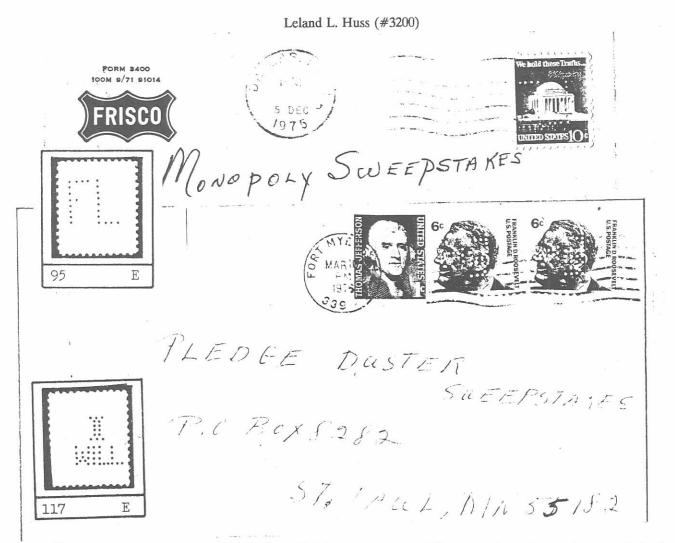
Use of perfins to enter sweepstakes



The two covers were part of a large lot which I acquired some time ago. These two covers struck my eye because of the perfins. The cover with the corner card "Frisco" at least has the perfin to match. Perfin pattern F95 is punched into the 10¢ Jefferson Memorial stamp. That pattern was used by the St. Louis San Francisco Railway according to *The Catalog of United States Perfins*. The illustrated December 1975 mailing using company stationery and postage to "Monopoly Sweepstakes" no doubt was an effort of the company to increase its revenue.

The "I/WILL" perfins of the City of Chicago are well known in private usage. This cover to "Pledge Duster Sweepstakes" used two 6¢ Franklin D. Roosevelt stamps, perfinned with pattern I117, and an un-punched 1¢ Jefferson stamp to pay the 1976 postage. There must be an interesting story behind the travels of the city's postage stamps to Fort Myers, Florida.