

Origin of three U.S. vanity perfins revealed by former Club officer

Former Perfins Club vice president Dorothy Savage Hazard has stepped forward to provide details about three perfins that show up on a few recent U.S. commemoratives. All three were created by the same perforator that created the five PF patterns (P80.1P thru P80.5P) for the SESCAL show in 1977.

The first one, the large D, is listed in the U.S. catalog as D1.5IP and credited to Dorothy Savage. The other smaller D pattern is unlisted. The CANCELED pattern is also unlisted. It is known on Scott 1361. The two Ds are known on Scott 1336.

Dorothy says the perforator that made these three patterns was used at a bank her husband, Glen Savage,

worked for before he passed away in 1985. The perforator was given to him and in turn passed on to John Burns and Jack Gooding who changed the

pins to smaller holes and made the five PF perfins.

The two Ds obviously stand for Dorothy. She says she used both D patterns on a few stamps. She also used the CANCELED when she perforated one stamp while checking out the perforator.

If you run across any of the three, you'll now know the history behind them. One is

listed in the catalog; the other two are not. All three are vanity items that are philatelic only.

