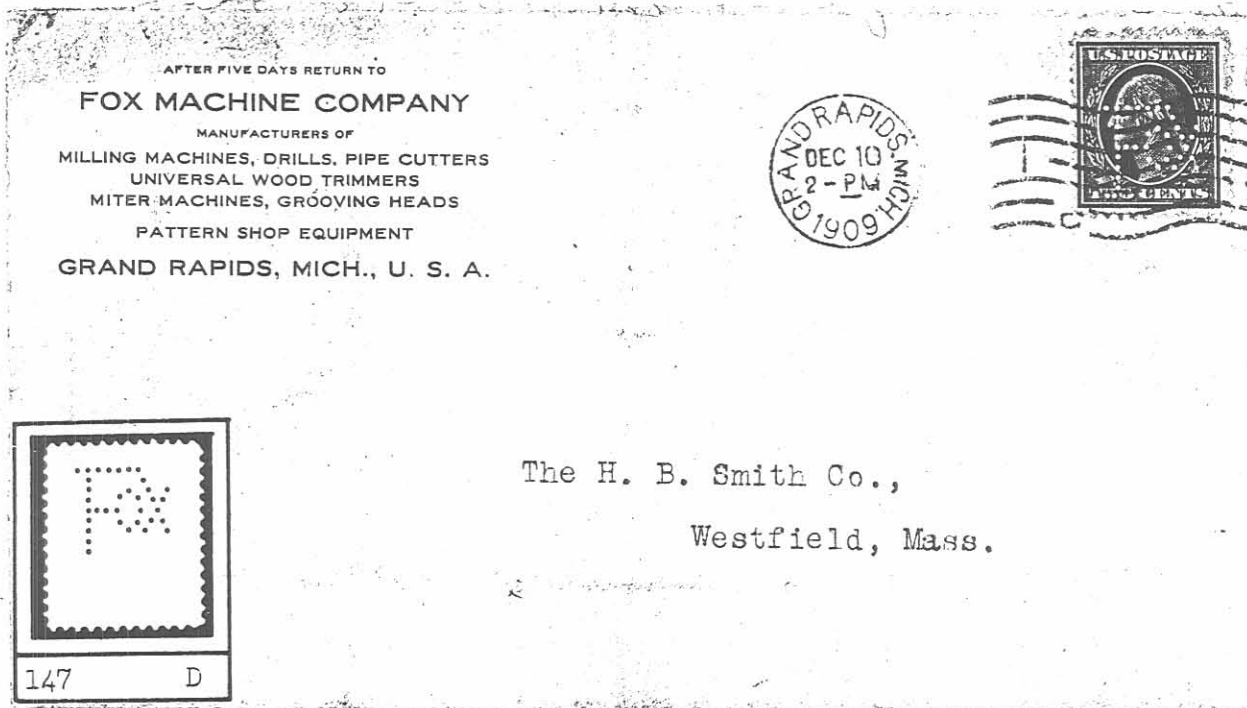


Fox Typewriter or Machine Company? - F147

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The illustrated cover is from my collection. It shows a two cent red Washington head punched with the unmistakable "FOX" of perfin pattern F147. The corner card identifies the user as the Fox Machine Company, Manufactures of Milling Machines, Drills, Pipe Cutters, Miter Machines, Grooving Heads and Pattern Shop Equipment. The company was located in Grand Rapids, Michigan as attested to by the corner card and the December 10, 1909, Grand Rapids, Mich cancel.

The Fox Machine Company is listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins* under perfin pattern F146 for San Antonio, Texas. That pattern (F146) does not match the pattern on my cover (F147) which is listed in the catalog as being used by the Fox Typewriter Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Is this a catalog switch of patterns F146 and F147 or is this a new user for pattern F147. I have sent the same information to the US Catalog editor and await his comment.