '46 and the other from '46 to '49.

Do you know of a member of the Perfins Club who is knowledgeable of Cummins machines and/or its business practices? The sorts of questions I have are:

1. How many C53 machines were in use after the War?
2. Did any companies with a C53 stop using perfins during or just after WW2 and thus have a machine to sell back to Cummins?
3. Were any machines "leased" like printers are today or were all sold outright?
4. Were there electric machines in use in the USA after the War? "

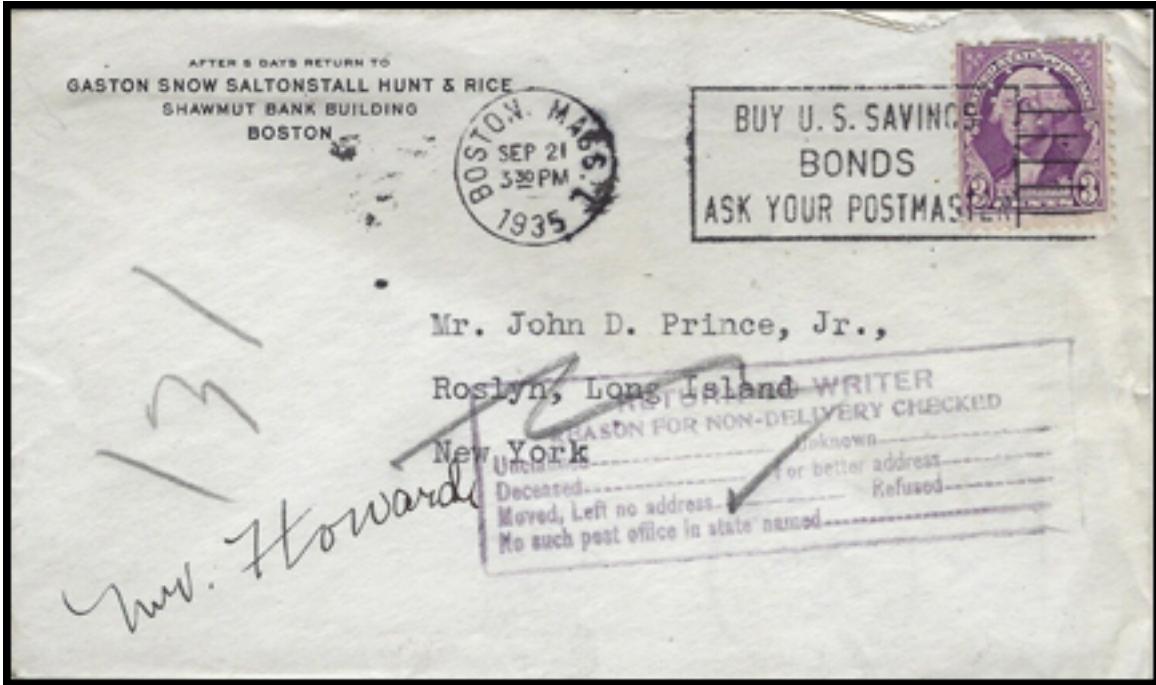
While I was useless as a source of answers to these questions, I suspect that there are members who may have pieces, or all of, this information. If you can provide any of the information, please contact Jim at: jdgraham2@gmail.com.

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25	\$10.00	52	\$1.50	79	\$5.00	106	\$10.00	133	\$5.00	160	\$6.00	187	\$75.00		
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27	\$3.00	54	\$10.00	81	\$10.00	108	\$3.00	135	\$5.00	162	\$1.00	189	\$55.00		\$3,573.00

Ramblings of a Newbie (#2)

Things most of you already know but is new information for the rest of us
Dave Robinson #4246



Did one of you members win this perfins cover on eBay around Halloween time?

If so, first-of-all, I want to apologize for costing you the extra \$5 at the end of the bidding. If I had known it was a fellow member I'd have stayed out of it.

From time to time, I scan through eBay at the perfins and precancel covers to see if anything interesting shows up. I also like to amuse myself looking at the "very rare" 4c Lincoln Liberty Issue perfins worth \$7,999, and Sc#804 Prexy worth \$1M. Kinda makes my day sometimes.

When I saw this cover, the long, crazy name "Gaston Snow Saltonstall Hunt & Rice" just piqued my interest for some reason. I just knew it had to be a law firm or accounting group. It was in the last few minutes of bidding and had stalled at \$2.50 for a couple of days. Someone and I started a bidding war in the last few seconds, and I lost at \$7.50.

Based on the corner card, I went to the "G" patterns and to the User Index without finding any information, even trying various versions of the names. And the perfins isn't easily identifiable from the picture.

It just looked like a fun project to get the cover and attempt to identify the perfins on it.

I am still trying to identify the perfins from the picture, but no luck yet. It doesn't have any resemblance to the names of the user company.

My next step is always to bug Steve Endicott with my question, and it's always a learning experience when he replies. He indicated that "...it was a common practice for a law firm (and I suppose others), to use the perfined postage from one of their clients."

If you won this cover and have had time to try to identify the perfins I would appreciate hearing from you as to what you found.

Thanks. drobinson@tc3net.com

Patiently Pursuing the Posed Problem

Some information in response to Ramblings of a Newbie (#2)

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

I got interested in Dave Robinson's question and decided to attempt to locate the pattern in the *US Catalog*. Using the overlay procedure used before in this *Bulletin* I first extracted the pattern in the stamp from the cover shown in Dave's note. As seen below, it shows a pattern with only the remains of a pattern punched by a severely degraded perforator die.



My first thought was that, based on the gap in the circle at the right and the apparent crossbar, if inverted it might be one of the family of G072 patterns (G(E) – used by General Electric). However, only two of the 70+ patterns in this group have a three-hole crossbar in the “G”, and it was neither of these. So, maybe one of the many I043.7 (International Harvester) patterns; again, not. So then what about A030, A292, C235, C236, C248, C248A, C252, G1233, M105, M274, R173, Num. 17 through 18A, and several less likely candidates? All of these patterns have a circular outline, most being characters contained in a circle. A couple of exceptions are patterns composed only of letters forming a circular pattern. However, again, no matches were found.

At this point I returned to the overlay I had made of the fragment on another C pattern. The pattern in the stamp on cover is in fact similar enough to be a die variety of pattern C232, the C(NL) pattern used by the Columbian National Life Insurance Company.



A comparison of the unknown pattern (green) overlaid on the image of pattern C232 (black) is shown at the left. Note that the pattern above (as punched in the stamp) was inverted vertically (top-to-bottom) before being used in the overlay. Although very similar, the two patterns show differences primarily in the upper stroke of the “C” and the top hole in the “L”. Also, the agreement of these two patterns would require eight additional pins in the die which perforated the pattern in the stamp. Pin breakage explains the missing pins. So, I assume that the pattern was, as suggested by Steve, in a stamp sent to the firm as return postage for a response, which wasn't used for a return response to the Columbian National Life Insurance Company; but which was subsequently used on the cover to Mr. Prince.

As to the corner card of “Gaston Snow Saltonstall Hunt & Rice...”, I also, got interested in the history of the user.

The five names belong to partners in a *law firm* of the same name, with offices in the Shawmut Bank Building (below), located at the corner of Water & Congress Streets in Boston. The biographies of these five men follow.



William A. Gaston

William A. Gaston (1859 – 1927) – Son of William A. Gaston, Sr., governor of Massachusetts from 1875-1876, William Jr. graduated Harvard Law School and was admitted to the Bar in 1883. He then joined his father's law firm, Gaston and Whitney, The firm's name was changed to William Gaston and William Gaston in 1890. In 1896 he purchased the Boston Elevated Railway Company and, as president, organized the cities various street railways into a single entity; He raised the wages of employees and introduced worker compensation. He stepped down from this

position in 1899 due to his other business interests. He remained as chairman of the board until 1901. He became the largest single trustee of estates in Boston among those who did not pursue trusteeship as a career. He was a founding director of the National Shawmut Bank and was elected president of the Bank in 1907, which by then had become the largest bank in New England. Having survived the ‘Panic of 1907’, he remained its president until 1917; then served as chairman of the board until 1923.



Nathaniel L Stebbins Photo Collection

Gaston was very active in politics beginning as a staff member to Massachusetts' Governor William Russell. From 1891 – 1893 he was Assistant Adjutant General of Massachusetts. In the election of 1903, he lost his first bid to become governor of Massachusetts.

He then served as an at large delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention and again considered running for governor. He did not make the second run for governorship and in late 1905 announced his retirement from politics.

He returned in 1910 as the candidate for the U.S. Senate but dropped out of this race. In 1912 he was nominated for the position of Secretary of the Navy but, again, was not selected. He was also mentioned as a possible member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. In 1918 he again announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor but lost in the primaries. In 1920 nomination papers as Governor were filed in his name, but he chose not to run. In 1922 he ran for the U.S. Senate seat then held by Henry Cabot Lodge, but this bid also failed (by fewer than 8,000/~411,000 votes). At the 1924 Democratic National Convention he was nominated as Vice President, but once again lost. His final [failed] bid for political office was made in 1926 when he was convinced to run for Lieutenant governor of the state of Massachusetts. His death in 1929 ended any further political aspirations. (Anon. 2023)

Frederick Elmer Snow (1864 - 1935) – He was admitted as partner to the firm in 1892, at which time the firm was again renamed as Gaston and Snow. No further information found except for the fact that he was named as one of the partners in the 1937 consolidated firm. (Anon. 2008).

Richard M. Saltonstall (1859 – 1922; pic at right) – Graduated Harvard U. in 1880; attended Harvard Law School for two years and left to study under Hon. Caleb Loring of Boston. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1884. He joined the law firm in 1899. He was in the 10th generation of Harvard Grads in the family. (Anon. 1962a & 1962b).



Richard M. Saltonstall

Thomas Hunt (1866 – post-1937) – Graduated from Harvard U. with LL.B. in 1890. Admitted to practice law in 1890. No further information was found related to Mr. Hunt. (Schwarz 1937).

John Clark Rice, (1876 – Post 1937) – Graduated from Harvard U. with LL.B. in 1901. Admitted to the bar in 1901. In the 1937 *Who's Who in Law* he was listed in as a “Assoc. with Gaston, Snow & Saltonstall, and its successor firms since. Now a sr. mem. in Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall, Hunt & Rice.” with “Office: 82 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.”. No other information was found about Mr. Rice. (Schwarz 1937).

As a postscript to the personal histories of the five partners listed in the corner card, in the October 21, 1937, issue of the *Boston Globe*, there is an announcement of the consolidation of two major law firms in Boston. The firms, Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall, Hunt & Rice, and, that of Lowering, Coolidge, Noble & Boyd, merged to form a new firm known as Gaston, Snow, Hunt, Rice & Boyd. The new firm had twenty partners, nine junior associates and an unreported number of support staff.

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PLE Used by the New York Central RR

John Williams (#4037)



Shown above is a double-rate cover strip to the General Electric Company from the NY Central Railroad office in Youngstown, Ohio; it is postmarked November 3, 1961. The Liberty series 4 cent Lincoln stamps (Sc#1036) are perfined PLE () for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie RR. The PLE connected Pittsburgh with Youngstown and carried raw materials, heavy tonnage freight.

In 1880, Wm. Henry Vanderbilt brought the PLE into the New York Central system, which explains the apparent disconnect between the perfins and the return address. Wikipedia has an adequate article on the PLE.

An Interesting Railroad-Related Cover Strip

Edited from a note from Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

In a recent note from Steve, he noted: "John Hart has found a strip of a cover that has two stamps attached and franked. One stamp has perfins P046.5 (PCL); the other stamp has P051 – both were used by The Pullman Company." Pattern P046.5 is reported as having been used in the St. Paul, MN office of the company while P051 (P/Co) is reported from the Chicago, IL office, with a supplemental use noted in Boston, MA. Lacking the postmark, it is impossible for me to guess which office used the other's perfins.

And Speaking of Railroad-Related Perfins

Paul Mistretta (LM#111), based on a note from Stephen Tauber (#2949)



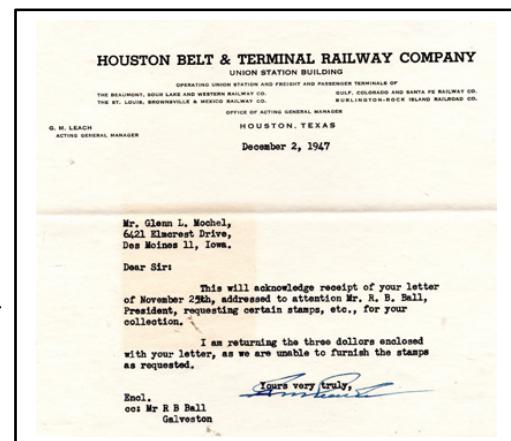
Stephen Tauber sent me a note reporting the discovery of a cover (cover strip Photoshop cropped above) documenting a supplemental user for pattern M190 (MoP) used by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company (Texas Lines) with General Offices in Saint Louis, MO. The cover was found in the holdings of the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History. It has a "Houston Belt & Terminal Ry., Co. / Houston, Texas" corner card. The cover can be taken as confirmation of a supplemental usage by that Railway of the "MoPac" pattern.

Beyond the new usage information, of interest is the contents of the letter. Envelope and letter are addressed to Mr. Glenn L. Mochel in Des Moines, Iowa. The contents, (reduced and) reproduced at-the-right, piqued both Stephen's and my curiosity.

The letter was written to return \$3 sent to the Company's President, apparently requesting samples of their perfinned stamps.

Here's some background related to this item.

- Mr. Mochel was a stamp collector, as is seen from the phrase "...for your collection." in the enclosure
- Further, he was a member of the Perfins Club (#102) from July 1946 to sometime in the 'Dark Ages' of the Club, the date range of



July 1947, to May 1952, the era during which no *Bulletins* were issued and for which no records remain of membership transactions

- *The Houston Belt & Terminal Ry. Co. is currently listed as a supplemental user of pattern H036 (H/B&T) with Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, La. listed as its primary user*
- The letter falls very early in the ‘Dark Ages’ and it can be presumed that Mr. Mochel was still a member six months after he joined the Club, however,
- The Houston Belt & Terminal Ry., Co. was listed as the primary user of the pattern in Lougee’s 1966 and in the Baloughs’ 1979 *Catalog*. The primary user was changed, without explanation, in Randall’s 1998 *Catalog*
- Unfortunately, the pattern H/B&T fits both Hibernia Bank & Trust and Houston Belt & Terminal Co.
- Currently there is no image for H036 on cover on the Club’s website

All of this leaves us with a problem of identification of the primary user of the pattern. Was the inability of the Terminal Company to provide the requested stamps due to the fact that they, didn’t have any since they weren’t the primary user of the perfin? Was Mr. Mochel’s request based on a misidentification of the primary user?

Given the limited information to hand, it would appear that John was correct to override the 40+ year old identification and reassign the primary user of pattern H036 to the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.

P.S.: A funny note, having nothing to do directly with this discussion, is a comment that I found on a chat board related to the Railway, in which the writer “Golden-Arm” recalls “...the **Hobo’s, Bums & Thieves** railroad, as we on the SP, in Houston called it...”

Spotted on HipStamp

Edited based on a note from Stephen Tauber (#2949)

Advertised on the HipStamp website by KurtS as “Canal Zone 73 MNH Perfin UN 1924 Washington Blk of 4 KS Philatelics (73CZUN0320).”, the block of four stamps is shown below. The base stamp is from the 4th Bureau issue and is purported to be overprinted for use in the Canal Zone (CZ Sc# 73). And all for a mere \$750.



The pattern appears to be U.S. U043 used by the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE. *Neither it, nor any similar pattern, is listed by Schwerdt as having been used in stamps of the Canal Zone.*

While Schwerdt’s work is now about 30 years old, this block raises a very serious question: is this a genuine perfin from the Canal Zone? Or, is it a forgery?

The quality of the images on HipStamp are too poor to answer the question. While all three elements of the perfin (U.S. stamp, perfin and overprint) *appear* genuine, the 72 dpi images are insufficient to determine much more. Without further information (\$750 is a heavy price tag to answer the question!) it is easy to speculate that the overprint is a recent addition to a legitimate mint block of U. S. stamps with the University of Nebraska perfin; an E rated pattern in a very cheap US stamp (Sc#605).

So, for this potential purchase, the simple recommendation is “Caveat Emptor” or “Let the Buyer Beware”. This is an extremely high price for a block of four inexpensive stamps with a highly questionable provenance.

Anyone with any information on this item (the perfin or its provenance) please reply to either Stephen (ejt-sjt@rcn.com) or me (paulmistretta70@gmail.com).

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Email: josephc427@aol.com

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

Abbreviations used:

ADD = all different dies (patterns)
ADP = All different patterns
blp = blind perf(s)
c(*) = clipped @ (*)
cl* = clipped @ (*)
coll = collection
cr(s) = crease(s)
CV = catalog value
CVR = cover
DDF = different die or face
diff = different
dp = different patterns
DUP = duplication
ENC = enclosure
env = envelope
fd = face different
fsc = face scrape
?h ? (count) of missing holes
ID: = identity of user

m* = missing part of stamp (@ *)
MB = minimum bid
MDD = mostly different designs
MDP = many different patterns
MIX = mixture of perfinned stamps
MDP = many different patterns
mn = many
MNH = Mint never hinged
NSE(*) = natural straight edge @ (*)
ODU = only date of use reported
pat(s) = pattern(s)
Pat # = perfin pattern (catalog) #
pf(*) = unspecified perforation
 faults
PM: = postmarked:
pfns = perfins(s)
PRE = preper
prt = partial

pt (*)= pattern touches perfs @ (*)
Sc# = Scott's Catalog number
sl(s) = split(s)
sm = small
st(s) = stamp(s)
th(s)* =thin(s)
to = toning
tr =tear
Ty = Precancel Type #
UNC = Unchecked
val(s) = value(s)
VHS = very heavy to ship
VNC = Very nice collections
WW -- worldwide
Several abbreviations are sometimes
modified by a position indicator
("*) as follows: T=top, R=right,
B=bottom, L=left

United States Perfins

Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
1	A87-2	E	Sc#300	\$1.00
2	A143	C+	Sc#417 pf	\$2.50
3	A149	D	Sc#302 pf	\$1.00
4	A176A	B	Sc#512 mL	\$5.00
5	A184.5	D+	Sc#634	\$1.00
6	A198	B	Sc#406 2h	\$5.00
7	A253	B	Sc#501 th	\$5.00
8	A265A	B	Sc#332	\$10.00
9	A292	C	Sc#696 sp	\$1.50
10	B27A	C+	Sc#335	\$5.00
11	B105	B	Sc#332 NSER	\$10.00

United States Perfins

Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
12	B116-10	B	Sc#815	\$10.00
13	B215	FZ	Mix of B215 PREs 15 diff Ty 44-1, Ty 61-3 & Ty 207-11 All Providence RI	\$5.00
14	B260A	C	Sc#638	\$3.00
15	C7	B	Sc#499	\$10.00
16	C98	C+	Sc#405	\$5.00
17	C118	C	Sc#319	\$3.00

United States Perfins				
Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
18	C124	FZ	Sc#684 PRE Ty 61 Chicago IL	\$1.00
19	C135	C+	Sc#303 prt	\$2.50
20	C176	C	Sc#793	\$3.00
21	C230	C+	Sc#319	\$5.00
22	C248A	B	Sc#375	\$10.00
23	C250A	C+	Sc#406 1h	\$2.50
24	C251	EZ	Sc#634 PRE Ty 61 Hartford CT	\$2.00
25	C260	B	Sc#375 NSEL	\$10.00
26	C290	E	Sc#319	\$1.00
27	C315	B	Sc#E15a pf	\$5.00
28	C321	DY	Sc#633 Toledo OH PRE Ty 61	\$3.00
29	C337	B	Sc#560 NSEB	\$10.00
30	C372	C+	Sc#693	\$5.00
31	C409	DX	Sc#637 Chicago IL PRE Ty 61	\$3.00
32	C414	C+	Sc#633	\$5.00
33	D76	C	Sc#319	\$3.00
34	D95.5	B	Sc#425	\$10.00
35	F109	B	Sc#375	\$10.00
36	F25.5	C+	Sc#319 pf	\$2.50
37	F109	C+	Sc#319 NSET	\$5.00
38	F165	F	Mix of 12 diff sts UNC by me	\$1.00
39	F224	C	Sc#319	\$3.00
40	G117A	A	Sc#319 NSET	\$50.00
41	H59	C	Sc#610	\$3.00
42	H92	C	Sc#398	\$3.00
43	H116	C+	Sc#319 NSET	\$5.00
44	H149	C	Sc#319 NSER	\$3.00
45	H171I	B	Sc#405	\$10.00
46	H185	C	Sc#884 2h	\$1.50
47	H226	B+	Sc#319	\$20.00
48	H230A	A	Sc#300 NSET	\$50.00
49	I8	B+	Sc#504	\$20.00
50	I24	B	Sc#319 pf	\$5.00
51	J46	C	Sc#585	\$3.00
52	J48	C+	Sc#319 pf	\$2.50
53	K3	C	Sc#708	\$3.00
54	K51	B	Sc#332	\$10.00
55	L11	C	Sc#375	\$3.00
56	L82	C	Sc#398 NSET	\$3.00
57	L127	C+	Sc#711	\$5.00
58	L156A	C	Sc#498	\$3.00
59	L190	C	Sc#C23	\$3.00
60	M39	C+	Sc#499 to	\$1.50
61	M132	C	Sc#433 NSEB, pf	\$1.50
62	M137	B	Sc#499 sm tr, pf	\$5.00
63	M137.1	B	Sc#499	\$10.00

United States Perfins				
Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
64	M181	C+	Sc#623	\$5.00
65	M183	C+	Sc#418 sl	\$2.50
66	M183.5	B	Sc#503 cl	\$5.00
67	M187A	B	Sc#637	\$10.00
68	M188	B	Sc#405	\$10.00
69	M217	B	Sc#331	\$10.00
70	M236	B	Sc#720	\$10.00
71	M247	B	Sc#583	\$10.00
72	M280	B	Sc#332	\$10.00
73	M292	B	Sc#332	\$10.00
74	M301A	B	Sc#377 NSER	\$10.00
75	N14	B	Sc#559 NSET	\$10.00
76	N36.5I	B	Sc#332 cl letter I	\$5.00
77	N36.5I	B	Sc#374 NSER, letter C	\$10.00
78	N56	B	Sc#685	\$10.00
79	N73	B	Sc#501 pf	\$5.00
80	N82	B	Sc#507	\$10.00
81	N89I	B	Sc#570 sp	\$5.00
82	N94	B	Sc#634 sl, cl	\$5.00
83	N95	B	Sc#499	\$10.00
84	N104-7	B	Sc#567	\$10.00
85	N113A-02A	C+	Sc#806	\$5.00
86	N113A-08A	C+	Sc#807	\$5.00
87	N113Aa-13	C	Sc#499 NSER	\$3.00
88	N113AB-12	C+	Sc#814 pf	\$2.50
89	N113ABb- 07	C+	Sc#634	\$5.00
90	N113C-13A	C+	Sc#503	\$5.00
91	N113Cc- 01A	C+	Sc#820	\$5.00
92	N113Cc-09	C+	Sc#806	\$5.00
93	N113Dd-02	C+	Sc#375	\$5.00
94	N114	C+	Sc#567	\$5.00
95	N127	C+	Sc#515 NSET, th	\$2.50
96	N159	B	Sc#634 prt	\$5.00
97	N164	C+	Sc#379	\$5.00
98	N175	C	Sc#C9	\$3.00
99	N204	C	Sc#367	\$3.00
100	N205-1.5	B+	Sc#720 pf, cr	\$10.00
101	O36	C+	Sc#406 th	\$2.50
102	O89	C	Sc#636	\$3.00
103	O94	C+	Sc#773 3 blps	\$2.50
104	O103	C+	Sc#634	\$5.00
105	P8	C+	Sc#638	\$5.00
106	P13	C+	Sc#332 th, pf	\$2.50
107	P35	B	Sc#499	\$10.00
108	P69	C+	Sc#398 th, pf	\$2.50
109	P76	B	Sc#634 prt, pf	\$5.00
110	P90.5	B+	Sc#406 th	\$10.00
111	P96.1	C+	Sc#376 pf	\$2.50

United States Perfins				
Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
112	P100	B	Sc#552 pf fs	\$5.00
113	P107	C+	Sc#499 faded	\$2.50
114	P109	C+	Sc#332 cl 2 sides	\$2.50
115	P110.5	C+	Sc#406 NSET	\$5.00
116	P114	C+	Sc#637	\$5.00
117	P120	C+	Sc#1036	\$5.00
118	P128	B	Sc#375	\$10.00
119	P147	C+W	Sc#566 NYC PRE Ty L-5E Var 4	\$5.00
120	P157	B	Sc#405	\$10.00
121	P170.5	B	Sc#554 NSEL, 2h, prt	\$5.00
122	P188	D+	Sc#398	\$2.00
123	P189	C+	Sc#634 th, pf	\$2.50
124	P194	C+	Sc#642 NYC PRE Ty 63	\$5.00
125	P209	C+	Sc#807 MNH	\$5.00
126	P259	B	Sc#610	\$10.00
127	P261	B	Sc#638 2h	\$5.00
128	R10	C+	Sc#698	\$5.00
129	R63	B	Sc#638 1h in perf	\$5.00
130	R64	C+	Sc#634	\$5.00
131	R82	B+	Sc#556	\$20.00
132	R91	C+	Sc#510	\$5.00
133	R102	C+	Sc#549	\$5.00
134	R111	C+	Sc#638	\$5.00
135	R167A	A	Sc#375 NSEB, cf	\$25.00
136	R171	B	Sc#554 pf, cr	\$5.00
137	S2-51	B	Sc#556	\$10.00
138	S2-52	B	Sc#558	\$10.00
139	S2-59A	C+	Sc#693	\$5.00

United States Perfins				
Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
140	S17	C	Sc#398 NSEL	\$3.00
141	S90	B	Sc#634 pf	\$5.00
142	S139	C+	Sc#556	\$5.00
143	S195-4	B+	Sc#554 Prt, hs	\$10.00
144	S195-23A	C+X	Sc#707 Sioux City IA PRE Ty 204	\$5.00
145	S195-42	B	Sc#638 cr, 1h in perf	\$5.00
146	S206	B	Sc#375	\$10.00
147	S208	B	Sc#554 fsc	\$5.00
148	S218	B	Sc#557 pf	\$5.00
149	S263	B	Sc#552 NSET, fs	\$5.00
150	S272-17	A	Sc#332 NSER	\$50.00
151	S340	B	Sc#685 prt	\$5.00
152	T27	C	Sc#610 clB	\$1.50
153	T50	B	Sc#375 NSET, th	\$5.00
154	T80	C	Sc#405 NSET	\$3.00
155	T83	C	Sc#367	\$3.00
156	U62	C	Sc#993	\$3.00
157	U74	C	Sc#806	\$3.00
158	U82-1	E	Sc#550 NSET, cr	\$2.00
159	W7-10	C+	Sc#506 NSER	\$5.00
160	W7-12	D+	Sc#398	\$2.00
161	W59.5	C	Sc#784	\$3.00
162	W137	C+X	Sc#642 NYC PRE Ty 63	\$5.00
163	W154	C+	Sc#901 2h	\$2.50
164	W188	B	Sc#332 pf	\$5.00
165	Sch.000689	C+	Sc#344	\$25.00
166	Sch.005689	C	Sc#344	\$25.00

United States Mixtures				
167	G72 Series	179	Mix of G72 series pfns. 42 diff pats 179 fd pfns. 142 E rated; 24 D's; 4 D+'s; 8 C's; 1 C+.	\$18.00
168	I43 Series	104	Mix of I43 series pfns. 71 dp, 104 fd pfns. 11 E rated; 50 D's; 25 D+'s; 18 C's.	\$40.00
169	S195 Series	38	Mix of S195 series pfns. 30 dp, 38 ffd pfns. 4 E rated; 16 D's; 5 D+'s; 11 C's; 1 C+.	\$20.00
170	W72 Series	78	Mix of W72 series pfns. 38 dp, 78 fd pfns. 8 F rated; 19 E's; 22 D's; 15 D+'s; 16 C's.	\$30.00
171	W199 Series	100	Mix of W199 series pfns. 21 dp, 100 fd pfns. 12 F rated; 55 E's; 29 D's; 3 D+'s; 1 C.	\$10.00
172	Letter A Pats	51	Mix of Letter A pats. 31 dp, 51 fd pfns. 11 F rated; 31 E's; 3 D's; 6 D+'s.	\$4.00
173	Mainly C Pats	27	Mix of mainly C pats. 5 F rated; 15 E's; 4 D's; 1 D+. 2 Canadian perfins tossed in. Clean mix.	\$3.00
174	1938 Presidentials	8724	Massive coll of pfnd 1938 Presidentials including PRE. pfn ratings from F to B+. Face val of the pfns is a whopping \$3688! 1664 dp, 8724 DDF or DD. All stamps are position 1. On 8.5 x 11 manilla stockcards. Very impressive collection.	\$1,800.00
175	Prepers	100	Mix of 100 PRE. UNC by me.	\$15.00
176	Prepers	100	Mix of 100 PRE. UNC by me.	\$15.00
177	Prepers	50	Mix of 50 D+ PRE. UNC by me.	\$7.50
178	D+	50	Mix of 50 D+ pfns. UNC by me.	\$7.50
179	D+	50	Mix of 50 D+ pfns. UNC by me.	\$7.50
180	D+	25	Mix of 25 D+ pfns. UNC by me.	\$4.00

United States Mixtures				
181	D	100	Mix of 100 D rated pfn. UNC by me.	\$10.00
182	D	100	Mix of 100 D rated pfn. UNC by me.	\$10.00
183	D	100	Mix of 100 D rated pfn. UNC by me.	\$10.00
184	D	100	Mix of 100 D rated pfn. UNC by me.	\$10.00
185	"Better Stuff"	55	3 small stockcards of "better stuff" (vendor's note). UNC - I think the stamps are the better stuff but saw splits and partials in the mix. Saw dollar values - that sort of thing.	\$10.00
186	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
187	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
188	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
189	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
190	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
191	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
192	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
193	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
194	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00
195	USA Mix	500(50)	MDP, DUP	\$15.00

Foreign Perfins and Mixtures				
Canadian PREs. Prices from <i>The Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue 8th Edition 2020</i> . MBs are a fraction of CV				
196	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-1-105d (Die II). Position 1. CW/C.	\$25.00
197	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-1-107. Position 7. CW/C.	\$20.00
198	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-1-109. Position 1. CW/C. NSEB. N in perf	\$25.00
199	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-4-112. Position 1. CW/C.	\$35.00
200	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-1-118. Position 7. CW/C. NSEL. N in perf	\$15.00
201	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-1-119. Position 1. CW/C. H touches perf	\$20.00
202	Canada	C46	Hamilton Ontario. P-4-120. Position 1. CW/C. Double perfined, th	\$30.00
203	Canada	I15	London Ontario. P-1-104. Missing many pins. IHC.	\$15.00
204	Canada	I15	London Ontario. P-1-106I. Missing many pins. IHC. NSET.	\$20.00
205	Canada	E2	Montreal P.Q. P-8-195. Position 1. E.	\$20.00
206	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-105. Position 1. ND. 1h.	\$12.00
207	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-107. Position 1. ND. 4h.	\$15.00
208	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-110. Position 1. ND. 3h. Note that there is still one extra pin in the N from before its conversion from M9.	\$25.00
209	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-112. Position 1. ND. 1h. NSET.	\$12.00
210	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-118. Position 1. ND. 3h.	\$12.00
211	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-119. Position 1. ND. 1h.	\$12.00
212	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-150. Position 1. ND. 9h.	\$12.00
213	Canada	N3	Ottawa Ontario. P-3-163. Position 1. ND. 5h. Perf flt.	\$20.00
214	Canada	P7	Walkerville Ontario. P-1-104I. Position 1. PD/Co.	\$20.00
215	Canada	P7	Walkerville Ontario. P-2-MR4. Position 1. PD/Co.	\$30.00
216	World	59	Mix of 59 pfns from 13 countries. UNC by me.	\$6.00

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 multiple different dies in DDF. Most colls are on black stock sheets - *VHS*. Each pat is labeled and stamps arranged next to it. VNCs!

217	Great Britain QV Letters A-B	992	Great Britain Queen Victoria pfn coll. Amazing var of both sts and pfn pats. 324 ADPs with 1235 total pfns. Some DUP but not great. Mn penny reds, 2 penny blues and high vals. Letters C-D in this lot. Well worth the MB..	\$250.00
218	Great Britain QV Letters C-D	1235	Great Britain Queen Victoria pfn coll. Amazing var of both sts and pfn pats. 353 dp with 992 total pfns. Some DUP but not great. Mn penny reds, 2 penny blues and high vals present. Letters A-B in this lot. Well worth the MB.	\$310.00
219	Great Britain QV Letters E-G	1041	Great Britain Queen Victoria pfn coll. Amazing var of both sts and pfn pats. 391 dp with 1041 total pfns. Some DUP but not great. Mn penny reds, 2 penny blues and high vals present. Letters E-G in this lot. Well worth the MB.	\$260.00
220	Great Britain QV Letters H-I	830	Great Britain Queen Victoria pfn coll. Amazing var of both sts and pfn pats. 244 dp with 830 total pfns. Some DUP but not great. Many penny reds, 2 penny blues and high vals present. Letters H-I in this lot. Well worth the MB.	\$210.00

One man's lifetime accumulation.... (cont.)				
221	Australia & Australian Antarctic Terr.	580	Coll of 559 Australian pfns and 21 Australian Antarctic Territory perfins. Did not see any officials but there are probably 100 or so PCNZA philatelic perfins and another 6 CVRs with this perfins. MDP.	\$60.00
222	Belgium	375	Coll with previous owner's note that it contains 375 dp and that number looks right. Good collection from this country.	\$50.00
223	Bulgaria	398	Coll of 398 Bulgarian pfns. DUP. Sizable selection from this country not often seen	\$70.00
224	Bosnia and Herzegovina	201	Collection of 201 Bosnia and Herzegovinan pfns. DUP. Sizable selection from this country not often seen.	\$40.00
225	Great Britain	439	Mix on pages. 282 MDP. All reigns - saw a couple dozen penny reds but all looked to be seconds. Interesting	\$50.00
226	Latin America	1273	Huge collection from Latin American countries. 1273 pfns and a MDP. DUP. Some punch cancels. As an example: Costa Rica-116; Cuba-262 + 2 covers; Guatemala-118; Peru - 167; Uruguay -163; Puerto Rico-21 revenues. I did notice one of the Uruguayan Advertising labels in great shape - alone worth at least \$25. Well worth the MB.	\$300.00
227	World	170	92 Austria, 16 Angola, 20 Argentina and a few from several other countries (42 pfns).	\$15.00

USA Perfin Covers

228	R3	B+	COD CVR. PM: Brasfield, ARK. 25NOV1927. ID: American Railway Express Company, Claim Accountant, 817 So. Wells St., Chicago, ILL. This cvr provides the ODU in the catalog. Sc#634. Unusual.	\$25.00
229	R167A	A	Window Envelope. PM: Chicago, ILL. 17SEP1909. ID: Remien & Kuhmert Company, Mfrs. & Jobbers, Wall Paper, Paints, Varnishes, Etc., Cor. Wabash Ave. & Lake St., Chicago, U.S.A. Sc#332.	\$75.00
230	Schermack 13	B+	Envelope. PM: Grand Central Sta., NY 3MAR1910. ID: Cosmopolitan Magazine, New York City, N.Y. Sc#344. Opened roughly at top.	\$125.00
231	Schermack 137	B+	Env with ENC. PM: Hudson Term. Sta., N. Y. 1910 (enclosure dated 25AUG1910.) ID: Cosmopolitan Magazine, 1789 Broadway, New York. Sc#343. Sent to "The Democrat" and ENC speaks to Cosmopolitan wanting to swap 2 ad inserts for a year of subscription. Neat cover.	\$125.00
232	Schermack 1245	C+	European sized CVR. PM: Hudson Term. Sta. N.Y. 1910. No ID but front cover advertising in green speaks to "From Homer and Aristophanes To Mark Twain, George Ade and Mr. Dooley". Sc#343.	\$125.00
233	Cover Lot	5	Grouping of 5 perfin CVRs. 2 mailed to Sweden, 1 to Finland and 2 are return envelopes to Standard Oil. All but 1 seem to be private use. The only cover with an ID is a LKU #10 ENV. PM: City Hall Sta., N.Y. 26FEB1926, ID: The National Park Bank of New York, 214 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 3¢ perfin N131 added to a 2¢ stamped envelope. Sc#555. Mailed to Finland.	\$5.00

Foreign Perfin Covers

234	Ecuador	L.H.	Sm advertising CVR with a 1¢ (Sc#200) and a pair of 2¢ (Sc#203) stamps perfined L.H. ID: Levy Hnos., Guayaquil, Ecuador. Nice Firestone advertising (tire and innertube) with additional script of Unicos Agentes on the front.	\$25.00
235	Switzerland	D16	D(U) perfined into Sc#135 on a parcel tag dated 11JAN1922. ID: Geneve, Usine Genevoise de Degossissage. Interesting item and usage	\$10.00
236	Venezuela	OAC24	Registered letter from the office of "El Presidente De La Republica" Estados Unidos de Venezuela. Sc#OAC24 pfnd G.N. Sent to the Consel in Aruba with a receiving backstamp of 28AUG1940. Bit of toning, but an unusual letter none the less.	\$20.00

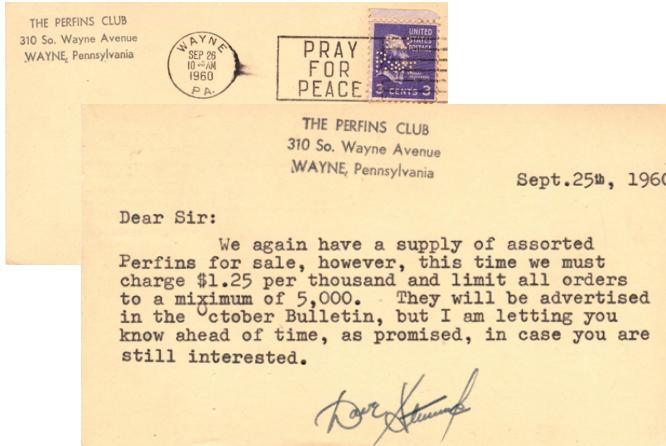
Errata

In the last issue of the Bulletin, a minor mistake turned Joe Coulbourne, our Auction Chair, into a philatelic psychic. On page 25 of the Mar/Apr Bulletin the results of Auction 189 were published. Oops! the caption should have read Auction 179. It will be interesting to see how well Auction 179 predicts Auction 189, but it will be late next year before we find out.

\$1.25/1000 – How Times Have Changed

Charlie Adriion (#2873)

I recently bought a very large accumulation of perfins (I am estimating 12 to 15 thousand) from a non-member. They appear to be common, mostly on 3 cent Presidents. I could not guess how this group was originally formed, but there was an interesting clue. Among only a dozen covers the illustrated post card was included:



Does anybody remember when the Perfins Club sold bulk perfins?

Does anybody need thousands of perfined Sc#807?

Ed. Note: The illustrated postcard was cancelled in Wayne, PA on Sept. 26, 1960. It is signed by Dave Stump who, at that time, was the Club's long-time Secretary-Treasurer.

In the note on the card, Dave refers to an ad to be published in the October issue of the *Bulletin*. The ad ran as promised and is quoted in part, below:

“Your Secretary will have another lot of several hundred thousand Perfins for sale at \$1.25 per thousand postpaid. These are well mixed and assorted, but are not for the collector who has over 2,000

different varieties in his collection. They will not be ready for shipment for about one month...

“On hand NOW, are about 50,000 from another source, ...”

So, the answer to Charlie's first question is that, yes – there are still several members who remember when serious bulk lots of unsorted, and often unpicked, perfins were available. And, the answer to Q.2 – at how much per 1,000?

Clubmember Ads

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

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

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Upcoming Events of Interest

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

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. The hotel is located at 900 Westport Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. It is located in a mixed-use shopping center with many restaurants and stores within easy walking distance. There is complimentary on-site parking and a free airport shuttle. Make your reservation before July 29, 2024.

For reservations: Book your group rate reservation for the 'Precancel Stamp Society Convention 2024' before July 29, 2024 Or use the direct link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1700606734270&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. Or phone reservations please call 888-627-7064 and reference Precancel Stamp Society.

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