

After retiring, I started to put my life in order. My wife used the phrase, "Do something about that mess in the garage." After a year of puttering around, I started working on perfin covers that I have accumulated. The first logical step was to sort them alphabetically. After sorting, I picked up the pack with the letter "A" and arranged those in ascending perfin pattern order. Careful comparison with the *Catalog of United States Perfins* resulted in the article "A is for Apple" that appeared several months ago. It is now R+24 (i.e., retirement plus 24 months) and I have just completed the pile of covers with perfin patterns starting with the letter "B". At this rate it will take me until July 2021 to complete the project. Fortunately, I found fewer covers indicating catalog problems this time.

BLAIR, ROLLINS & CO.

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44 WALL STREET, NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

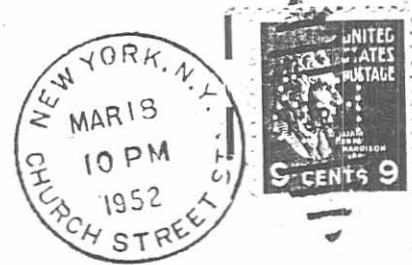
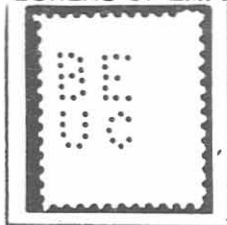


Figure 1. B34 - Blair, Rollins & Co.

Figure 1 illustrates a photographically cropped, March 18, 1952, posting using perfin pattern B34 (B.B). The corner card identifies the user as Blair, Rollins & Company, Inc., 44 Wall Street, New York 5, NY. The pattern and company listed in the catalog does not include the comma following "Blair" and neglects the incorporated. I believe that the catalog should be corrected to show the user as "Blair, Rollins & Company". Along with this a supplementary note should be added that the organization was known as "Blair, Rollins & Company, Inc." at least after 1952.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION  
HARRISBURG, PA.



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533 Centre Street  
Norristown, Pa.

Figure 2 - B101 - Bureau of Employment and Unemployment Compensation

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The *Catalog of United States Perfins* simply lists the user of perfin pattern B101 (BE/UC) as "Penna Div of Unemployment, Harrisburg, PA." From my brief tenure as a public official, I know that part of the bureaucratic process is to periodically shuffle boxes on the organization chart and give the various offices new names. However, in this case the pattern (BE/UC) used on the photographically cropped cover shown in Figure 2 matches "Bureau of Employment and Unemployment Compensation." The real problem facing the Catalog Editor in correcting this entry is how to fit the full title of the user's office into the space available. The full name shown on the cover is, "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of

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Employment and Unemployment Compensation, Harrisburg, PA." The second problem with the catalog entry is that it does not list a Norristown, PA address. This address is rubber stamped under the corner card and confirmed by the November 23, 1940, CDS.