

Collecting Cities

A number of collectors collect a specific city. I, for example, have a collection of my local town's covers, less than two hundred at best; Les Good, on the other hand, collects New York City, and his collection numbers over 28,000! But, that's not the type of 'Cities' collection I mean to discuss here.

What I refer to here is a collection of covers, each of which specifically advertises a city as its main theme, such as the examples below. So, we're not concerned with cities in addresses, as, say, a Towns collection would be.

I started collecting these quite early on, actually, simply because many of them were just too attractive to part with, especially the older 40-strikes which feature very colorful...and very nicely done...art work.

I currently have 560, but my collection actually entails covers that advertise cities, states, or countries (and I throw counties in there, as well). Some are put out by Chambers of Commerce, some by state tourist bureaus, some by the tourist bureau of a particular country. They *do* tend to be very colorful, simply because, in all probability, they're all trying to sell a specific location.

Lots of 20s and 30s here, of course, but 40s are also quite common, and there are even some Jewelites and boxes. I only have one 10-strike, however.

This is a great category for teaching geography, and there are certainly enough challenges here for any collector—Can you find at least one cover for every state, for example? So far, I haven't been able to...but the search continues!

