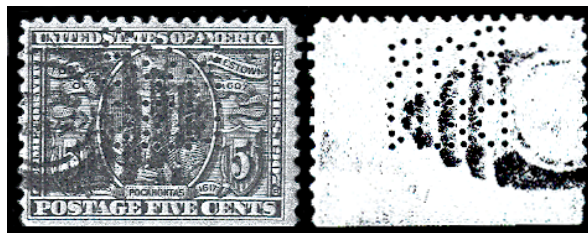

Perfined 5¢ Jamestown Exposition Issue

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I have a small collection that I like to dabble with from time to time, namely, the 1907 Jamestown Exposition Issue, and I am always looking for something neat or unusual to add to it. Well, that opportunity presented itself on e-Bay about a month ago. A good friend sent me an e-mail about this item spotted on e-Bay. I was able to “Buy it now” without taking a chance on losing it to someone else.

The item is a 5¢ Jamestown issue with a decently centered “BOR/DEN” perfin; the perfin of the Borden’s Condensed Milk Company of Chicago (B186A, an A rated pattern). Borden’s use of perfins seems to have extended only a few years. Owing to the odd size of the stamps in this issue, not many companies perforated them. Coupled with these two facts is the fact that the 5¢ rate was generally used only for international mail. I have been a perfin collector for 20 years and this is the first perfined

5¢ Jamestown issue I have ever seen. I’m sure there are others out there, but they sure stay well hidden.



I would love to get some feedback on this stamp and the Jamestown Issue from other members of the Club. If anyone has perfins on this issue, I would like to hear from them and get a copy of the stamp. I will be glad to reimburse copying and postal costs. Contact me at Mfallsice@aol.com, or 575 Virginia Dr., Norfolk, VA 23505-4242, or 755-588-7210 or at my cell phone on 757-303-4124.