

EKU Use of Perfins by State

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Richard Learn (#3265 deceased) was the first chronicler of the early use of perfins patterns. His compilation of the EKU (earliest known use) of perfins in each of the 50 states plus D.C. and Puerto Rico was first published in the March 2000 *Bulletin*. This list was updated and published in the September 2001 *Bulletin*. With Richard's death, the driving force behind this listing lost energy. In addition, I am unsure from the published record whether his first list was compiled from examples in his personal collection and then was subsequently updated through member correspondence, and further, I have no idea whether his collection of EKU covers was purchased outright and remains intact or if it was broken up through auction or other sale.

Regardless of the disposition of Richard's material, Bob Szymanski, with his reflections on the Madison convention published earlier in this issue of the *Bulletin*, has resurrected interest in his list.

At Bob's suggestion I am publishing a slightly updated version of that EKU list. All patterns are numbered according to the 1997 Randall version of the U. S. perfin catalog, with two identifications (that for New York's and Washington's first pattern used) being problematic. Anyone with earlier usages should contact either Bob or the *Bulletin* editor (see back page for either address).

State	Date	Pattern	Catalog Number
Alabama	13 Apr 1909	AB/&A	A51
Alaska	16 July 1913	WP/&YR	W171
Arizona	15 Mar 1912	NYL	N113A1
Arkansas	26 Aug 1912	NYL	N113Aa6
California	23 Jul 1908	RIC(o)/LD	R87
Colorado	7 Apr 1909	(C)T((C)o)	C344
Connecticut	20 Mar 1909	P&F/C	P252
Delaware	6 Oct 1909	PRR/Co	P199
District of Columbia	20 Jan 1909	NCI	N49
Florida	1 May 1909	FEC/R.Y.	F68
Georgia	9 Feb 1909	SAL	S29
Hawaii	17 Feb 1938	T.H.	T47
Idaho	17 Sept 1911	OR/&N	O69
Illinois	26 May 1908	BFC/Co	B110
Indiana	25 Sept 1908	K	K4
Iowa	3 May 1909	BL(A)	B152
Kansas	1 Oct 1909	IHC	143.7-C9
Kentucky	6 May 1909	SO	S195-31
Louisiana	25 Jun 1909	ML	M152
Maine	6 Apr 1910	NE/T& T	N76
Maryland	7 Sep 1908	BBH	B53
Massachusetts	22 May 1908	WFS/Co	W91
Michigan	28 Aug 1908	FORD	F145
Minnesota	13 Jul 1908	W(PC)	W158
Mississippi	19 Jun 1931	IC	122
Missouri	3 Jul 1908	SH/Co	S138
Montana	2 Aug 1909	DU/PONT	D129
Nebraska	2 Dec 1908	PRR/Co	P199
Nevada	24 Dec 1931	WP	W155
New Hampshire	21 Sep 1911	BoE	B176
New Jersey	27 Jun 1908	K&E/Co	K69

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New Mexico	4 May 1911	MS	M227
New York	30 June 1908	TG&TCo	T43.7 ?T43.5, T44 or T45
North Carolina	19 Apr 1909	LT	L148
North Dakota	25 Nov 1908	[SL]	S170
Ohio	12 Aug 1908	BFG/Co	B118
Oklahoma	5 May 1910	RI	R75
Oregon	27 May 1910	CUD/AHY	C356.1
Pennsylvania	29 Oct 1908	P/(C(o))	P50
Puerto Rico	6 May 1913	SP&Co	S235.5
Rhode Island	3 Aug 1909	BY/Co	B250
South Carolina	4 Jan 1912	[TRT]	T87
South Dakota	21 Mar 1916	IHC	143.7-1
Tennessee	21 Apr 1909	L&N/RR	L187
Texas	22 Mar 1909	SW/TT	S322A
Utah	5 Aug 1911	BAU/ER	B27
Vermont	13 Jul 1911	RUT/LAND	R138
Virginia	14 Sep 1909	IHC	143.7-6
Washington	16 Oct 1908	PD	P53.3 ?P54 or 55.**
West Virginia	28 Dec 1909	IHC	143.7A-17
Wisconsin	26 Sep 1908	Y&L	Y10
Wyoming	19 Aug 1909	PRR/Co	P199
