

Maine Perfins - Recent Discoveries

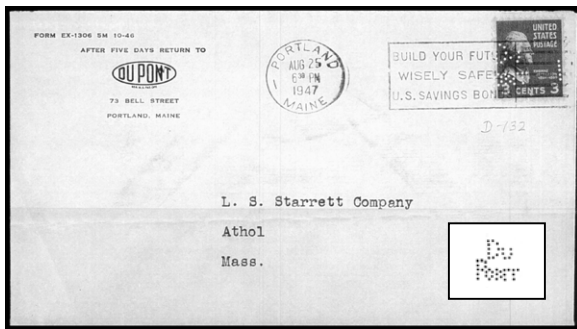
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Since the publication of Adele Ottenheimer's *Catalog of United States by Location*, a number of new usages from the state of Maine have surfaced. These include :

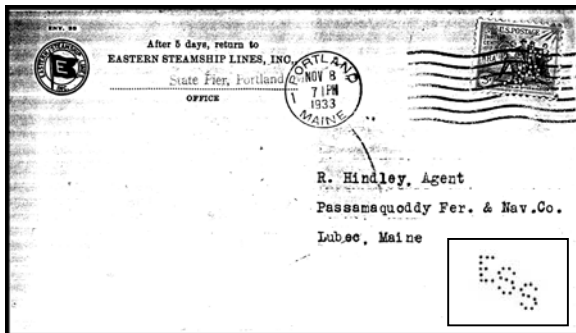
- D132 - DuPont – Portland
- E119 – Eastern Steamship Lines – Portland
- T81 – Travelers Insurance – Portland
- W199-36 - Western Union – Portland

The covers establishing these usages are reproduced below. All appear to be legitimate within corporation/company usage, just done at previously unreported offices.

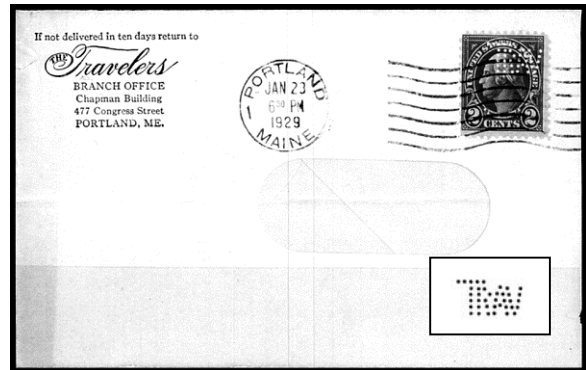
The DuPont perfin (D132) on this cover was used from DuPont's Portland office on August 25, 1947.



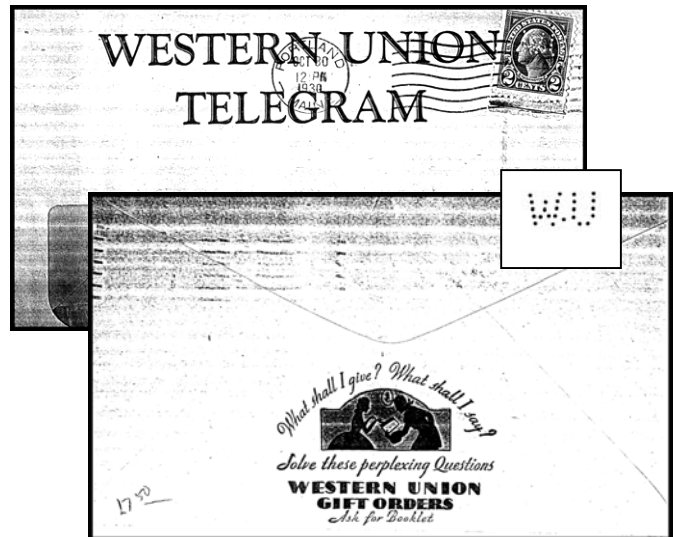
E119: Note in this cover that the return address "State Pier, Portland" was typed in a space left blank for just that purpose. This envelope suggests a generic "form" envelope usable in offices other than New York (as listed in the current US Catalog).



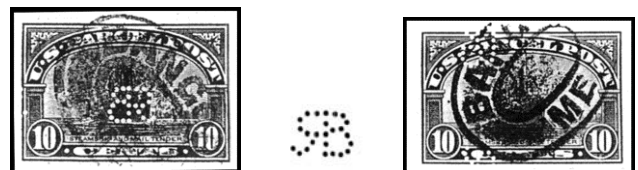
Use of a T81 perfined stamp by the Travelers (Insurance Company's) Branch Office in Portland on the 23rd of January 1929 (above right).



Use of W199-36 by Western Union (Telegraph Co.) in Portland on the 30th of October 1930. The back of the envelope (also shown) is more interesting than the conservative front. Also note on the back, \$17.50 was the cost of this item reflecting the telegraph usage, not the perfin value.



Shown below are two parcel post stamps with Bangor postmarks. Both are perfined with pattern R16. This is a clear probable for the city of use; none is shown for this pattern in the Randall US catalog.



And, in closing, I have US H177 (Hayden Stone Co., Portland, ME) perfinned stamps used in New York and Massachusetts. Hayden Stone, a brokerage firm, had offices in a number of states. Does anyone have covers confirming legitimate usage in any of the locations other than Portland?
