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From the President's Desk.

You are cordially invited to the Salem Stamp Society Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday December 9th at 6p.m. at the Scottish Rite Center in Salem.
$25 per person.
Exciting door prizes for all.
Meal Options: Salmon, Prime Rib, Vegetarian
Sign up at the November Meeting or e-mail Lisa at lisan2scotties@msn.com, or call or text 503-949-3920.
See you at the meeting

Lisa

October 21st Meeting.

There was a very good turnout for the meeting with 38 members in the room and 4 on Zoom. Many of our members brought in items to trade for this Swap Meeting. There seemed to be a lot of deals being made and it proved to be a lively evening for all.

Rodney Stent presented a short "Show & Tell" item on a pair of unusual covers which made it through the post with "Extra Oz." stamps in place of the normal 1st Class postage. It turned out that the sender was sold these stamps at a small post office at Forever stamp rates. Was this a genuine mistake or fraud by the USPS clerk? This is not known but it produced two collectable covers!

Bob Reynolds also offered a table of Buy-it-Now club items which, with Raffle sales, raised $810 for club funds.



November 18th Meeting.

We have another outstanding club auction this month which includes some very fine stamps from Lucien Klein's collections. A list of the lots with selected images is in this edition. The meeting is also our AGM in which members elect the President, Vice President and some Board members.

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Club News & Meetings.

Van Manning.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of club member ***Van Manning***. He had been a member of the club for many years and he often attended recent meetings on Zoom after moving to Arizona. His widow Bonnie wrote:

Sadly I need to let you know that Van passed away at home on hospice following a lengthy hospital stay on October 5th

He had collected stamps since childhood and enjoyed his long-time membership with the Salem Stamp Society

He was enjoying being a dealer for the last few years

Thank you for your continued relationship with him through the club

Sincerely

Bonnie Manning

A New SSS Website is on the Way.

The Society Board has approved funds for upgrading and improving our website. Miles Wilhelm has been awarded a contract for this work. He is both an IT professional and keen stamp collector and has created a successful new website for the Redmond club. The aims are to provide a more user-friendly and secure site for members and to make the club more visible to internet searches. In this way it is hoped that the club can attract more new members and higher attendance at our shows.

Youth Activities.

Phil Kumler provided this image of a young collector picking up free stamps and kits at SEAPEX in October.

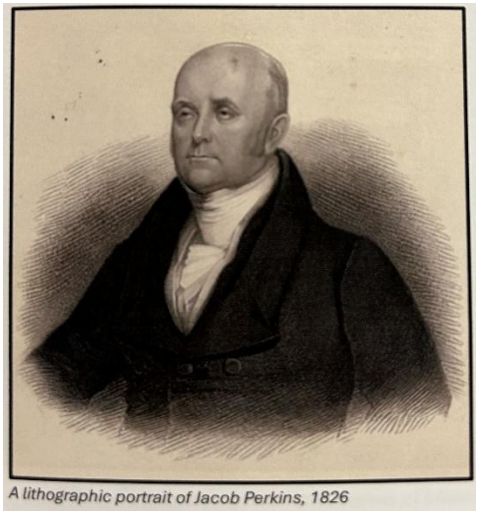


Imperforate Penny Reds (Part 2).

In a previous article I described an excellent webinar and book by Daniel Matthews on how to identify the plates used to print the 1841-1854 imperforate penny red stamps of Great Britain. The book describes a method developed by Matthews which has been used successfully for plating many thousands of these stamps. It also has much interesting information on how the process of making the world's first postage stamps evolved.

The story begins with **Jacob Perkins**, an American engineer and inventor from Massachusetts. Among his many accomplishments he created some of the best steel plates for engraving and printing. He started a printing business with Gideon Fairman for books and later bank notes that were difficult to counterfeit. These steel plates enabled higher production runs than the copper plates used previously and also gave prints with better detail and clarity. Perkins pioneered the introduction of other security features into banknotes such as watermarked paper, colored inks and complex designs. His company gained a reputation as a leader of security printing in the US and attracted the attention of the Bank of England (BoE) which was experiencing a spate of banknote forgeries.

He was encouraged to move to the UK in 1819 to bid for the contract to produce "unforgeable notes" for the BoE. Perkins set up a security printing company with Joshua Bacon in the East End of London and submitted samples of notes to the BoE. Their bid was unsuccessful on the grounds, it seems, that British bank notes should not be made by an American. His company was, however, successful in printing notes for other banks.



A lithographic portrait of Jacob Perkins, 1826

Imperforate Penny Reds (Part 2)*(Contd)*.

Perkins and Bacon's company developed expertise in steel engraving and hardening techniques for security printing. Perkins was also friends with Sir Rowland Hill which must have helped Perkins, Bacon& Co. receive the contract for producing the first postage stamps in late 1839.

Security Features.

From the start of the stamp design process the need to avoid or at least deter counterfeiting was a key consideration. It started with the decision to use the monarch's head instead of printed information: the argument being that Queen Victoria's likeness was instantly recognizable. Having settled on the image from a portrait by William Wyon of the queen the rest of the design developed in a number of iterations. The combination of hand and machine engraved portions of the design created by Charles and Frederick Heath at Perkins Bacon satisfied the requirements set out by Rowland Hill for a stamp that was both beautiful and functional (and hard to counterfeit).

The original die was hand engraved by the Heath brothers over several weeks and required only one iteration. It incorporated background and side panel detail that were produced by a traversing lathe. Once finished and approved it was subjected to a special hardening process developed by Perkins which made it almost indestructible. "Die I" or also known as the "Old Original" was widely regarded as a technical and artistic triumph. It is also remarkable that this one die was used unchanged to make transfer rollers and these used to make printing plates for production of over 20 billion stamps from 1840 to 1854.



Perkins Bacon's metallurgical expertise was a key factor in their successful production of the early line engraved stamps. The preparation of specially softened steel transfer rolls and plates to accept the engraved image and subsequent hardening and tempering for production was impressive.

The final stage in the production of printing plates was the hand punching of the lower corner letters. Each sheet had 20 rows of 12 stamps and each stamp had different letter combinations-AA to AL in row 1 down to TA to TL in row 20. This was an additional security feature to deter counterfeiters. The complex design, corner letters and watermarked paper were a successful strategy and no significant forgeries occurred. However, removal of cancellations and reuse of stamps were a problem for the penny blacks resulting in the early change to a new ink for penny reds in 1841.

Plates & Plating.

Plate numbers 1b to 11 prepared for the penny black were used for printing the penny reds during the changeover. After this period plates 12 – 177 were used for the penny reds. In 1843 cancellation of stamps changed from a Maltese Cross to a numeral corresponding to the introduction of plate 37 although some stamps from up to plate 42 are known cancelled with an MC. The set of letter punches were changed from so-called alphabet 1 to 2 for plates 132-177 and there are noticeable and known differences between these sets of letters.

Since all the plates were hand punched with the corner letters there is considerable variation in the placement of the letters in their squares. Matthews describes the methods used to measure the position of the letters (template, pixel count on scanned images) and how to compare or correlate these with a database of reference stamps from every plate and every position. There are also known marks, ink smudges, corrosion marks, re-entry evidence for reference purposes on the GBPS website.

Using these screening protocols and detailed measurements the plating of individual stamps becomes possible and even routine if time-consuming. This looks like an ideal opportunity for AI to assist in identification as has already been done for the US 3c issue.

SALEM STAMP SOCIETY
November 2026 Club Auction

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT VALUE	MIN BID	NOTES	Bidder	Current Bid
1	United States	1861 30 cent Franklin, Used	71	$225.00	$45.00			
2	United States	1863 2 cent Jackson pair, Used, a few faults	73	$110.00	$15.00			
3	United States	1863 5 cent Jefferson, Used	76	$115.00	$15.00			
4	United States	1869 2 cent Pictoral, Horse and Rider, Used	113	$90.00	$30.00	Nice Stamp!!		
5	United States	1869 10 cent Pictoral, Shield and Eagle, Used	116	$110.00	$30.00			
6	United States	1869 15 cent Pictoral, Landing of Columbus, Used	119	$200.00	$40.00			
7	United States	1871 7 cent Stanton, Used	149	$100.00	$20.00			
8	United States	1873 15 cent Webster, Used	163	$160.00	$30.00			
9	United States	1882 90 cent Perry, Used	191	$400.00	$80.00			
10	United States	1882 6 cent Lincoln, Used	208	$120.00	$25.00			
11	United States	1882 10 cent Jefferson, MNH, Some Creases	209	$525.00	$100.00			
12	United States	1883 4 cent Jackson, Mint LH	211	$225.00	$45.00			
13	United States	1890 80 cent Perry, Used	229	$140.00	$30.00			
14	United States	1893 3 cent Columbian MNH	232	$97.50	$30.00	Nice Stamp!!		
15	United States	1893 4 cent Columbian MNH	233	$140.00	$30.00			
16	United States	1895 2 cent Washington MNH, Type III	252	$425.00	$125.00			
17	United States	1894 3 cent Jackson, Mint HR's	253	$120.00	$20.00			
18	United States	1889 2 cent Washington, MNH, Rose-Carmine Shade	279Bc	$275.00	$60.00			
19	United States	1898 8 cent Trans-Mississippi, Mint HR, Small tear at top	289	$140.00	$20.00			
20	United States	1901 4 cent Pan Am, MNH	296	$170.00	$50.00	Nice Stamp!!		
21	United States	1901 10 cent Pan Am, Unused, regummed	299	$300.00	$40.00			
22	United States	1903 13 cent Harrison, Mint LH	309	$185.00	$35.00			
23	United States	1908 4 cent Washington, MNH	334	$87.50	$30.00	Nice Stamp!!		
24	United States	1909 2 cent Washington, Coil, Used	349	$160.00	$40.00			
25	United States	1909 2 cent Washington, Bluish Paper, MNH	358	$170.00	$55.00	Nice Stamp!!		
26	United States	1915 2 cent Panama Locks, Perf 10, Mint LH	402	$70.00	$15.00			
27	United States	1912 50 cent Franklin, Mint No Gum	422	$250.00	$40.00			
28	United States	1916 6 cent Washington, MNH	468	$225.00	$60.00			
29	United States	1918 3 cent Washington TYPE II, Coil Line Pair, Mint LH	494	$75.00	$20.00			
30	United States	1923 $5 Head of Freedom Statue, MNH	573	$180.00	$60.00	Marg'n Copy!		
31	United States	1923 1 cent Washington, Mint HR	578	$75.00	$25.00			
32	United States	1929 Electric Light Coil Line Pair, MNH	656	$110.00	$30.00	Nice Stamp!!		
33	United States	1918 16 cent Airmail, MNH, 1989 PF Cert	C2	$120.00	$40.00			
34	United States	1923 24 cent Airmail, MNH	C6	$130.00	$40.00			
35	United States	1933 50 cent Century of Progress, MNH	C18	$75.00	$20.00			
36	United States	1888 10 cent Special Delivery, Mint No Gum, Faults, Thins	E2	$500.00	$70.00			
37	United States	1894 10 cent Special Delivery, Mint HR, Straightedge	E4	$875.00	$100.00			
38	United States	1908 10 cent Special Delivery, MNH	E7	$140.00	$45.00	Nice Stamp!!		
39	United States	1894 2 cent Postage Due, MNH	J32	$240.00	$60.00			
40	United States	1895 3 cent Postage Due, Mint LH	J40	$100.00	$20.00			
41	United States	1873 1 cent War Dept Revenue, Mint HR, few short perfs	O83	$240.00	$40.00			
42	United States	1964 Federal Duck Stamp, MNH	RW31	$100.00	$30.00			
43	United States	1926 White Plains Sheet, MNH	630	$475.00	$150.00			
44	United States	1929 Complete Kansas Overprint Set, MNH	658-68	$431.50	$125.00			
45	United States	1955 Special Handling Plate Blocks of 6, MNH	QE2b,QE3b	$275.00	$75.00			
46	United States	Stockbook with Coil # strips of 3 and 5 MNH Mostly 22 & 25 cent			$150.00	Face $230+		
47	Confederate States	1862 5 cent Jefferson Davis, Mint No Gum, block of 6, Faults	7R	$ 225.00	$30.00			
48	Canada	1897 3 cent Jubilee Issue, MNH	53	$ 75.00	$15.00			
49	Canada	1897 5 cent Jubilee Issue, Mint LH	54	$ 70.00	$15.00			
50	Ireland	1940-70 Postage Due Set Mint LH	J5-14	$ 69.05	$15.00			
51	Rhodesia	1890 2 sh Value, Vermillion, Mint LH	10	$ 77.50	$20.00	Nice Stamp!!		
52	St Helena	1912 8d, 1sh, 2sh Values, Mint LH	67-9	$ 67.00	$15.00			
53	St Helena	1938 3p King George, Mint HR	122	$55.00	$11.00			
54	Seychelles	1912 2.25r value, Mint HR	73	$75.00	$15.00			
55	Vatican	1951 Canon Laws Airmail Set, Mint LH	C20-21	$240.00	$40.00			
56	Ascension Is	1935 & 1937 Sets Used, plus 4 values from 1924-7 set Used		$289.20	$55.00			
57	Botswana	4 different Used sets from 1970's		$108.85	$20.00			
58	British Guiana	3 different Mint LH Sets, Scott # 223-6, 227-9, 230-41		$112.20	$25.00			
59	Ireland	1980's 1900's 4 different Prestige Booklets		$85.00	$20.00			
60	Tonga	37 different Mint & Used - some nice early issues		$200.00	$35.00			
61	Australia/Aust States	Australia and Australia States collection Pre 1930's Mint & Used		$500.00+	$75.00			
62	Barbados	Collection of 70+ stamps Mint & Used, a few 1850's issues		$225.00	$40.00			
63	Belize	1980's-90's 3 sets & 3 S/S MNH		$118.50	$20.00			
64	France	1970's-1980's MNH Collection		$338.75	$65.00			
65	Ireland	1970's-1980's MNH Collection		$351.00	$70.00			
66	Japan	1960's-1975, 147 stamps , 3 S/S MNH		$80.00	$16.00			
67	Monaco	1960's 1974 82 stamps , 2 S/S MNH		$94.55	$20.00			
68	Philippines	9" x 12" Envelope w/album pages & stamps			$15.00			
69	United Nations	Box with $200+ face US + Geneva + Vienna			$100.00			
70	Canada	Box with Mostly mint, some early used, Over $300 Face Canadian			$175.00			
71	Russia/Poland	Box with stockbooks, & a 9"x12" envelope loaded with stamps			$50.00	Some Ukraine		
72	Ghana	Box w/100+ glassines, many S/S's some better, some duplicates			$75.00			
73	Israel	Box with Sev 100 glassines mostly sets, duplication most MNH			$75.00			
74	United States	Winter Mystery Sealed Box???? At least $500 Cat, $50 Face			$50.00			
75	Worldwide	3500+ different stamps, 7500-10,000 stamps, lots pre 1950			$50.00			

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Meetings

All meetings held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple,
4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem, OR.

Wednesday November 18th 2026.

Club Auction. Society AGM and Election of Officers for 2027. Doors open at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm.

Wednesday December 9th 2026.

Christmas Party.

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2026

Local Events

Repetitive Events:

Oregon Stamp Society: Rose City Stamp Fair - 2nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland 9:00am-3:00 pm
Collectors Corner - 4th Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm

2026-2027 Major Shows:

PIPEX 2027, April 30-May2 Hilton Garden Inn, Clackamas

WESTPEX 2027 Apr 23-27, SFO Marriott