

The Case Crane and Kilbourne Jacobs Company - K71

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The US Catalog lists the user of perfin design K71 as "Kilbourne & Jacobs." Those initials are a perfect match for the design K&J. The embossed envelope,

shown in reduced size on the top of page 77, also bears a 3¢ purple Thomas Jefferson stamp punched with the K&J of perfin pattern K71. There are several possibilities here. They are:

- 1 The current entry in the catalog is incorrect.
- 2 The catalog entry is based on a former version of the company which later joined with the Case Crane Company
- 3 Kilbourne & Jacobs was a spin off from The Case Crane and Kilbourne Jacobs Company.

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Reduced size cover from The Case Crane and Kilbourne Jacobs Company

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Editor's comments:

A full size illustration was forwarded to John Randall, the US Catalog Editor, for comment. His comments were:

A very interesting cover. Apparently, Kil-

bourne & Jacobs merged with or was taken over by Case Crane. I do not believe that the Catalog entry is incorrect. Kilbourne Jacobs was definitely not a spinoff from Case Crane. Until this cover showed up, I had only seen this perfin used on the 1908-17 stamp issues. Apparently some

clerk rediscovered the punch many years after its use was discontinued and decided to try it out. There is a gap of about twenty years between this cover and other use. Things like this really foul up a cataloger's life.