

More on Douglas Patent Paper Stamps

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In response to the articles in the December 2004 and January 2005 *Perfins Bulletin*, F. M. Arndt e-mailed: "Regarding the recent discussion of "Douglas Patent Paper" - you might be interested in the discussion and pictures on the Chat Board for 2/14/05 at <http://www.RFrajola.com>, then to board!"

I went to the suggested site. While the content really has only limited relevance to the security punch itself, there are a couple of fantastic illustrations of materials few of us will ever see in our personal collections.

The impetus to the series of comments is a cover submitted for comment by Don Tocher. It is franked with a badly defaced (lower half missing) copy of the 3¢ green Washington (Scott type A46). The type is that of the issue (SC#207) for which the 8-hole-circle-punch is known. However, apparently no known copies exist on cover for this issue – and, equally apparently, hope springs eternal.

After several people shared very beautiful material in support of one or another argument, it was concluded that the franking was a simple SC#207 and not a Douglas patent paper variety. But some great pictures are there for the viewing.