U.S. Private Perforations

Attleboro Stamp Company (circa 1909-1910)

The Attleboro Stamp Company was based in Attleboro, Massachusetts and owned by F. Percy Collingwood. In July of 1909 the company built a stamp affixing machine that moistened the envelope instead of the stamp. This was different from other affixing machines.

The Company had made its own machine to perforate and affix stamps in order to mail its Monthly Bargain List and its new philatelic journal, The Attleboro Philatelist.

In August, 1909 they also used their machine for mailing their Monthly Bargain List. In September, 1909 the company used the same machine for mailing the first issue of The Attleboro Philatelist which consisted of 8 pages.

The front and back pages are shown here. There are various ads from stamp dealers in this publication.
FREE PRIZES
Over $55.00 Cat.

Value of good desirable stamps given as prizes to the ones securing the largest number of yearly subscriptions to "THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST" before December 10, 1909

Subscription Price, 25c. Canada and Foreign 40c

EIGHT PRIZES

1st prize consists of 600 stamps with a cat. value of over $20.00. Given to the one securing the largest number of subscriptions to THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST before Dec. 10, 1909.

2d prize consists of 400 stamps with a cat. value of over $15.00. Given to the one securing the second largest number of subscriptions to THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST before Dec. 10, 1909.

3d prize consists of 200 stamps with a cat. value of over $7.00. Given to the one securing the third largest number of subscriptions to THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST before Dec. 10, 1909.

5 prizes of 100 stamps each with a cat. value of over $3.00 each, will be given to the five next highest.

Send in YOUR subscription, which will count as 5 if you desire to enter the contest.

Now Get Busy
Sample Copies Free

F. Percy Collingwood
Attleboro, Mass.
In addition there was an ad by Frank B. Eldredge, a stamp dealer from Attleboro. He is also mentioned in the section for advertising in the publication. Not only is there a cover sent to him, but he had correspondence with George Howard about the Attleboro stamps produced and the Collingwood estate.

In the April 15, 1912 issue of the Philatelic Gazette, Collingwood stated that because of "repeated requests for copies in mint condition I had a change made whereby unused copies in strips might be had perforated".

As seen above, the horizontal perforation on vertical coils are: Oblong slot: 13 mm wide, 1.5 to 1.8 mm high, connecting strips 1.1 to 1.3 mm wide; notching appears mostly at the bottom of the stamp. The "v" notch was used to hold the stamp in place to allow better tearing from the next stamp.

As seen above the vertical perforation on horizontal coils are:
Oblong slot: 13 mm high, 1.5 to 1.8 mm wide, connecting strips 1.1 to 1.3 mm wide
"v" notch appears mostly at the right of the stamp

Almost all examples for both perforations show either a slanting down from left to right on the horizontal perforation and a slanting down toward the left from top to bottom on the vertical perforation.

Collingwood sold The Attleboro Philatelic publication to C.P. De Kay at the end of 1910 and that was merged into The Stamp Journal.

The Attleboro perforation was first produced in 1909 which was the same time period as the other manufacturers of private perforations, such as, Schermack Mailing Machine Co., Brinkerhoff Stamp Machine Co., United States Automatic Vending Co., John V. Farwell Co. and Mail-O-Meter Machine Co.

The other producers were first listed in the Scott catalog beginning in 1935. Scott Stamp Catalog did not list the Attleboro perforation until 1991 even though George Howard was trying to do that in the 1940's.
One of the characteristics that sometimes appears from the Attleboro Stamp Company's stamp production is an angling or slanting on the stamp edge from the perforation cut.

 Either the lower left stamp edge across the width of the stamp is slanting downward or upward.

 This can usually be seen by the naked eye but sometimes there is very slight slanting.

 A second feature of the production is the "v" notched on each stamp, usually on the bottom of a vertical stamp, pair or strip and on the right side of a horizontal stamp, pair or strip.
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Attleboro Stamp Company
Issue of 1908-1909

Slant Left to Right Down

Imperfotrated

Extra Perforation

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair
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Normal Slant Left to Right Down

![Normal Slant Left to Right Down](image)

**Attleboro Stamp Company**

**Issue of 1908-1909**

Unusual Slant Left to Right Up

![Unusual Slant Left to Right Up](image)

-Pasteup Strip

-Pasteup Strip
Guideline Strip
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Possible First Day of Usage

After 6 Days Return To
ATTLEBORO STAMP CO.
ATTLEBORO, MASS.

Frank E. Eldredge,
17 Jefferson St.,
Attleboro,
Mass.

Attleboro, MA to Attleboro, MA
August 2, 1909

After 6 Days Return To
ATTLEBORO STAMP CO.
ATTLEBORO, MASS.

Guy H. Herr,
3144 Frankford Ave.,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Attleboro, MA to Philadelphia, PA
August 2, 1909
After 5 Days Return To
ATTLEBORO STAMP CO.
ATTLEBORO, MASS.

O. D. Brewer,

Montgomery,

Ala.

Attleboro, MA to Montgomery, AL
August 3, 1909
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Part of Attleboro Mailer

Attleboro, MA

Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1908-1909

Wrapper for The Attleboro Philatelist
Attleboro, MA to Winchendon, MA
Backstamp February 19, 1910
Only Known Example Used

Pair on part wrapper of The Attleboro Philatelist
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Normal Slant Top to Bottom Left

Attleboro, MA
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Attleboro Stamp Company
Issue of 1909

Slant Top to Bottom Left

Guideline Pair
Attleboro, MA
e

(e)

(ex-Grunin)

Pasteup Pair
e

Guideline Pair
e
Slant Top to Bottom Left

Strip

e

Slant Top to Bottom Left

Guideline Strip
(ex-Grunin)
Noted in Howard, p30
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Atteboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1909

ex-Belasco

Pasteup Strip
Plate Number 5249 under tab
e

Guideline Strip

Combination of issues with private perforations

Single and 1½ issue of 1908-1909 with Atteboro Perforations
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Attleboro Stamp Company  
Issue of 1909

Atleboro, MA to Windsor, Nova Scotia, Canada
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Attleboro Stamp Company
Issue of 1909

RETURN IN 6 DAYS TO
F. Percy Collingwood
ATTLEBORO, MASS.

Augustus H. Kiusalas
Foxboro,
Mass.

Attleboro, MA to Foxboro, MA
September 23, 1909

RETURN IN 6 DAYS TO
F. Percy Collingwood
ATTLEBORO, MASS.

E. Tansen
Nylstroom, Transvaal,
S. Africa.

Single with 1¢ and 2¢ regular issue of 1908-1909 and 13¢ regular issue of 1902-1903
Attleboro, MA to Nylstroom, Transvaal, South Africa
January 24, 1910