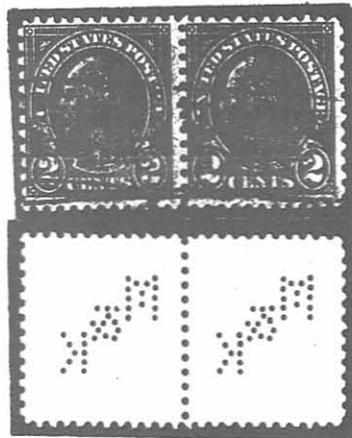
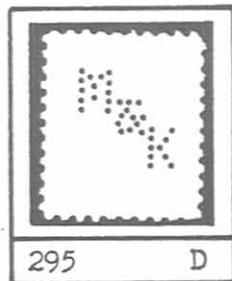


M295 - On Kansas Overprint

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The pair of stamps shown above are the two cent carmine of the regular 1926-7 series overprinted "Kans." (*Scott Catalogue* number 660). The stamps also are perforated with perfin pattern M295 (M&K diagonal). At first glance, one might question this usage; however, the user was a Kansas firm. *The Catalog of United States Perfins*, Balough & Balough, 1979, lists the user as the Missouri and Kansas Telegraph

Company of Wichita, Kansas. The pattern is also known precanceled Kansas City, Kansas.

On the other hand, this one cent green overprinted "Nebr." (*Scott Catalogue* number 669) was plainly postmarked in New Jersey. Unfortunately, the one cent stamp is not perforated. Perfins on the Kansas-Nebraska overprints are scarce and the clear NJ cancel on the single makes that stamp desirable.