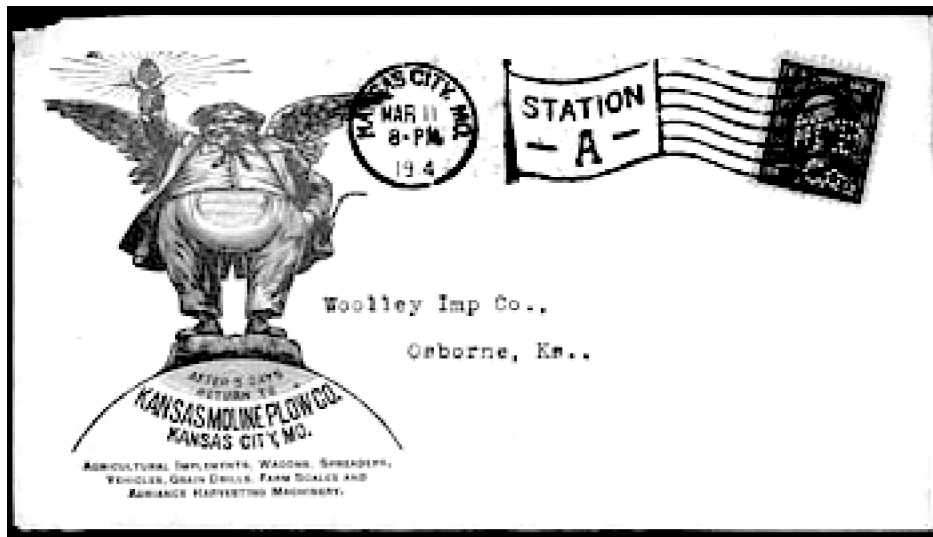

Moline Plow - A Spectacular Update

Edited from two items & a note from Christian Rueger (#1834)

In the April 2007 Bulletin (p. 76) a new location of for the Moline Plow Co. perfin was spectacularly illustrated by a cover canceled in St. Louis, MO. On this cover the company's logo was placed on the right side of the envelope. The illustration of the man was modified with a blank spot for the stamp and the address below the man reads Missouri Moline Plow Co./ St. Louis, Mo.

In Nutmeg's Auction 159 (reported in this Bulletin in the Auction Watch column) a new usage for this perfin (Appears to be M205 ont M204 – but difficult

to tell from the illustration) Lot 1870 adds yet another user location to the growing list of cities in which this perfin was legitimately used. Differing from the St. Louis cover in having the complete logo (no hole in the illustration for a stamp) to the left on the envelope this representation of the logo includes the words 'Kansas Moline Plow Co./Kansas City, MO.' The 1914 cancel of Kansas City, Mo. Station A clearly documents a new, completely legitimate use of this pattern. The cover is no less spectacular than that from St. Louis; the illustration is in red and the envelope is franked with a red 2¢ Washington.



As if this cover wasn't enough, Chris also spotted a possibly unique item in Mathew Bennett's Auction 324. Lot 1210 is a strip of three red 1917 Washington's. Intended to be issued as 2¢ stamps, the center stamp in this strip is the 5¢ rose error (Sc. #No. 505; perfin pattern M205). All three stamps

have the "MP/ Co" perfin of the Moline Plow Co. of Columbus, Ohio. (Note that the catalog of US perfins does not list the Columbus, Oh. location! However, lacking cover confirmation I wouldn't add it to the growing list of cities of use of this pattern.) In this case the 5¢ rose error is the bonus!

