

A Time Frame For

I've been especially looking forward to this one! As with the previous time frame I ran earlier, this one's never been done before either, so please keep in mind that many of the dates given here merely give us a starting point for research. If you know you have a cover in a category here from an earlier year or earlier period, I'm hoping you will send that information in, so this framework can eventually be satisfactorily completed (a scan or photocopy would be nice, but I at least need a description of the cover and the date, or how you arrived at that period; the date can't be a guess). If you have pertinent information on a category not shown, please send that in, as well. Note the system used here:

known = date is already in existing documents, so this is a given; these are all in bold.

dated = date comes from a dated cover

* = date represents the midpoint of a known range of years [example - *Earliest bank appears to be a Lion SF.*

Those were produced from 1919-1928. Thus, I give it a date of 1923. I believe that's reasonable under the circumstances]

= indirectly dated through other sources.

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OK! Let's put our heads (and our collections) together and see what we can come up with!

1892	- 1st Pusey matchbook (- known?*)		- 1st Champ. Spark Plug (Dia SF - *)
1893			- 1st Chinese Rest.(Chop Suey R...-Dia SF-*)
1894			- 1st Tobacco (Dill's Best - Dia SF - *)
1895			- 1st Auto Dealer (Dort Motor...-Dia SF - *)
1896	- 1st Patented...1892 mm (Dia.-known)		- 1st Ice Cream (Fearon's - Dia SF - *)
1897			- 1st Lumber Co. (Homestead..-Dia SF - *)
1898	- 1st Dated cover(Ohio Bankers Ass.-dated)		1918 *)
1899			1919 - 1st Gasoline (Richfield Oil.. - Dia SF - *)
1900			1920 *)
1901			- 1st Charity (Somerville Ass.. - Dia SF - *)
1902	- 1st Cigar (...1892 mm -Gen. Arthur.. -*)		1921 *)
1903			1922 - 1st Inn (Beekman Arms - dated)
1904			- 1st Lion S-F footer (known)
1905			1923 - 1st Dia. Match footer (known)
1906			- Last Dia. S-F footer (known)
1907			- 1st Can Tax Stamp (known)
1908			- 1st Federal covers (known)
1909	- Last Patented...1892 mm (Dia. - known)		- 1st Cigarette (Lucky Strike-Dia Match-*)
1910			- 1st DQ footer (known)
1911	- 1st App. Match No. 7 (Dia. - known)		- 1st Navy Ship (Sirius - known)
1912			1924 - 1st Star cover (known)
1913			- 1st Taxi (Lion SF - *)
1914			1925 - 1st Elks (Lion SF, Lodge 171, - *)
1915	- 1st Political (Stanley Adam. - dated)		1926 - 1st Fraternal (see above)
	- 1st Safety First footer (Dia. - known)		- 1st Nat.Park (Lion SF, Yel'stone - *)
1916	- 1st Dia. S-F footer (known)		- 1st Christmas cover (Lion SF - dated)
1917	- Last App. Match No. 7 (Dia. - known)		1927 - 1st Universal covers (known)
	- 1st Real Estate(Chase Morrison-Dia SF-*)		- Last Dia. Match footer (Milton Fair - dated)
	- 1st F-L (Joseph & Feiss - Dia SF - *)		- 1st Self-Extinguish. (Lion- known)
	- 1st Club (Dillon's Athletic..- Dia SF - *)		1928 - 1st Green Hat (Lion - known)
	- 1st Lobster (Peroni's - Dia SF - *)		
	- 1st B&W Photo (Rosenblum's-Dia SF - *)		
	- 1st Jeweler (E.A. Miller - Dia SF - *)		

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1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Union Match covers (known) - 1st Eddy covers (known) - 1st VFW (Mem. Day - dated) - 1st Railroad (B&O - dated) - 1st Movie Theater (New Eng.. - dated) - 1st Dated Auto (Willy-Knight -dated) - 1st Col/Uni (Uni. of Wisc. - dated) 	1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Barber (J. Ferrara - dated) ? - 1st Stock cut (J. Ferrara - dated) ? - 1st Radio/TV (Linton's - dated) - 1st Giant (Linton's - dated) - 1st Am. Pullmatch (known) - 1st Billboard (Universal - known) - 1st Manhattan (known)
1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Spts Sched. (Uni. of Wisc. - dated) - 1st Svc Sta. (Humble..Union Quality - *) - 1st Book Match covers (known) - Last Lion S-F footer (known) 	1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Royal Flash (Univ. - known) - 1st Manhattan S-F footer (known) - Last Star match (known) - 1st Medicine (Tums - dated) ? - 1st Sports (Joe Lewis vs... - dated) - 1st Dog Racing (Mineola - dated) - 1st K of C (KC Jubilesta - dated) - 1st Am. Legion (Post No. 294 - dated) - 1st Coca-Cola (Coca-Cola.. - dated)
1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Union Quality (Sposin' - dated) - 1st Grocery Store (Midwest.. - dated) - 1st Movie (Smiling Irish Eyes - #) - 1st Feature (Lion - known) 	1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Contact set (Dia. - known) - Last Atlantic covers (known)
1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Hilton (Mini-Max? -known) - 1st Fraternity (Pi Tau Pi - dated) - 1st Bank (Jenkintown Bank - dated) - 1st Calendar (Ohio blank - dated) - 1st 40-strike (Advance - known) - 1st Blot-R-Match (Union - *) - 1st Hospital (Roy.Sussex Co.Hosp-dated) - 1st Cafe (Roemhildt's Cafe - dated) 	1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Coronation (England - dated) - 1st Fire Dept. (W. Springs - dated) ? - 1st Coal (Comfort -dated) ? - 1st Insurance (O.K. Snyder - dated) - 1st Vending (Doc Wipf - dated) - 1st Fair (Oregon State Fair - dated) - 1st Shipline (French Line - dated) - 1st Moose (San Diego Conv.-dated Crown)
1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Hotel (Mayflower Hotel - dated) - 1st old Atlas covers (known) - 1st Superior covers (known) - 1st Olympics (Los Angeles - dated) 	1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st 10-strike (Universal - known) - 1st Advertizit (known) - 1st Girlie set (Superior - known) - 1st DD Bean (known)
1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Movie (Hoot Gibson - dated) - 1st VIP (Hoot Gibson - dated) - 1st Bridge Score (Book Match.. - dated) 	1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Back Striker (Ohio - known) - Last Blot-R-Match (Union -known) - Last DQ footer (known) - Last Union match (known) - 1st Military (S.Diego USMC -dated) - 1st Tavern (Ridge Tavern - dated) ? - 1st Tall Ship (New Sweden - dated) - 1st Indian (Pontiac -dated) - 1st F.O.E. (Nest No. 1342 - dated) - 1st Liquor Store (Fan Club - dated)
1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Rotary (Honolulu - dated) - 1st World's Fair (Chgo - known) - 1st Crown covers (known) - 1st Drug Co. (Lasky Drug Co. - dated) - 1st Candy (Chuckels DQ-handwritten date) - 1st Arrow covers (known) - 1st Maryland covers (known) - 1st Midget (Lion - known) 	1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st 240-strike (known) - 1st Hamilton covers (known) - 1st old Republic (known) - 1st Dog (Hoffman Studios - dated)
1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Adams Hats (known) - 1st Jersey covers (Known) - 1st Match Corp. covers (known) - Last of Art Match Co. covers (known) - 1st Owname covers (known) 		