

Largest Collections: III

By Mike Prero

Tulip Match Co.	Russell Potter, OK	3	9/10	Washington	Win Lang, CA	1215	6/97
Turkeys	Chester Crill, CA	93	12/99	Washington, DC	Marie Harbison, PA	860	4/93
Turtles	Kathie Williman, MD	261	12/10	Waterfalls	Ed Brassard, WA	210	12/00
Typewriters	Ellen Gutting, NV	45	9/00	Watermelons	Jim Moffett, CA	2	6/93
U.S.O.	Mike Samuels, DC	82	7/05	Web Site Addresses	D. Longenecker, PA	2894	11/10
U.S.S.Mis'ppi Conj.	James Willard, MD	153	12/10	Weddings	D. Longenecker, PA	6656	11/10
Uncle Sam	Chester Crill, CA	57	4/05	West Virginia	Rodney Pyles, WV	4490	11/10
Uniglo	Dorothy Fry, OH	10360	10/05	Westin Hotels	Bill Furlong, NV	419	4/93
Union Blor-R	Clem Pater, OH	32	12/05	Whales	Chester Crill, CA	278	4/05
Union Match Co. (no footer)	Frank Lawton, CA	23	10/88	Whiskey	D. Longenecker, PA	817	11/10
Union Match Qual'	Ron Barksdale, CT	38	5/09	Willats & Co.	Mike Prero, CA	60	12/10
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Unions	Art Houser, NY	750	9/97	Windmills	Dan Bitter, OK	419	7/99
United Engineering	Russell Potter, OK	32	9/10	Wine	Bob Oliver, FL	347	10/87
Universal Safety-F	Judi Wittwer, AZ	33	10/89	Wisconsin	Jim Radoff, WI	11134	11/05
Universal XL	Mike Prero, CA	104	12/10	Witches	Cheryl Crill, CA	26	4/05
Utah	Win Lang, CA	248	4/93	Wolves	Chester Crill, CA	179	4/05
V.F.W.	D. Longenecker, PA	2923	11/10	Woodies	Dan Bitter, OK	10084	11/05
VD	Bill Longenecker, PA	52	11/10	World Fairs	Paul Moyer, CA	1479	12/93
Vegetables	Chester Crill, CA	370	4/05	World Fairs, Alaska Expo '67	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/10
Velvet	Judi Wittwer, AZ	3	5/01	World Fairs, Brus. '58	Don Marquette, AR	26	11/10
Vending Co./mach.	Ellen Gutting, NV	270	9/00	World Fairs, Cal.Pac.Expo	Don Marquette, AR	24	11/10
Vermont	Win Lang, CA	571	6/97	World Fairs, Can.Conf.'67	D. Longenecker, PA	87	11/10
Village Inns	Tom Gray, IA	165	6/97	World Fairs, Chicago '33	Don Marquette, AR	44	11/10
Virginia	Win Lang, CA	1169	6/97	World Fairs, Gold.Gate.Expo	Mike Samuels, DC	92	11/05
Vista-Lite	Dave Hampton, CA	264	10/88	World Fairs,			
Volcanoes	Chester Crill, CA	24	4/05				
Wagons/Carriages	Marie Harbison, PA	356	4/93				
Walgreen Drug	Seymour Shedlow, IL	123	5/01				
War Relief Society	Mike Samuels, DC	164	11/05				

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Japan '70	D. Longenecker, PA	8	11/10	World Fairs, San Ant. '68	Don Marquette, AR	16	11/10
World Fairs, Knoxville '82	John Clark, FL	14	11/10	World Fairs, Seattle '62	Bill Evans, MI	12	9/05
World Fairs, Montreal Expo	John Clark, FL	98	11/10	World Fairs, Spokane '74	Don Marquette, AR	71	11/10
World Fairs, Moscow '80	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/10	World Fairs, Tex. Centenn.	Don Marquette, AR	8	11/10
World Fairs, NY '39-40	Don Marquette, AR	448	11/10	World Fairs, Tulsa Expo	Don Marquette, AR	4	11/10
World Fairs, NY '64-65	D. Longenecker, PA	145	11/10	World Fairs, Vancou.Expo	Don Marquette, AR	60	11/10
World Fairs, Nashville '82	D. Longenecker, PA	11	11/10	Wrestlers	Seymour Shedlow, IL	3	5/01
World Fairs, New OrL. '84	Don Marquette, AR	5	11/10	Wrigley Gum	Ray Vigeant, CT	80	1/99
World Fairs, Pac.Int'l	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/10	Wyoming	Win Lang, CA	499	6/97
World Fairs, Paris Int. Expo	D. Longenecker, PA	2	11/10	Yacht Clubs	Sid Barlow, ENG	182	12/10
				Yugoslavia	Win Lang, CA	108	6/97
				Zip Codes	Terry Rowe, OH	10387	9/05
				Zoos/Animal Parks	Riche Greene, NJ	75	1/01

And, we can't forget Ed Brassard, CA, Guinness World Record Holder for largest collection-2 million+

Many of the numbers have climbed significantly higher than those reported back in 2006. The number of covers in each category, although many may yet to be discovered, are finite, so, eventually, I assume, somewhere in the future, we'll reach the limits in these categories, and it will truly be a rare instance when someone exceeds the known record for a category. But, that's a long way off.

We may already have a few unbeatable records, though. Will anyone ever put together a collection of DQ's greater than Harry Branchaud's? Or Charlotte Hoffman's 130,000 Banks, S&Ls, and Credit Unions? Unlikely. But, it's always possible. Every time a collector comes across some accumulation, some bag, box, or barrel found in some attic or basement, more covers flow into the hobby. Each time a collector finds some new issues around town, more covers flow into the hobby. So, there's always the possibility for even bigger collections. Only time will tell. In any event, keep counting those covers. We'll see how everything is coming along again in 2016.