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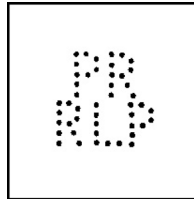
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What is the Difference Between Railway and Railroad?

Steve Endicott (LM# 2284)

Recently, Robert Littrell reported to me that the word “Railroad” appears to be missing in the user identification of perfin P201 [PR/RLP] shown nearby. Robert made the observation that if one does an internet search of “Puerto Rico Light and Power Company” all returned results include the word “Railroad” in the name. Thank you, Robert. This error has been in our catalogs forever. It was listed as Porto Rico Light and Power Company in the 1996 edition; PR Light and Power Company in the 1979 edition and Puerto Rico Light and Power Company in the 1998 and 2018 editions. Inclusion of the word railroad or railway makes sense since the inclusion then matches the initials in the perfin.



Is the missing word “Railroad” or “Railway”? One can obtain successful internet results using “Puerto Rico Railway Light and Power Company”. So, what is the difference between the use of the two words?

As it turns out, there isn’t much difference in the terms as they are used today.

Historically, In the United States, if the tracks were dedicated to trains being pulled by steam or diesel locomotives, the operation was called a railroad. Often, the railroad company owned the track right-of-way, the locomotives, etc. and called itself a Railroad Company. Examples are Union Pacific Railroad Company, the Alaska Railroad, etc. If the tracks were embedded in a roadway such that motor vehicles could use the road as well as “trains”, then the company was called a railway. Railways

typically operated within cities, transporting passengers. The tracks were embedded in the street, owned by the city. Trolley cars were not powered by a locomotive. The San Francisco Municipal Railway is an example with its trolleys (powered by overhead electrical lines) and its famous cable cars. Another example is the funicular railways, operated by cable, electricity and gravity. This seems to be a reasonable distinction, but there are exceptions. There currently are 293 entities in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* with the name of railroad. There are another 311 that use the word railway. A quick review hints that there are errors, intentional or not, given the definition suggested here.

The term Railway is the customary term used in the United Kingdom.

Currently in the United States, there is very little differentiation between using the words railroad and railway. Railroad implies a locomotive powered freight or passenger train traveling on dedicated tracks. Railway, especially if preceded by the word "light", refers to urban systems for passenger transport using cars that use a power source other than a locomotive and usually operates on streets shared with motor vehicles.

This takes us back to the rail system in Puerto Rico. I noticed in internet searches the company being referred to as Puerto Rico Railway, Light and Power Company and also without the comma as Puerto Rico Railway Light and Power Company. Was the original company involved in light railway transport of passengers or was it involved with Light and Power (electrical utility) as well. More confusion!

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Cont. from front page (P. 21):

We also see the Spanish spelling of Porto Rico. It would be very helpful to see covers with the perfin and the user name.

Our records show that the perfin was used in stamps issued between 1922 to 1938. Going back to the internet, we see that Puerto Rico Railway transported passengers in San Juan during the early 20th century. A photo of the trolley car is shown nearby, sharing the street with motor vehicles. (No automobiles are seen in this photo, dated 1902, because this was prior to the introduction of motor vehicles.)



The San Juan Light and Transit Company established an electric tram system between San Juan and Rio Piedras in 1901. It was later extended to Fajardo. This operation was acquired in 1911 and expanded by the Porto Rico Railway, Light and Power Company. The trolley was known as the Trolley de San Juan; it operated from 1901 to 1946 and transported ten million passengers per year. Although I have not seen them, the catalog documents postmarks on stamps with perfin P201 from these three cities.

The company ceased to operate after suffering significant environmental problems (hurricanes)

and competition (automobiles, highways, etc.), as well as difficulties during World War II.

More recently the Puerto Rico Railroad Light and Power Company has been involved in modern passenger transport, in freight transport and in electrical power utility operations. We see many online references to this modern company because it was involved in the recovery and repair operations in Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria in 2017. It has been acquired by PREPA, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority.

As the U.S. Perfins Catalog Chair I am certainly receptive to additions and corrections to the catalog but I avoid making changes not supported by philatelic documentation. In this situation, however, there clearly is a user name error in the catalog. Based on the weight of evidence as discussed in this article, I will change the user name to Porto Rico Railway, Light and Power Company. I will include a supplemental note that at this time it is not clear if the user name used the word Railway or Railroad in the early 1900s.

Finally, there are situations of the existence of rail lines in the company's operations that do not have "railroad" or "railway" in the corporate names. These are usually engines sitting on company property that move rail cars around to where they are needed on the property. For example, Holly Sugar had a switcher engine at each of its plants. Granite Rock in Watsonville, CA had both steam and diesel engines to move gravel cars around. They were just part of the company's on-site equipment.

If you have a cover with Porto Rico Railway, Light and Power Company's information, please share it with Robert Littrell and with me. Secondly, we would like to hear from collectors with knowledge of the use of the terms Railway and Railroad in other countries.

Thank you to Dan Baugher, Stewart Chang, Bob Combs and Robert Littrell for assisting, reviewing and commenting on this article.

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Perfin Using Countries of the World

-- Gibraltar --

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

I had 5 operations this year and have been a bit lazy in my writing. Now, with all my arteries open and blood flowing nicely, I thought I would get back to business. The current article is about the perfins from the Island of Gibraltar. Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory located at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula. It has an area of 6.7 km² (2.6 square miles) and is bordered to the north by Spain. The landscape is dominated by the Rock of Gibraltar at the foot of which is a densely populated town, home to over 32,000 people, called Gibraltarians.

In terms of philately, Great Britain opened a British Post Office there on 1 January 1857. British stamps used in Gibraltar can be identified by a “barred G” obliterator and then later with a “barred oval A26” obliterator. It was transferred to Colonial Authority on 1 January 1886 using British stamps overprinted with the country name. Later that same year Britain began producing stamps exclusively for, and bearing the name of Gibraltar.

Its one perfin in stamps is the AE pattern (A1 in The World Perfins Catalog European Section, Robert J. Schwerdt, Editor). Its user goes unidentified in the catalog, however, although I have never found a cover bearing the perfin with a user identified, I present the following research supporting my belief that the user must be the Anglo-Egyptian Bank Limited.

“Barclays has two operations in Gibraltar, Barclays Bank PLC and Barclays Bank Offshore Financial Services (Gibraltar) Limited, and has offices in Regal House and Main Street. Its origins in Gibraltar, however, go back to June 1888 when, as the Anglo-Egyptian Bank Limited, it opened offices in Irish Town as the first non-Gibraltarian bank to open a branch in Gibraltar. In 1920, Barclays Bank Limited acquired a controlling interest in the Anglo-Egyptian Bank. Prior to this in 1917 Barclays Bank Limited had also acquired interest in another Bank, the Colonial Bank which



had been incorporated in 1836. This Bank was re-incorporated and its name changed to Barclays Bank (Dominion Colonial and Overseas) in 1925. Subsequently in 1925, the Anglo-Egyptian Bank Limited together with the National Bank of South Africa amalgamated with Barclays Bank (Dominion Colonial and Overseas) and the branch in Gibraltar therefore adopted the new name. The name of the Bank was shortened to Barclays Bank DCO in 1954. In 1985, the Bank's operations overseas once more changed its name to the present style, Barclays Bank PLC.”

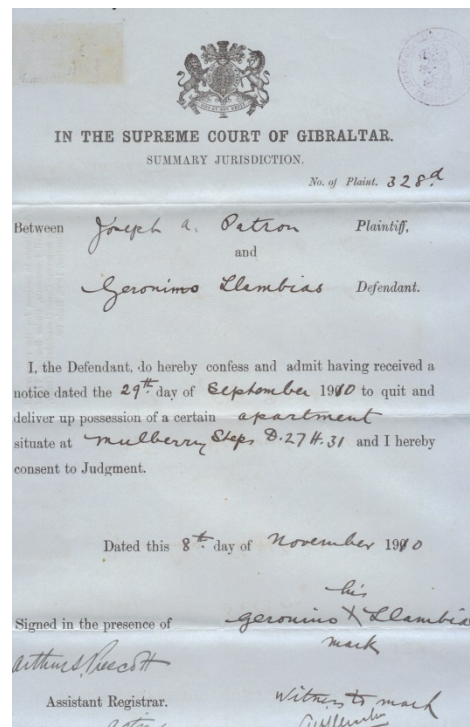
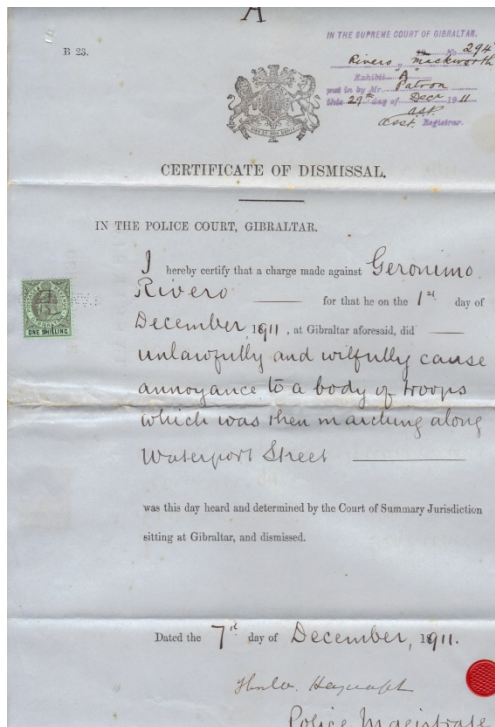
If one takes the dates for the perfin usage, and accepts my evidence that the user is the Anglo-Egyptian Bank Limited, then the period of use has to be between 1888 and 1925. I have quite a few stamps with perfins and most bear the portrait of Queen Victoria.

There are other perfins. Two versions of CANCELLED used in postage stamps that were used for revenue purposes and, of course, the SPECIMEN perforation which is found in stamps from many British colonies. Neither of the two revenue usages are shown in the catalog and the remainder of this article will be devoted to them. Immediately next is a card with the AE pattern and both CANCELLED patterns shown. As can be seen, the variation in the CANCELLED pattern is the size of the pattern.



On two similar sized stamps, one contains the whole pattern while on the other, only a partial cancelled can fit. It took me a bit of digging to

identify the user of the smaller sized pattern while the larger is out there in bulk.



Proving revenue documents are shown above. The smaller sized CANCELLED was used by The Police Court (right hand document), Gibraltar and the larger sized Cancelled by the Supreme Court of Gibraltar (left hand document). Neither of these documents is common but as to scarcity, I

have 20-30 of the Supreme Court documents and only one of the Police Court documents. Amusingly, the Supreme Court summary states that the defendant received an eviction notice in September 1910 and was taken to court forcing him to vacate. What I find funny is that the

defendant could not read or write, hence his “mark” and witness to mark. I guess that is a

pretty good reason why he didn’t vacate the premises.



The stamps from the documents are shown above. I had to crop the documents for scanning and on one, the stamps didn’t show. On the left, the larger CANCELLED pattern spread across three stamps. On the right, the smaller CANCELLED

across one stamp. The three stamps are cancelled with a Supreme Court Gibraltar oval canceller dated 8 November 1910, while the single stamp is date cancelled in script, 21/12/11.

Ads

Wanted: Scans of any cover from Kansas State Teachers College (K057) or Keystone Shipping Company, Philadelphia, PA (unlisted) for verification prior to writing a *Bulletin* article and or an A&C note for the *U. S. Perfins Catalog*. M. J. Driscoll (LM71), mdriscoll@sc.rr.com - or - 301 Driver Ave, Summerville, SC 29483.

For Sale: A very nice set of 500 perfins in Sc# 344 and 384 (watermarks not checked). There are NO duplicate perfin patterns in this set and ALL perfins are complete patterns. Quite a nice lot for anyone interested in these early 1908-1910 perfins; also will interest a collector interested in expanding their general collection. Patterns are

rated B down to E. Catalog value is \$473. Contact Steve Endicott to discuss further and to agree on a fair price. Steve’s contact information is found on p. 22 - “President”).

Wanted: NA/SM perfins (US pats. N021 and N022) of the Holland American Lines in postage, postage due, precancelled, or revenue (stock transfer, wine, beer, liquor, tobacco, telegraph) stamps- on or off cover, plus anything related to the NA/SM topic. Also interested in acquiring Dutch perfins and covers with a philatelic theme, and general monograms. Willing to exchange or purchase (payment via Pay-pal). Contact: Cees de Leng at: cees59leng@hetnet.nl

Need a Laugh?

Edited from a brief note from Doug Cutler (LM# 126)

Recently offered on e-Bay was a single stamp lot described as follows: “Rare find Used US 1927 #641 Jefferson Perfin (Du Pont)”. The lot was extremely poorly illustrated (see picture nearby).

For this “Rare find...” the seller was asking a mere \$2,500.

With a minimum of Photoshop cleanup the pattern (indeed Du/Pont) was identified as pattern D130 an F rated pattern. Thankfully, no bids were received.



A Spectacular Oddity

Edited from materials submitted by Doug Cutler (#LM126)

Showcased here is a truly rare item that Doug spotted on eBay. Described as: “Scott 502, 3¢ Washington, P11,PERFIN ‘KB’, used, DOUBLE IMPRESSION, VERY RARE” this stamp is a spectacular example of the product of a minor glitch that occurred during the printing process.

As with most double impressions the duplication is most obvious in the letters above and below the vignettes at the right side of all of the characters. In this case the doubling is also obvious in the thickness and different printed images of the upright frame lines; on the left is a second column of short horizontal lines that repeats the horizontal lines shading the area around George’s bust to the left of the solid frame line, while on the right side we see a second, lighter solid vertical line inside the darker frame line.

The stamp is cancelled, thankfully very lightly, leaving a clear view of the duplication.

The KB perfin is K012, a pattern without known user, or even city or state of use. All that said, this

beautiful double impression error with perfin was priced (Jan, 27, 2019) for \$499.99, currently listed for \$249.99. Still no sale.



Three from Indochina

Edited from materials submitted by Doug Cutler (#LM126)

On July 7, 1919, three perfins from Indochina were sold on eBay. All three received multiple bids. Doug reports that: “The two top bidders are Southeast Asia connected specialists. Two of the

patterns are not common and on unusual stamps, but the third is pretty common.” He didn’t say which was the common one, but I assume the prices tell the story.



Sc# 29 - Perfin: D.F.
\$152.50



Sc#54 - Perfin: D.F.
\$152.50



Sc#195 -Perfin: LJC
\$78.00

Encyclopedia of Perfins by Topic Now Available

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

The *Encyclopedia of Perfins by Topic* noted in the Nov-Dec (2019) *Bulletin* is now available for distribution. The work is available as a two-volume set or as separates by topic, either printed or as a (set of) download(s) from the Club's Publications Sales Manager.

The two-volume format was in part in response to the fact that these volumes contain a total of approximately 1400 pages of information which would have resulted in a totally unwieldy (and seriously heavy) single volume.

As noted in the Nov-Dec *Bulletin*, there are 120 lists by verbal topic (Advertising Agencies to Word Perfins) that includes all of the product or service topics found discussed in the *Bulletin* plus quite a few new ones. For example, while animal related perfins has been discussed, plant related perfins are discussed for the first time. These topics form the almost 600 page Volume 1.

In addition to the named topics, approximately 300 more lists, by issue of stamp in which the topical perfin is found, are presented in Volume 2. These lists run from well researched and documented

issues to those based solely on observation in my personal collection or in dealer stock seen at the Club Convention last summer in Omaha. The latter are presented to indicate *known* items for which further research is needed.

Also in V.2 are the References section (~2250 citations) and 9 Appendices as follows:

- abbreviations used;
- expanded illustrations of patterns with control holes;
- topic number x Scott # cross reference;
- user index;
- listing of patterns needing further research in several categories;
- expanded table of contents;
- list of the pages involved in each topic;
- subject index by topic number; and,
- subject index alphabetically by subject.

Volume 2 is about 800 pages long.

The lists were developed to be stand-alone lists of patterns related to each topic. In most of the lists, each pattern related to the topic is shown in the following format:

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	User	City	State	Refs.	Topic #
RP094.7	R. J.	(E)	R. J. Murrin	Saint Petersburg	FL	1959	D1.4

Those familiar with perfins will note a problem with the record relating to the "stand-alone" intent proposed for these descriptions. While the illustrations of patterns with remote holes are reproduced from the U. S. Catalog, quite a few other patterns formed of the same characters that differ only in size, position or orientation exist and will still require reference to Endicott's (2018) *Catalog of United State Perfins* for accurate determination of pattern.

For several topics current, extensive, and comprehensive lists existed. These lists are not reproduced, rather the reader is referred to these source documents available through the Club's Publication Sales Department.

In addition to the two-volume set and the individual files by topic, an EXCEL spreadsheet was created containing all of the records that were compatible with the above format. 25,000+ records are thus available for custom electronic searches or sorts.

On the following pages are presented example pages from this work:

1. Topic 41 - Harness / Leather Goods - Manufacture / Sales (complete)
2. Topics 151-173 - US Perfins in Pre-1908 Postage Stamps (first page only)
3. The Disclaimer section of the Introduction (Intro-9-10) that documents several limitations to this work and requests help in upgrading the weaknesses.

Ex.1 - Harness / Leather Goods - Manufacture / Sales

A critical industry in the early part of the 20th century, the making of leather harnesses for other than sport and recreational use has fallen way off. The introduction of self-powered vehicles quickly replaced America's dependence on animal- (horse-, oxen-, etc.) drawn vehicles, and thus the need for harnesses, saddles and other accouterments provided by leatherworkers. While these products are still used, demand is far reduced from that noted at the beginning of the 20th century.

In addition, synthetic rubber compounds with or without steel belting have replaced leather drive belts formerly used to transfer power in many types of machine operation.

Want to expand this topic? Several other uses for leather are dealt with in other topics such as: shoe leather (topic #083), leather clothing items (topics #014 and #015), auto seats & detailing (topic #104) and others.

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	User	City	State	Refs.	Topic #
A256	AS/KEW	C	Askew Saddlery Co	Kansas City	MO	un	041
C027	CAS/Co	C	Charles A Schieren Co	New York	NY	0203 1556	041
E050	[<E>HF]	E	E. F. Houghton & Co	Philadelphia	PA	0702	041
F042	FB/&C	C	F. Blumenthal Co	New York	NY	0495	041
G046	GBH/CO	A	Tennessee Harness Co	Nashville	TN	un	041
O105	O&S	B	A. Ortmayer & Son	Chicago	IL	1453 1913	041
P013	PAGE	C+	Page Belting Co	Concord	NH	1923 1924	041
S042	SB	D+	Studebaker Brothers	South Bend	IN	1986	041
S054	SB/C(o)	B	Studebaker Corp	Salt Lake City	UT	1988	041
S063A	SC	E	Studebaker Corp, The	South Bend	IN	1991	041
Des. 03	Anchor	D	North & Judd Mfg Co	New Britain	CT	0106	041
Sch. 000058	5-8	A+	E. F. Houghton & Co	New York	NY	0702	041

Supplemental listings in the US catalog

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	User	City	State	Refs.	Topic #
C004	C	C	Mutual Carriage & Harness Mfg Co	East Saint Louis	MO	un	041β
G069	GDH/Co	E	Tennessee Harness Co	Nashville	TN	un	041β
R169	R&R	C+	Shoe & Leather Reporter Co	Boston	MA	un	041β
R169	R&R	C+	<i>Shoe Retailer, The</i>	Boston	MA	un	041β
R169	R&R	C+	<i>Shoemakers Feed</i>	Boston	MA	un	041β
W026	WB	D+	Brandt Leather Corp	Norwood	MA	un	041β
W026	WB	D+	Winslow Brothers & Smith Co	Norwood	MA	1149	041β
No. 22	3WS	B	W. W. Winship Leather Goods	Boston	MA	un	041β

Example 2 - US Perfins in Pre-1908 Postage Stamps

While the use of commercial perfins was authorized in May of 1908, the use of preexisting stocks of stamps was allowed. Thus, many stamps which were on-hand when security perforations became a “new”, permitted practice, were punched.

Fortunately, perfin collectors are an enterprising group and the collecting of perfins in stamps

issued before perfins were legitimized has become a specialized area of topical collecting.

Elsewhere in this work perfins are listed in tables by the Scott’s catalog number (Sc#) in which they occur (except for a couple of issues that are to be found as lists on the Club website). Below will be found tables of the information known about each of the issues known with perfins that predate the legalization of this practice.

Sc# 63 - 72: Series of 1861-1862

Sc# 70: 24¢ red lilac Washington

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	User	City	State	Ref.	Topic #
J006?	J.B.	--	-----	-----	--	0938	151.7
unl	OG	--	-----	-----	--	0938	151.7

Sc# 73 - 78: Series of 1861-1866

Sc# 77: 15¢ black Lincoln

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	User	City	State	Ref.	Topic #
unl	WLG	--	-----	-----	--	1065	152.7

Sc# 134 - 144 [H grill,], 134A-144A [I grill]: Regular issues of 1870 - 1875

Type A44 ? A44a: 1¢ blue Franklin

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	In Sc	User	City	State	Ref.	Topic #
I064	IO	B	Ty. A44? A44a?	<i>Inter-Ocean, The</i>	Chicago	IL	0849 1056	157.A

Type A45 ? A45a: 2¢ brown Jackson

Cat #	Pattern	Rate	In Sc	User	City	State	Ref.	Topic #
N048.5I	N.C.H	A	Ty. A45? A445a?	<i>North China Herald</i>	Shanghai	China	0849 1056	157.B

Note: The two items listed in the table immediately above are listed based on low resolution, black & white images published in the *Bulletin*. It is impossible to determine the appropriate Sc# or Type for either of them. Two types are possible for each, each of which includes multiple Sc#s.

Sc#s for the Ty. 44?44a, 1¢ Franklin item include #s: 134, 134A, 145, 167, 18,2 and 192. Sc# 167 and Sc# 192 are highly unlikely as they are special printings with very limited printings and very high, auction-based catalog values (\$16,000 and \$65,000 respectively).

Example 3 - Disclaimer

(please read before pointing out the shortcomings of this work)

This work is a first cut and lacks significant information.

Volume 1 presents fairly reliable lists of perfins by word topic (automobile, jewelry, banks etc.) with specific disclaimers in the introduction to each section. These specific disclaimers include such information as related topics, and limitations on the definitions of the topic being described. Such things as the distinction between banks vs stock brokerages (pre 1933) and the exclusion of silver from the metals topic to its own topic. While there are many of these mini disclaimers present as appropriate, I am quite certain that I have missed some that include relevant info. Like all editors I have personal assumptions which function behind the scenes so to speak.

While I apologize for any lack of clarity my biases may cause, if you spot any areas needing further clarification please let me know what the problem is (in a congenial way.) My contact information is given at the bottom of this disclaimer.

Of greater concern, Volume 2 presents many (that is MANY!) lists which are more working notes than lists. I had not initially intended to expand Volume 1 into the 2-volume set that now exists. However, in going through back issues of the *Bulletin* I had recorded quite a few lists, checklists or discussions of perfins found in specific issues of stamps such as listings of patterns found in the Series of 1902-1903, perfins in the Black Hardings, perfins in the airmail beacon issue (Sc# C11), perfins in the National Defense issue (Sc#899-901), and perfins in the parcel post issues (Sc#Q1-Q12) to mention but a few.

However, most of the “lists” in this section are simple records of items spotted in my

personal collection, or in dealers stock seen at the 2019 Annual Convention in Omaha, NE. While I felt it to be useful to include these observations as a stimulus to further research into the collecting of perfins by topic, ***I know that many of these “lists” are woefully incomplete.*** A couple of examples will be sufficient to indicate the degree of incompleteness.

- At the Convention, a collector of Sc# Q1-Q12, seeing me making notes on everything I could get my hands on, offered me a search of his collection of these stamps which he was certain contained items not previously reported.
- Another collector has offered me access to:
 - a binder of perfins in the Army-Navy issue
 - 2 binders of perfins in the Famous American issues
 - A binder of perfins in the Overrun Countries issues
 - A binder of perfins in the National Parks issue
 - And others
- I am aware of a third collector who collects the 6¢ Crater Lake stamp in the National Parks issue.

And, I am absolutely certain that many others out there have actively collected, or squirreled away for a rainy day, accumulations of specific issues which they find fascinating.

To be clear the lists of pre-1908 issues are considered accurate based on the ongoing interest and documentation of these issues.

In addition, the following issues are considered to be reliably listed based on currently available published information.

Sc#	367	Sc#	400	Sc#	529	Sc#
330	368	371	401?A	527	530	611
331	369	398	525	528	573	612
332	370	399	526	528A	610	613

627	Sc#	722	Sc#	C4	Sc#	-Q12
658-	-715	899	C1	C5	F1	QE1-
-679	720	900	C2	C6	J series	QE4
704-	721	901	C3	C11	Q1-	

While the above lists are considered reliable they are in need of updating since all are based on data that is over ten years old. New discoveries have assuredly been made which will improve the reliability of these lists.

All other lists in Volume 2 are considered to be weak and in need of significant further research and documentation!

One final consideration. *Absent Scott's numbers do not indicate that perfins do not*

occur in these issues - just that I did not see them.

Rather than reinventing the wheel by condemning this work as incomplete, I would hope that you submit to me information that you find missing so that it can be included in upcoming (I am certain) updated lists. While acknowledging your contributions in total I will not make attribution of individual items and thus will not expose your collection to unwanted notice. Also I may at some point get this on the Club website as a Study group or a chat room.

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Pricing options for the *Encyclopedia* are established as follows:

Electronic formats:

1. Mail a CD to the collector. The CD would contain Volume 1 and Volume 2 and the Excel spreadsheet. \$15 to members and \$25 to non-members.
2. Individual topics: Steven is willing to email them - free.

Print:

3. Individual Topics, only; along with the Introduction file. Prices start at \$2 to members; \$3 to non-members. Prices increase per number of print pages -- contact the Publication Sales Manager for details. (Note: In the May/June *Bulletin* a modified Appendix 7 (Pagination of the Document) will be published which will include the number of pages and price per printed copy of each section in the *Encyclopedia*.)

Perfins Club membership is open to all persons interested in the collection and study of Perforated Initials and Insignia in postage stamps. Yearly dues are \$15. Delivery of *the Perfins Bulletin* by first class mail incurs a surcharge as follows, to addresses in: the U.S. - +\$7; Canada - \$ +\$15; and, other countries - +\$20. Dues may be mailed to the Secretary listed above or by PayPal to perfin@charter.net. The Club is on a July 1 to June 30 dues year. (Dues are waived [not prorated] for the remainder of the fiscal year in which a new member joins the Club. Annual dues include a subscription to *The Perfins Bulletin*, mailed bulk rate printed matter. Mailing by 1st Class Mail is provided for an additional postage charge (see above). Applications are available at www.perfins.org or from the Secretary listed on page 2.

Review of the Encyclopedia of Perfins by Topic

Steve Endicott (LM# 2284)

Having reviewed this two volume, massive encyclopedia with the companion Excel workbook, it is difficult to adequately describe the magnitude and importance of this work. You need to see it to appreciate it.

- Perhaps a few statistics will put it into perspective: The two-volume work would consist of 1,400 printed pages. Printed on two-sided paper this would be 750- physical-pages. In comparison, the *Catalog of United States Perfins* is 500 physical pages (two-sided) and is quite heavy to carry around. So you can see that this massive encyclopedia is larger than the *U.S. Perfins Catalog*!
- The companion Excel workbook is over 25,000 rows long. Paul estimates that he worked on this project for 5-6 hours almost every day for one-and-a-half years!
- Volume 1 identifies the users of perfins by topic. For instance, if someone is collecting perfins used by Education Related Institutions (Topic #25), they can easily find the documentation for the 83 primary users and 44 supplemental users involved with this Topic.
- Volume 2 lists the perfins known to be have been used in specific stamps. For example, if a

collector is interested with perfins in parcel post stamps, the appropriate 106 pages (D116 – 1 through D116-104) list all known perfins used in these twelve postage stamps. This is a much needed document for those of us that collect perfins in specific stamp issues.

- The Excel workbook documents the topic and the references for each U.S. perfin. This is a wonderful source for collectors doing philatelic research.

This encyclopedia is a very important document for collectors of United States perfins for two reasons:

- use in philatelic research, and
- the details it provides for specialized collections.

It is a very important addition to our perfin related documentation. I encourage you to obtain an electronic version; *use it as a resource for your specialized collections AND use it as a source for writing articles for The Perfins Bulletin.*

Thank you, Paul, for your incredible work.

Nominating Committees Announced

All nominations close at midnight May 31, 2019

Nominees for three of the Club's Executive Board positions are to be voted on at the Club's annual Convention, plus the recipients of the Club's two awards for this year are to be nominated and named by the respective committees named below.

The **Executive Board Nominating Committee** to identify candidates for the Club's positions of **President** (currently Steve Endicott), and **Director-at-Large** (currently Cliff Irving), is composed of: **Paul Mistretta**, Chair (contact (see p. 22 "Editor"), **Dan Baugher** (see p. 22 Treasurer), **Duane Spidle** (13426 Devan Lee Drive East, Jacksonville, FL 32226-5883 or duane.spidle@gmail.com). Nominations should be made only of qualified persons who have agreed to serve if elected. To nominate someone or to self-nominate contact any of the members of the Committee.

The **Hallock Card Award Nominating Committee** to accept nominees and determine the winner of the Club's annual award for outstanding service to the Club is composed of: **Steve Endicott**, Chair (20 Greensburgh Ln, San Anselmo, CA 94960-1000 or perfins@gmail.com), **Bob Combs** (PO Box 220, Tome, NM or stampmgr@hubwest.com), and **Bob Hodges** (3066 Burkson Cove, Memphis, TN 38119-8920 or hodges193@comcast.net). Members are requested to nominate, *in writing with supporting evidence*, one of their colleagues who they think is deserving of this prestigious award for 2018. Consider the questions: Who has made the most significant contribution(s) to our Club this last year? Does the contribution(s) deserve recognition as outstanding service to the Club? Why do you think so? *Cont. next pg.*

The **Floyd Walker Award Committee** to accept nominees and determine the winner of the Club's annual award for outstanding scholarly research and writing on the subject of perfins is composed of: **Roger Brody**, Chair (27 Schindler Ct., Somerset, NJ 08873-6201 or rsbco@optonline.net), **Joe Coulbourne**, Chair (1532 Lakeview Pkwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508-5318 or josephc427@aol.com), **Clark Buchi**

(816 High Point Ridge Rd, Franklin, TN 37069-4767 or eclark8@yahoo.com. Members are requested to nominate, *in writing with supporting evidence*, one of their colleagues who they think is deserving of this award for 2018. Consider the questions: Who has made the most significant research/writing contribution(s) to our Club this last year? Why do you think so?

Interested in Obtaining Perfins?

Of course you are! Many perfins, prepers and precancels are available at the annual conventions that we share with the Precancel Stamp Society. Although the conventions are a fantastic opportunity to look for perfins and meet other collectors, it is not practical for some members to attend the conventions. If that is your situation, how can you search for and obtain perfins? Here are three ways:

The Perfins Club Sales Approval Circuit is managed by Bob Combs. Bob mails circuits to members who are interested in searching through material on approval in the comfort of their own home. Members have consigned quite a few new circuits in the last two years. Bob has 300 glassine envelopes of U.S. perfins (100 stamps per glassine) organized by rate: D, E or F. Bob also has 50 circuit books of the higher rated U.S. perfins. Finally, Bob has 100 circuits of perfins from foreign countries. These are great sources of material for collectors – beginners, intermediates and advanced. Contact Bob Combs – tell him what you are interested in and he will send appropriate circuits to you. Select what you want and return the rest to Bob. The buyer pays the postage both ways. **Try it – You will like it!**

The Perfins Club Auction is managed by Joe Coulbourne. Joe periodically posts auctions in our

Club *Bulletin* for our members to bid on. The auctions appear in the *Bulletin* 3 to 4 times per year and usually consist of several hundred lots of U.S. perfins, foreign perfins and some covers. Members may bid on lots in the auctions and consign material for sale through the auctions. This can be a lot of fun; members search for and bid on specific items. Time is of the essence for bidding in these auctions – bid early.

The Perfins Club Cover Sales Circuit is managed by Robert Littrell. Robert has a large inventory of covers with perfins. Contact Robert if you are interested in specific covers or if you wish to be added to his periodic email list sales. Email list sales that Robert posts move very quickly, so don't delay in your response! The prices are very attractive.

From the sale (not as an additional fee) the Club receives a commission for the items sold; the seller receives payment for the items submitted to the circuit. Send an email message or a letter to one of the three managers to ask specific questions about the circuits. Their contact information is listed on the inside page of every issue of the *Bulletin*. Your participation helps you with growing your collections; helps you with selling perfins; and helps the Club with commission income and active involvement by its members.

Treasurer's Report – 2019

Dan Baugher (#3825)

Here is the financial status of The Perfins Club.

The total financial assets for the Club are \$105,843 up slightly (0.2%) from December 2018.

The Club auctions, catalogs and covers reported increases for the year. The CD's are earning higher interest rates.

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 \$32,640, which would cover about 2 to 3 year's expenses.

We look forward to seeing you at the National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina this summer.

2019 Perfin Club Balance Sheet

Income	2018	2019
Dues	\$5,998.29	\$6,028.19
Club Circuit Approval	\$636.46	\$245.62
Club Auction	\$951.84	\$814.98
Club Catalog	\$12,213.33	\$2,176.65
Club Cover	\$731.75	\$171.50
Interest (BofA and CDs)	\$446.85	\$913.12
Club Transit Insurance	\$381.80	\$0.00
Donations	\$382.00	\$375.86
Club Convention Sponser	\$14,912.75	\$0.00
Total Income	\$36,273.07	\$10,725.92
Expenses		
Bulletin - printing & mailing	-\$7,858.95	-\$7,806.55
Club Circuit Approval	-\$72.79	-\$571.79
Club Auction	-\$912.47	-\$752.02
Club Catalog	-\$15,719.60	-\$9.90
Club Cover	-\$566.45	-\$132.80
Sunshine	-\$38.84	\$0.00
Officers	-\$175.55	-\$231.41
Conventions/Promotion and web site	-\$166.21	-\$212.16
Paypal Expenses	-\$178.78	-\$74.06
Club Insurance Premium and Claims	-\$639.00	-\$639.00
Club Convention Sponsor	-\$14,929.82	\$0.00
Total Expense	-\$14,929.82	-\$10,429.69
Assets	2018	2019
Checking Account	\$27,868.13	\$25,849.72
CD's	\$72,317.73	\$73,229.13
Approval Account	\$5,378.33	\$5,070.71
Paypal Account	\$84.80	\$1,693.76
Total Assets	\$105,648.99	\$105,843.32
Liabilities and Reserves	2018	2019
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserves		
Life Memberships	\$34,400.00	\$34,400.00
Donations - general	\$31,070.00	\$31,446.00
Floyd Walker		
Memorial Fund	\$2,269.00	\$2,176.84
Escrows for members	\$762.00	\$310.91
Self Insurance - Transit	\$4,869.00	\$4,869.00
Operating Fund	\$32,278.64	\$32,640.57
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$105,648.64	\$105,843.32

Secretary's Report

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Early Alert

It is coming up on the time that dues are due for the period
of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

When I was in college we had a mantra, which, slightly
modified, applies here: **“Re-up now and avoid the June
rush.”**

Note: Beginning with the July/August 2020 issue of the *Bulletin* electronic
delivery will be available to all Club members.

**Please indicate your desire for this mode of delivery electronically to John Hart --
and why not pay your 2020-2021 dues at the same time.**

Upcoming Events of Interest

April 1 -3, 2020 - California Spring Round-up - Hosted by the Golden Gate Precancel Society, Holiday Inn Express, 2455 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, CA. For reservations call (805) 238-6500.

August 24-29, 2020 - PSS/ Perfin Club Convention - North Charleston, SC. North Charleston Marriott Hotel, 4770 Goer Dr., North Charleston, SC 29406. Room Rate - \$119/night plus taxes good for 3 days before and after the Convention. The airport is serviced by American, United, Delta, Southwest, Allegiant and Frontier to name a few. Free airport shuttle. More soon.

Dues for the 2020-21 fiscal year are payable by June 30, 2020 to the Secretary (John Hart, 6500 Upper Applegate Rd., Jacksonville, OR 97530-9314)

Fees	U.S. addresses	Other addresses
First-time new members	\$0	\$0
Annual Dues	U.S.\$15	U.S.\$15
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