

Figure 1 - The Bettendorf Company

*The Catalog of United States Perfins*, 1979, identifies the owner of perfin pattern B81 as Micro Div of Pomona Pump Co. Davenport, IA. A supplementary location of Bettendorf, IA is listed in the Appendix. Since the B81 pattern is B/Co, the Pomona Pump Co. is hardly a match. An exact match is shown in the photographically reduced (65%) cover shown in Figure 1. The November 20, 1937 mailing's corner card lists the user as The Bettendorf Company, Bettendorf, Iowa.

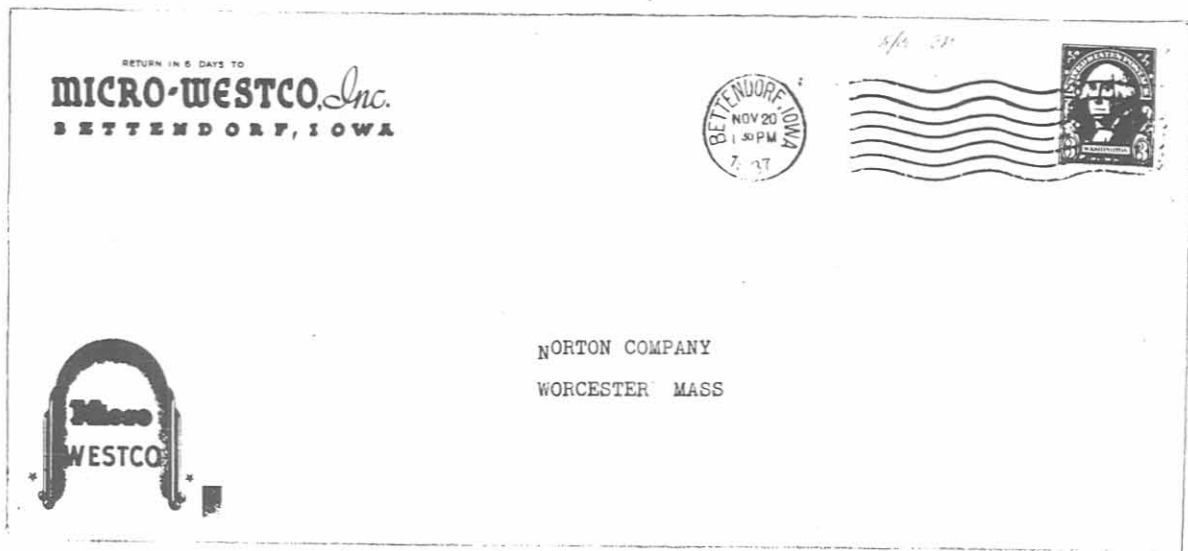


Figure 2 - Micro Westco, Inc.

Another cover using the same perfin pattern is pictured photographically reduced (65%) in Figure 2. In this instance, the corner card reads Micro-Westco, Inc., Bettendorf, Iowa. Also of interest is the fact that both letters were addressed to the Norton Company of Worcester, Mass and they were both posted on the same day.

It appears that the next revision of the catalog should list the Bettendorf Company of Bettendorf, Iowa as the prime user of perfin pattern B81 with supplemental usages being credited to Micro-Westco, Inc. and Micro Div of Pomona Pump Company. To this end, full-sized photocopies have been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor.