

# Results of the Three Private Auctions of the Rev. John Griswold Estate and George Baker Collections

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During the months of January, February and March, 2006, I held three private auctions for the Estates of Rev. John Griswold and George Baker. While a portion of Rev. Griswold's collection proceeds was donated to the Perfins Club, the entire proceeds of Life Member George Baker's collection was. The amount of Mr. Baker's contribution was \$3,109.69! I know that I speak for all the members of the Club when I express my appreciation to George for this both generous and wonderful contribution. A check has been sent to the Treasurer.

Although all bidders (109 Club members!) receive complete bidding results, the following will give all other members an up-to-date idea of what perfins are bringing in auction, to better evaluate both their collections and bidding practices.

## Foreign Perfins

These collections were comprised mostly of US

material; it will suffice to say that the foreign perfins offered were not collections but merely glassines full of various countries with most of the damaged removed. Prices realized brought mostly between 5 and 20 cents per stamp. Several reports were received from the successful bidders. The happiest was the winner of the Canadian lot who paid just over 15 cents per stamp and was rewarded with a Canadian "A" rate worth many times the cost of the whole lot!

There were several foreign perfins offered individually - namely the fancy designs and animals of Germany and France mostly selling in the \$15.00 to \$25.00 range.

## U.S. Perfins

It is very interesting to see the prices realized for individual "B", "B+" & "A" rated US perfins. Only the perfect copies are included in this synopsis, the

(39) less than perfect copies are not included but still brought very good prices as damage was minor. Following is a breakdown of the results with a few examples of the patterns realizing the greatest amounts. Again, only perfect copies are included.

**"A" rated perfin comprised 9 lots.**

Prices Realized	# of Lots
\$40.01 - \$50.00	3
\$50.01 - \$60.00	2
\$60.01 - \$70.00	1
\$70.01 - \$80.00	2 -- C299.5, C344.7
\$80.01 - \$90.00	1 -- T118.3

**"B+" rated perfin comprised 17 lots.**

Prices Realized	# of Lots
\$20.01 - \$22.00	2
\$22.01 - \$24.00	0
\$24.01 - \$26.00	1
\$26.01 - \$28.00	2
\$28.01 - \$30.00	1
\$30.01 - \$32.00	1
\$32.01 - \$34.00	3
\$34.01 - \$36.00	2
\$36.01 - \$38.00	1
\$38.01 - \$40.00	4 -- J136, M207, T79.5, T97A

**"B" rated perfin comprised (176) lots.**

Prices Realized	# of Lots
\$8.01 - \$10.00	7
\$10.01 - \$12.00	18
\$12.01 - \$14.00	37
\$14.01 - \$16.00	76
\$16.01 - \$18.00	15
\$18.01 - \$20.00	2 -- F80, T29
\$20.01 - \$22.00	2 -- R112
\$22.01 - \$24.00	6 -- H1, S3, S114A, W72-88, Y9, Des30.5
\$24.01 - \$26.00	2 -- U77A, W72-57
\$26.01 - \$28.00	1 - S204B

### Schermacks

Four "A" and eight "B" rated patterns were offered. The "A" rates brought between \$55.00 and \$99.00 with an average of \$72.12. "B" rates brought between \$33.00 and \$38.78 with an average of \$35.98.

Should you have any questions concerning these prices or the private auctions, please feel free to contact me at (508) 478-7303 or by e-mail @perfinman@comcast.net.

I will be offering Fred Sawyer's collection in the autumn. Presently, should you have any need for US perfin rated F through C+, I will be happy to search this collection for you at the following prices *per pattern*: F & E rated - 10¢; D rated - 25¢; D+ rated @-50¢; C rated - \$2.00; and, C+ rated - \$4.00.