

OHIO

**TOWN LIST
OF
UNIVERSAL
MACHINE
CANCELS**

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Methodology,
Thanks, and Dedication

This town list began with covers and information provided first by Bart Billings in the early 1992, expanded by my own search for Ohio covers in the local dealer dollar boxes, and then added to with help from Reg Morris in 2004. Earlier Reg had sold me his portable collection of machines . . . a Perfection hand stamper, and a Universal Model K. The local post office emptied its basement of three electric machines.

I now had machines and the covers they produced.

Reg was most obliging to add notes and arrows to his covers in light pencil, which proved invaluable in my research.

This huge collection of Ohio covers was first separated by year, pre-1920 and then post-1920. The pre-1920 covers were arranged by machine. The post-1920 machines were arranged by town name in alphabetical order. It became obvious over time that I had arranged and identified the covers incorrectly. Bob Payne at this time was a great source of articles for Machine Cancel Forum, which I served as Editor. In between articles I would pester him for help in identifying covers, as well as ask if my cover was a new date of use. He eventually just sent me his computer list which included the Universal electric machines, and told me to enjoy, on condition that as I received it free, it be shared with Machine Cancel Society members for free so long as their use generated more articles for Forum. Bob's concept was very clear . . . share and publish. The more you share, the more you will have to publish. That is why this list is free, and you are in return asked to share your finds by scanning them and sending them off to me, as Editor.

The list of Model K's – the Universal hand powered machine – came from Bart Billings, which he also freely shared and which he earlier published through the Machine Cancel Society as Anthology III. It seemed curious at the time that Bob did not furnish me with the hand powered Universal listing, nor the HD2 International hand powered, but looking back it was because the better source was Bart. Besides publishing the Anthology III on the Universal Model K, Bart published two books on the HD2 International hand powered machine.

Reg's and Bart's Ohio covers are the rock of this town list, with Bob's list providing the structure, and Bart's list of Model K giving it the final touch.

It is to Bart, Bob, and Reg the thanks belong, and this Ohio Town List of Universal Machine Cancels is dedicated to the trio.

The Machine Cancel Society through the hard work of Gary Carlson maintains a state data base. That list was not incorporated into this one, but instead used to check data ONLY when there seemed to be a problem. It also permitted the publication of Bob's list, updated only by finds which I could personally confirm.

YES! This list will be updated by your reports, and the Society database – but only from scans and photocopies that you provide.

References in alphabetical order

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**QUESTION:
DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS
IDENTIFYING MACHINES?
ARE YOU NOT SURE OF WHAT YOU HAVE?**

ANSWER: drop an email with a scan of your cancel to the Editor. I will help you as best I can, within the time frames of my 'real job' and my duties as Editor. I have done plenty of 'pestering' myself and it is my turn to help. The email address is at the top of this page.