

**Narcotic  
Tax  
Stamps  
Update  
Kit #2**

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## How to Use This Kit

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Please note that the new pages are without page numbers. Also note that some sections have been considerably changed, and some catalog numbers have been added or changed.

This project is an ongoing effort, and additional updates may be released in the future.

I hope that you will enjoy your updated *Narcotic Tax Stamps* pages.

Jim Drummond

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<b>Census No.</b>	<b>Sale</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price realized</b>
<b>N(E)1.01.1</b>	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 589, <sup>1</sup> June 4-6, 1991. Lot number 3,459.	“Fine, short perf.”	\$625
<b>N(E)1.01.1</b>	Eric Jackson, August, 2002. Item #063176.	“Used, fine.”	\$3,750
<b>N(E)1.01.1</b>	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 670, June 30, 2015. Lot number 253.	“Tiny perforation scuff at lower right, otherwise fine.” 2015 Philatelic Foundation cert.	\$3,068
<b>N(E)1.01.2</b>	Eric Jackson, July, 2015. Item #038233.	“Sealed tear and other small faults.”	\$3,000
<b>N(E)1.01.3</b>	Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc., sale number 53, October 18, 2002. Lot number 1,451.	“Fine.”	\$2,300
<b>N(E)1.01.3</b>	Matthew Bennett International, sale number 297, December 2, 2005. Lot number 3,292.	“Fresh and fine.” 2004 Philatelic Foundation cert. #413,191.	\$4,250
<b>N(E)1.01.3</b>	Eric Jackson, May, 2006. Item #062129.	“Used, P. F. certificate.”	\$6,750
<b>N(E)1.01.3</b>	Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, sale number 26, April 27-29, 2007. Lot number 2,199.	“Used, bright color.” 2004 Philatelic Foundation cert. #413,191.	\$4,750
<b>N(E)1.01.4</b>	Eric Jackson, March, 2006. Item #009386.	“Used, VF.”	\$7,500
<b>N(E)1.01.4</b>	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1015, November 3, 2011. Lot number 325.	“Very fine.” 2006 Philatelic Foundation cert. #440,475.	\$4,000
<b>N(E)1.01.4</b>	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1149, February 28, 2017. Lot number 405.	“Very fine.” 2006 Philatelic Foundation cert. #440,475.	\$2,600
<b>N(E)1.01.5</b>	Spink Shreves Galleries, sale number 105, September 11, 2008. Lot number 2,071.	“Thin speck which is microscopic.” 2001 P. S. E. certificate.	\$3,750
<b>N(E)1.01.5</b>	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1031, October 4, 2012. Lot number 1,224.	“Tiny thin speck.” 2001 P. S. E. certificate.	\$3,250

<sup>1</sup> “Morton Dean Joyce Collection of U.S. Revenue Stamps.”

Census No.	Sale	Description	Price realized
N(E)1.01.6	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 670, June 30, 2015. Lot number 253.	“Tiny perforation scuff at lower right, otherwise fine.” 2015 Philatelic Foundation cert. #527,785.	\$2,600
N(E)1.01.7	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1067, March 24, 2014. Lot number 686.	“Few light creases and a large sealed tear at top, fine appearance.”	\$800
N(E)1.01.7	Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, sale number 67, April 28-May 1, 2016. Lot number 2,769.	“Defects.” 2016 Philatelic Foundation cert. #534,542 (“Tears, creases, and a repaired area in top left quadrant.”).	\$400
N(E)1.01.8	Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries, Inc., sale number 69, March 26, 2006. Lot number 97.	“Used, torn perfs and creases, average.”	\$518
N(E)1.01.9	Richard Friedberg.	“Small thin spot at top.” 2015 Philatelic Foundation cert. #526,375.	\$3,750
N(E)1.01.10	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 690, March 15-19, 1988. Lot number 794.	“Repaired.”	—
N(E)1.01.11	—	1991 Philatelic Foundation cert. #246,401.	—
N(E)1.01.12	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 718, December 2, 1989. Lot number 5,327.	“Used, small faults, fine appearance, signed Springer.”	—
N(E)1.01.13	Mystic Stamp Company	“Tiny corner crease at bottom left and small perforation faults at left center.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #427,105.	\$2,600
N(E)1.01.14	Eric Jackson, January, 2003. Item #070733.	“Straight edge at bottom, short perf. at right, corner crease, APS cert.”	\$1,750
N(E)1.01.14	Michael E. Aldrich Auctions #106, November 19-20, 2021. Lot #866.	“Some small faults, SE at bottom, 2002 APS cert.”	—
N(E)1.01.15	—	Straight edge at bottom.	—
N(E)1.01.16	—	—	—
N(E)1.01.17	Ex Henry Tolman II.	Straight edge at bottom and left.	—
N(E)1.01.18	eBay May 15, 2018. Item # 292551331499.	Faults.	\$500



**16.5 X 2.5 P – W – R – Co. (Powers – Weightman – Rosengarten Company)**  
**(Provisional) (“NARCOTIC”)**



Overprint wording	Overprint measurements	Known overprint colors	Application description	Tail in “R” is
NARCOTIC	16.5 X 2.5 mm.	Blue, violet	Horiz. or diagonal	Slightly curved



N(P)1.01



N(P)1.04



N(P)1.05



N(P)1.25

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N(P)1.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a blue handstamped “P-W-R-Co. / Narcotic” overprint	* 1,500
N(P)1.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a blue handstamped “P-W-R-Co. / Narcotic” overprint	* 500 <sup>2</sup>
N(P)1.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a blue handstamped “P-W-R-Co. / Narcotic” overprint	* 10,000
N(P)1.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a blue handstamped “P-W-R-Co. / Narcotic” overprint	* 10,000

Stamps printed by offset. Alfano **PC-3**, Scott **RJA28, RJA28A, RJA29, and RJA29A**.

The top line of the overprint (“P – W – R – Co.”) is 19 mm. by 3.5 mm. Please see this company’s entry in the Cancellations on Narcotic Stamps section for more information about this firm.



1919

Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

Perf. 11

N(P)1.100	\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a violet handstamped “P-W-R-Co. / Narcotic” overprint	* 10,000
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Engraved. Scott **RJA29B**.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that ALL of the known copies of this particular stamp are damaged, in one way or another, and/or have straight edges, and are valued as such.  
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**16.5 X 2.5 P – W – R – Co. (Powers – Weightman – Rosengarten Company)**  
**(Provisional) Census**

**One Cent**



N(P)1.01.1



N(P)1.01.2



N(P)1.01.3



N(P)1.01.4



N(P)1.01.5



N(P)1.01.6



N(P)1.01.7



N(P)1.01.8



N(P)1.01.9



N(P)1.01.10



N(P)1.01.11



N(P)1.01.12



N(P)1.01.13



N(P)1.01.14



N(P)1.01.15



N(P)1.01.16



N(P)1.01.17



N(P)1.01.18



N(P)1.01.19

Census No.	Sale	Description	Price realized
N(P)1.01.1	Spink Shreves Galleries, sale number 103, June 26-27, 2008. Lot number 811.	Philatelic Foundation cert. #534,543.	\$900
N(P)1.01.1	Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, sale number 67, April 28-May 1, 2016. Lot number 2,770.	“Fresh and fine.” 2016 Philatelic Foundation cert.	\$600
N(P)1.01.2	Christie’s, sale # 9,812, November 28, 2001. Lot number 112.	—	\$322
N(P)1.01.2	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1,067, March 24, 2014. Lot number 687.	“S. E. at right, trivial creases, fine appearance.”	\$600
N(P)1.01.3	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 690, March 15-19, 1988. Lot number 795.	“Tiny corner perf. crease.”	—
N(P)1.01.3	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1,015, November 3, 2011. Lot number 326.	“Light natural paper bend.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #501,359.	\$400
N(P)1.01.4	Eric Jackson, May, 2008. Item #103109.	“Tiny thin spot, P. F. cert.”	\$1,250
N(P)1.01.4	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1,031, October 4, 2012. Lot number 1,225.	“Small thin spot at top right.” 2008 Philatelic Foundation cert. #463,049.	\$600
N(P)1.01.5	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 670, June 30, 2015. Lot number 254.	“Faint horizontal crease through manuscript date, otherwise VF.” 2015 Phil. Found. cert. #527,786.	\$1,062
N(P)1.01.6	EBay lot, December 2016.	—	—
N(P)1.01.6	Richard Friedberg	—	\$1,200
N(P)1.01.7	Eric Jackson, November, 2002. Item #063599.	“Manuscript date cancel, F-VF.”	\$1,250
N(P)1.01.7	Matthew Bennet International, sale number 299, January 18-20, 2006. Lot number 3,659.	“Fresh and very fine.” 2003 Philatelic Foundation cert. #393,201.	\$2,500
N(P)1.01.7	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1,149, February 28, 2017. Lot number 406.	“Very fine.” 2003 Philatelic Foundation cert. #393,201.	\$650



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Census No.	Sale	Description	Price realized
N(P)1.01.8	—	“Short perforation at bottom.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #536,348.	—
N(P)1.01.9	This stamp appears in both censuses, as it has both overprint types.	“Black ‘Narcotic’ overprint is fraudulent.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #525,213.	—
N(P)1.01.10	This stamp appears in both censuses, as it has both overprint types.	<i>Scott Stamp Monthly</i> , March, 2010, page 34.	—
N(P)1.01.11	—	Philatelic Foundation cert. #414,852.	—
N(P)1.01.12	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 718, December 2, 1989. Lot number 5,328.	“Used, natural s. e. at R., small tear.”	—
N(P)1.01.13	Eric Jackson, June, 2005. Item #080217.	“Thin.”	\$750
N(P)1.01.13	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 709, December 11-13, 2017. Lot number 2,491.	“Thin and light wrinkle.”	\$350
N(P)1.01.14	Eric Jackson, July, 2015. Item #009388.	“Very fine.”	\$2,250
N(P)1.01.15	—	—	—
N(P)1.01.16	Ex. Henry Tolman II.	Straight edge at the bottom.	—
N(P)1.01.17	eBay lot December 19, 2016.	—	—
N(P)1.01.18	Eric Jackson auction #443. Lot number 73.	“F-VF thin and pulled perf.”	\$460

Victoria, B.C. July 29<sup>45</sup> 1885

No. 162 *Jai Chung*

**Bought of Kwong On Lung & Co.**  
REPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN  
**Sugar, Rice, Tea, Opium, Groceries & Provisions**  
CHINA PROVISIONS.  
Store Street, between Cormorant and Johnson.

1885			
Feb. 13	Balance due as per a/c rendered		\$ 2489 00
19	Opium		100 00
	Salted turnips		18 00
23	Opium		50 00
Mar. 14	China rice		525 00
11	Opium		250 00
17	Salted bamboo shoot.		14 80
		total	3436 80
Mar. 14	Received cash		500 00
	charcoal		134 00
	Pork		100 63
			734 63
	Balance due	Amount.	2702 25





Mass	=	121
1936	=	121
Ounce	=	Pound

A very rare linen tag with a variety of printed and handstamped in New York narcotic stamps.<sup>3</sup> The \$19.36 that was paid in stamps represents the tax on a bag of raw opium that weighed exactly 121 pounds.

Mr. A. S. Davenport writes that he has located several values of the New York provisional "Narcotic" Revenues surcharged on the Documentary stamps similar to those which we described as being issued in other cities. The New York collector used a rubber stamp with black ink and the word "Narcotic" is in capitals, 20 mm long by 3 mm high. The surcharge seems to read in different positions on the same sheet; some read up diagonally, some down, and some are horizontal:—

Values surcharged in black:—3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 25c, 40c and 50c, all red.

The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us several new revenues which have not been noted heretofore. In the way of "NARCOTIC" surcharges, they have located the New York provisional \$1 green surcharged as per our previous description in black by means of a rubber stamp. The surcharge reads down. Mr. Sterns states that he understands all values of the documentary series through the \$1000 value, with the exception of the 20c, have received this overprint. We have seen and chronicled all up to and including the \$1 but will await with interest a sight of the higher denominations. The same company also shows us the 8c and 10c with printed surcharge, which overprinting, by the way, was done at the Bureau. Heretofore we had seen but the 1c and 2c.

1919 New York Provisional "Narcotic" Revenue. Black handstamp surcharge.  
\$1 green.  
1919 "Narcotic" Bureau Print. Black surcharge.  
8c rose.  
10c rose.

This article appeared in April, 1919.<sup>4</sup>

This article appeared in June, 1919.<sup>5</sup>

Mr. A. S. Davenport has now obtained copies of the New York provisional "Narcotic" 1c and 2c. We had supposed these were issued but the printed issue of these two values from the Bureau reached New York so early that but few were made.

And this article appeared a little later in June, 1919.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Source: Eric Jackson, November, 2014, item #213,821, sold for \$4,500.

<sup>4</sup> Source: "Chronicle of New Issues and Varieties," Philip H. Ward, Jr., *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Volume 33, Number 16, April 19, 1919, page 139.

<sup>5</sup> Source: "Chronicle of New Issues and Varieties," Philip H. Ward, Jr., *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Volume 33, Number 23, June 7, 1919, page 198.

<sup>6</sup> Source: "Chronicle of New Issues and Varieties," Philip H. Ward, Jr., *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Volume 33, Number 24, June 14, 1919, page 206.

19 X 3 New York, New York Census

Two Dollars



N1.200.1



N1.200.2



N1.200.3



N1.200.4



N1.200.5



N1.200.6



N1.200.7



N1.200.8



N1.200.9



N1.200.10



N1.200.11

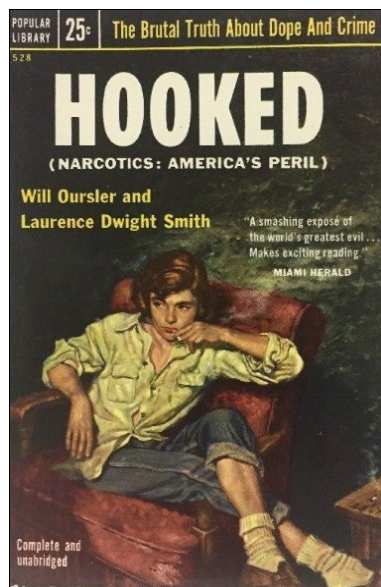


N1.200.12



N1.200.13

Census No.	Sale	Description	Price realized
N1.200.1	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 665, May 5, 2015. Lot number 290.	“Light magenta cancel, light thinning and creases, fine appearance.” 2011 Weiss certificate. Philatelic Foundation cert. #544,279.	\$826
N1.200.2	Eric Jackson, May, 2013. Item #198923.	“Fine.”	\$1,750
N1.200.3	Eric Jackson, February, 2008. Item #048784.	“Crease.”	\$1,250
N1.200.3	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 670, June 30, 2015. Lot number 250.	“Horizontal crease across Liberty’s head.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #527,782.	\$1,180
N1.200.4	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 718, December 2, 1989. Lot number 5323.	“Slight creases and wrinkles.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #220,706. Signed Stanley Gibbons, Inc.	—
N1.200.5	—	“It is genuine.” (straight edge at top). Philatelic Foundation cert. #131,589.	—
N1.200.6	—	“Small faults.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #477,255. This stamp illustrated in Scott.	—
N1.200.7	Eric Jackson, May, 2013. Item #198924.	“Natural straight edge at bottom.”	\$1,500
N1.200.7	Eric Jackson, March, 2018. Item #242527.	“Natural straight edge at bottom.”	\$1,250
N1.200.8	—	Straight edge at bottom.	—
N1.200.9	—	Straight edge at top.	—
N1.200.10	—	Used on tag.	—
N1.200.11	—	Used on tag.	—
N1.200.12	eBay, October 2017.	“Thin botom left corner.”	\$380
N1.200.13	—	—	—



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**Three Dollars**



N1.300.1

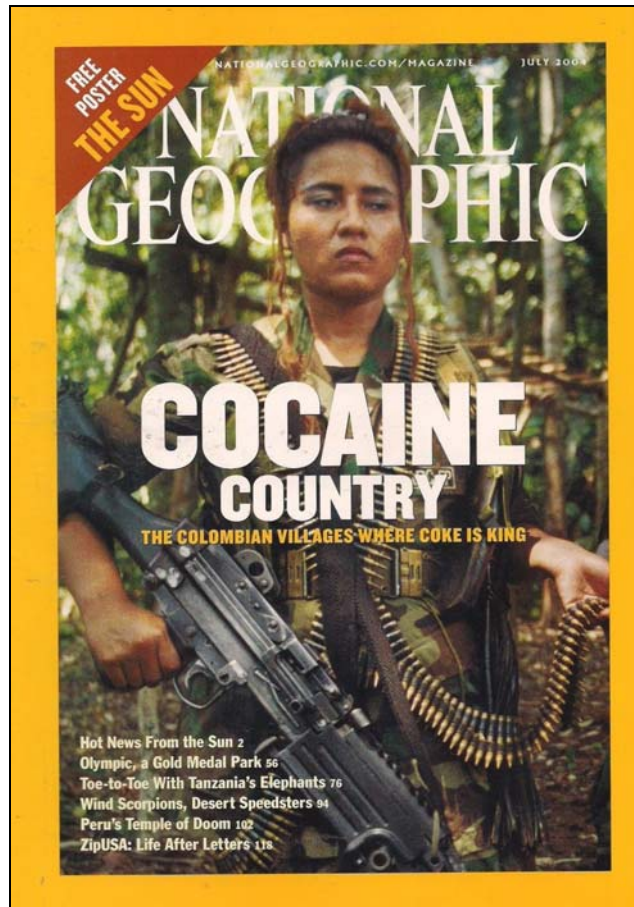


N1.300.2



N1.300.3

Census No.	Sale	Description	Price realized
N1.300.1	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 718, December 2, 1989. Lot number 5324.	“Tiny tear.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #220,707. Signed Stanley Gibbons, Inc.	—
N1.300.2	Eric Jackson, December, 2007. Item #102544.	“Straight edge at bottom, tiny corner crease.”	\$900
N1.300.3	—	—	—



Ten Dollars



N1.1000.1



N1.1000.2



N1.1000.3



N1.1000.4



N1.1000.5



N1.1000.6



N1.1000.7



N1.1000.8



N1.1000.9



N1.1000.10



N1.1000.11



N1.1000.12



N1.1000.13

<b>Census No.</b>	<b>Sale</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price realized</b>
<b>N1.1000.1</b>	Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, sale number 67, April 28-May 1, 2016. Lot number 2,768.	“Diagonal creases.” 1982 A. P. S. cert. 2016 Philatelic Foundation cert. #534,540.	\$1,000
<b>N1.1000.2</b>	—	“It is genuine.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #131,588.	—
<b>N1.1000.3</b>	Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, sale number 670, June 30, 2015. Lot number 252.	“Small thin spot at top right.” 2015 Philatelic Foundation cert. #527,784.	\$1,416
<b>N1.1000.4</b>	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 718, December 2, 1989. Lot number 5,326.	“Small faults.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #220,709.	—
<b>N1.1000.5</b>	Eric Jackson, May, 2013. Item #009382.	“Used.”	\$2,500
<b>N1.1000.6</b>	Richard Friedberg July-August 1986, list #37. Lot 514.	“Fine.”	\$450
<b>N1.1000.6</b>	Matthew Bennett International, sale number 299, January 18-20, 2006. Lot number 3,658.	“Minor small thin.” 2005 P. S. E. cert.	\$1,300
<b>N1.1000.6</b>	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1066, March 24, 2014. Lot number 265.	“Small thin spot at bottom.” 2005 P. S. E. cert.	\$1,700
<b>N1.1000.7</b>	—	“It is genuine.” Philatelic Foundation cert. #477,258. This stamp illustrated in Scott.	—
<b>N1.1000.8</b>	Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale number 1077, July 29-30, 2014. Lot number 552.	“Two pulled perforations at upper right, and perforations trimmed away at bottom.” 2014 Philatelic Foundation cert. #518,789.	\$475
<b>N1.1000.9</b>	Eric Jackson.	“Thin at center.” Straight edge at bottom. 1997 Professional Stamp Experts cert. #29,669.	\$950
<b>N1.1000.10</b>	—	—	—
<b>N1.1000.11</b>	—	Used on tag.	—
<b>N1.1000.12</b>	Eric Jackson Sale number 27, November 24, 1987. Lot number 114.	“Average, rare stamp.”	—
<b>N1.1000.13</b>	—	—	—

## The Bayer Company, Incorporated



Bayer was founded in 1863 in Barmen, Germany as a partnership between dye salesman Friedrich Bayer and dyer Friedrich Weskott. In 1899 they launched the compound acetylsalicylic acid under the trademark name “Aspirin.” Other commonly known products that were initially commercialized by Bayer include heroin<sup>7</sup> and phenobarbitol.

In 1925, Bayer merged with five other German companies to form IG Farben, creating the world’s largest chemical and pharmaceutical company. Following WWII, the Allied Control Council seized their assets because of their role in the Nazi war effort.<sup>8</sup>

Today, the company also manufactures MiraLAX, Claritin, Alka-Seltzer, Midol, Aleve, Levitra, Nexavar, Avelox, Cipro, Mirena, and Xarelto.<sup>9</sup>

Bayer employs more than 115,000 people worldwide. More than 13,000 employees work at their 50+ U. S. facilities. For the fiscal year 2017, Bayer reported earnings of 7.3 billion Euros, with an annual revenue of 35 billion Euros.



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

		Perf. 11
<i>1919</i>		
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 25
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>7</sup> Image source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narcotic>.

<sup>8</sup> Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayer>.

<sup>9</sup> Source: <https://www.drugwatch.com/manufacturers/bayer>.

# The Dangers of Methadone

Methadone is a synthetic opioid, used medically as an analgesic and a maintenance anti-addictive for use in patients with opioid dependency. Methadone is also used in managing severe chronic pain, owing to its long duration of action, extremely powerful effects, and very low cost.



## The Drug is Prescribed in

Pill form

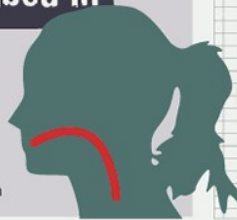


to treat chronic pain

Liquid form



to treat addiction to opiate drugs like heroin



30%

More than 30% of prescription painkiller deaths involve methadone, even though only 2% of painkiller prescriptions are for this drug



Methadone is one of the longer lasting narcotic drugs, often taking over twenty hours to leave the body once it's been taken.



Patients who have prescriptions for pain relief have access to the drug at home and often take it in conjunction with alcohol or other drugs. This significantly increases the likelihood of addiction and fatal abuse.

988 deaths attributed to methadone in 2001. Just four years later, there were almost 4,000 deaths attributed to methadone

2001  
988

2005  
4,000



**B. W. & Co. (Burroughs Wellcome and Company)**



Henry Wellcome and Silas Burroughs formed their company in 1880 in London, England. In the 1920s the company established a research and manufacturing facility at #1 Scarsdale Road in Tuckahoe, New York.

The Burroughs Wellcome and Company became Glaxo Wellcome in 1995, and today the company is called GlaxoSmithKline. Their website is [www.gsk.com](http://www.gsk.com).<sup>10</sup>



**Type 1: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

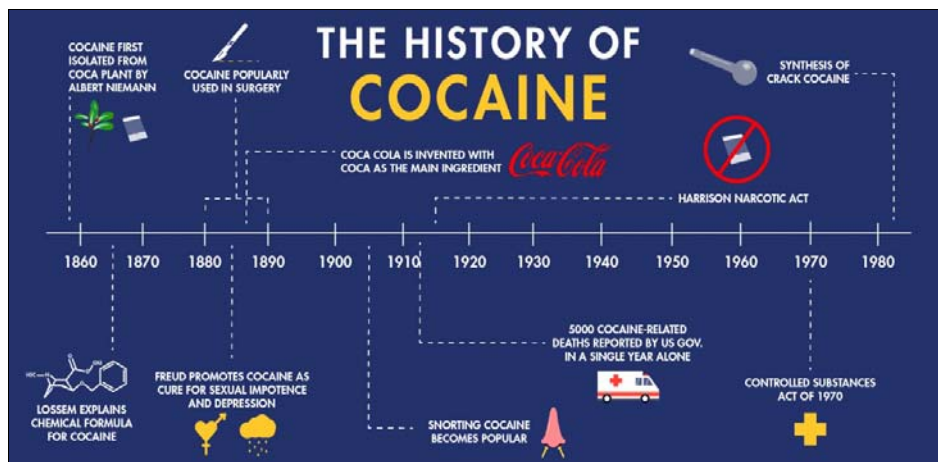
1919			
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
	Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.		

<sup>10</sup> Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GlaxoSmithKline>.

**Type 2: Handstamped Cancel Reading Up Vertically in Two Tiny Lines**



Cancel detail.



## Charles C. Haskell and Co., Inc.

This company doesn't currently appear to have left much of a trace of their existence. They were based in Richmond, Virginia, but it is unclear when their business began, or when it ended.

They had a registered trademark, but that's about the extent of what the author has found about this firm.<sup>11</sup>

As a result, this cancellation should be considered to be somewhat scarce.



For Medicinal Preparations for Use as an Analgesic, Sedative, Anti-Spasmodic, Anti-Pyretic, Bacteriostatic, and in the Vitamin Field and for the Treatment of Hypochromic Anemia and Cardio-Vascular Disease. Claims use since Jan. 1, 1937.

Reg. No. 409,716. Registered Oct. 17, 1944. Charles C. Haskell & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va., a corporation of Virginia. Republished by registrant.



The lucky penny horseshoe holder shown above appeared in eBay® in November, 2021. The asking price was \$19.99.



<sup>11</sup> Source: *Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office*, Volume 670, May 19, 1953, page 650.  
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**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Handstamped Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

			Perf. 11
<i>1919</i>			
<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

			Perf. 11
<i>1919</i>			
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

## Chicago Exchange Preferred

Though the cancel on the large block of narcotic stamps shown below is somewhat incomplete, there is no question that it is made up of these three words: “Chicago Exchange Preferred.” This name suggests a stock trading board.

However, there is currently no further information available regarding which specific Chicago-based firm might have used these stamps.

So, though the cancel has been identified, nothing else is yet known, beyond just knowing the name.

One remote possibility is that these narcotic stamps were used provisionally or accidentally as stock transfer stamps.



1919

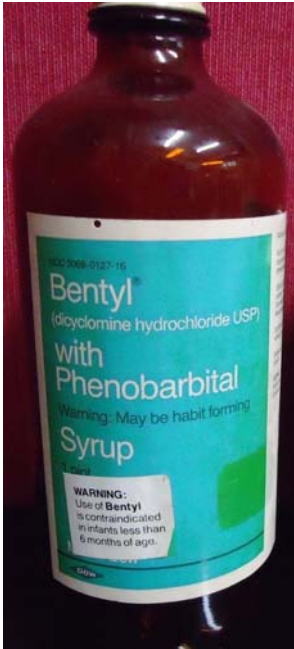
Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

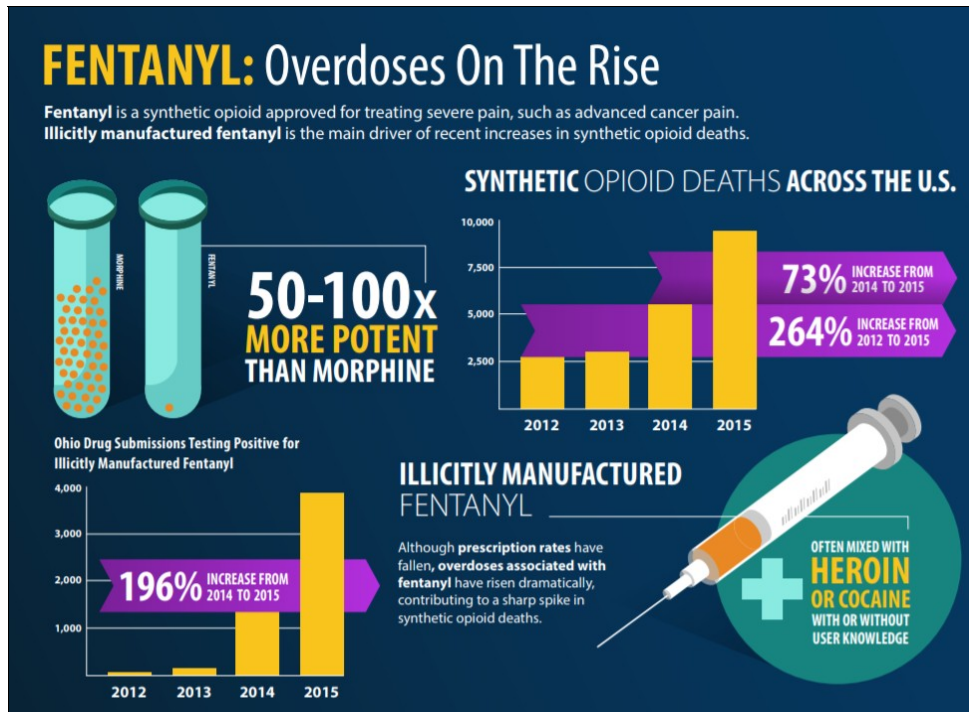
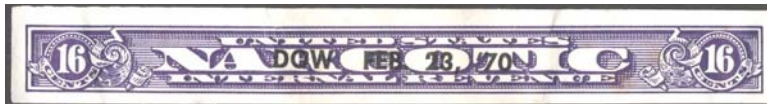
**DOW (Dow Chemical Company)**



The Dow logo.

Herbert Henry Dow founded his company in 1897 in Midland, Michigan. They initially only made bleach and potassium bromide, but soon they began to diversify their product line.<sup>12</sup>

They merged with DuPont on September 1, 2017, forming the world's largest company in terms of sales.



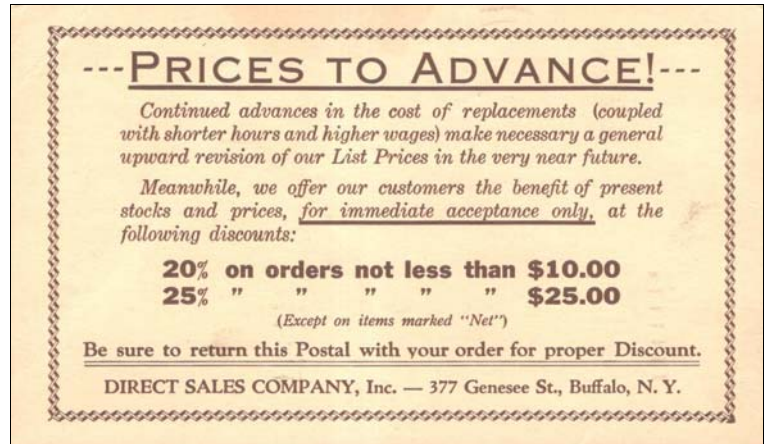
<sup>12</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dow\\_Chemical\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dow_Chemical_Company).

**D. S. Co. Inc. (Direct Sales Company, Incorporated)**

This company was a nationwide mail-order distributor of drugs, including narcotic products. They sold their products directly to doctors. They were located at 54 East North Street, in Buffalo, New York.

Dr. John Victor Tate from Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, George C. Johnson, Clyde A. Foster and Reel B. Black were all convicted of conspiring to violate the Harrison Narcotic Act. They illegally distributed morphine to addicts and sellers from 1933 to 1940.<sup>13</sup>

The company held registration number 3,897.



This postal card is dated 1933.



N2.02



N2.10

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	15
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	15
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.



<sup>13</sup> Source: <https://casetext.com/case/united-states-v-direct-sales-co-2>.



**Type 5: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed Registration No. (113,363), District No., Name, & Date**



N2.01



N2.02



N2.04



N2.08

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

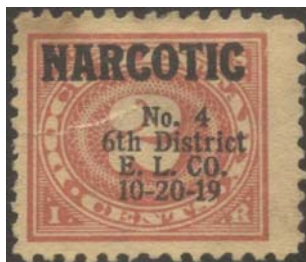
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 6: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed Registration No. (4), District Number, Name, and Date**



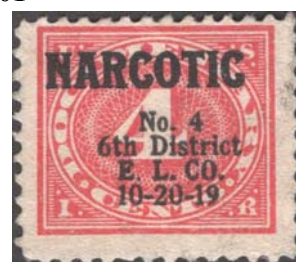
N2.01



N2.02



N2.03



N2.04



N2.08

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 7: Printed Cancel Without the “Narcotic” Overprint**



**N2.05**



**N2.10**



**N2.25**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	250
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	250
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	250

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 8: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name and Date**



**N2.01**



**N2.02**



**N2.02**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 9: Printed “Narcotic” and Typewritten Name and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

- N2.01 1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.02 2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.03 3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.04 4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.05 5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.08 8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.10 10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.25 25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint

Perf. 11

- \* 25
- \* —
- \* —
- \* —
- \* —
- \* —
- \* —
- \* —

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 10: Handstamped Name and District Number in a Large Font**



**Type 11a: Printed Name and Date In Black**



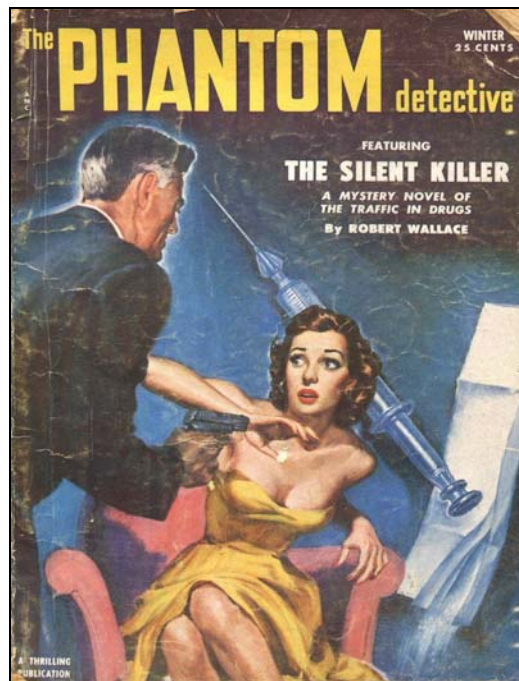
## Haack Bros. Manufacturing Pharmacists / Haack Laboratories, Incorporated

Haack Laboratories, Incorporated was located at 1415 Southwest Harbor Drive, in Portland, Oregon. Jesse C. Jensen was the president. They made Theocardone, which contained theobromine and phenobarbital.

# Theocardone

This firm merged with the Lemmon Pharmacal Company on September 25, 1963. They were then a subsidiary of the Lemmon company.<sup>14</sup>

Their trademark.<sup>15</sup>



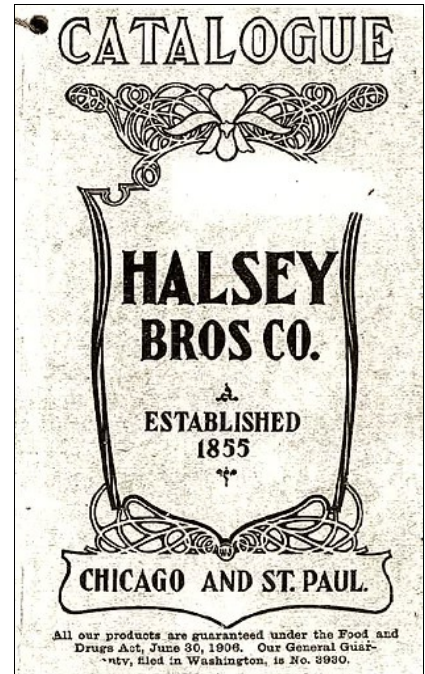
<sup>14</sup> Source: *The Daily Intelligencer*, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1963, page 12.

<sup>15</sup> Source: <https://trademarks.justia.com/714/93/theocardone-71493869.html>.

## Halsey Brothers Company

Clinton, Tappen, and George Halsey founded their first pharmacy in 1855, at 94 LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois. They also had another plant in St. Paul, Minnesota.

They manufactured homeopathic medicines.<sup>16</sup>



### Type 1: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name and City



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

		Perf. 11
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>16</sup> Source: [www.madeinchicagomuseum.com/single-post/2015/12/08/Amber-Glass-Apothecary-Bottles-by-Halsey-Bros-c-1900](http://www.madeinchicagomuseum.com/single-post/2015/12/08/Amber-Glass-Apothecary-Bottles-by-Halsey-Bros-c-1900).  
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**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Three Line Handstamped Name**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>			Perf. 11
<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Two Line Handstamped Name and Date**



**N1.03**



**N1.04**

<i>1919</i>			Perf. 11
<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	45
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	20
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 3: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Very Wide Cancel**

*Note that this cancellation spreads across at least three stamps.*



N2.01



N2.02

N2.04

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.





## H. V – G. Co. (Hall – Van Gorder Company)

The Hall – Van Gorder Company was located at 1382 West Ninth Street in Cleveland, Ohio. They were wholesale druggists. Their registry number was 139. The company was formerly known as Benton, Myers and Canfield in 1870, and then Benton, Hall and Company.<sup>17</sup> The company purchased the wholesale drug business department from Strong, Cobb and Company in early 1918 (see the Strong entry in this book).<sup>18</sup>

An enhanced image of their cancelation is shown at the left, below.

Lucien B. Hall and George Van Gorder (b. September 14, 1895, d. February 20, 1977)<sup>19</sup> merged their company with the McKesson and Robbins firm in New York in 1928.



Reg. No. 139  
18<sup>th</sup> Ohio  
H. V-G. Co.

The partnership heretofore existing under the name of Benton, Hall & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, and composed of Lucien B. Hall, Albert H. Van Gorder, Paul Lemperly, Leslie I. Metcalf and William T. Hankey, has been dissolved by mutual consent following the death of Mr. Benton. The business of the company has been incorporated under the laws of Ohio and will be carried on under the corporate name of the Hall, Van Gorder Co., to which corporation all the assets of the late firm of Benton, Hall & Co., have been transferred. The corporation assumes all existing liabilities of the old firm. There will be no change in the active management of the new company, as all departments will continue under the care and control of the several members of the late firm who for many years have conducted its affairs.

This article appeared in 1910.<sup>20</sup>



N1.02



N1.04

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

		Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* —
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* 20
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* —
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* 25
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* —
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* —
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* —
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	* —

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>17</sup> Source: *Vignettes of Clifton Park*, Blythe R. Gehring, 1996, page 82.

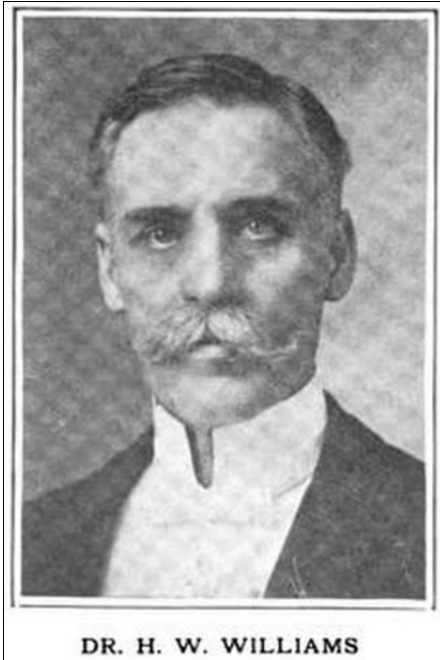
<sup>18</sup> Source: <http://abandonedonline.net/locations/industry/the-mechanical-rubber-company>.

<sup>19</sup> Source: *The Halve Maen* (The Holland Society of New York), Volume 52, Number 1, Spring, 1977, page 16.

<sup>20</sup> Source: *The American Perfumer and Essential Oil Review*, Volume 5, Number 6, August, 1910, page 142.

## H. W. W. & Co. (H. W. Williams and Company)

This firm was located at 305 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Fort Worth, Texas.<sup>22</sup>



Dr. H. W. Williams<sup>21</sup>

The description of this company's physical location and their employees as shown to the right is from *The National Druggist*, Volume 26, Number 7, July, 1896, page 218.

Shown below is an empty (non-narcotic) container to one of their products.



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

### H. W. Williams & Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

This old and sterling Texas wholesale drug-house has recently moved into a new and most commodious building, erected with especial regard to the exigencies of the jobbing drug trade, and situated on the corner of Throckmorton and Fifteenth Sts., Fort Worth. The main body of this building is 100x100 feet in size, flanked by a warehouse of similar dimensions, thus giving a floor area of each of the three floors of 20,000 square feet, or a total storage area of 60,000 feet. A fire-wall divides the building in half, making six floors of 50x100 feet each.

On the basement floor there is a great vault for containing choice chemicals and valuables of every description, and it has been made as thoroughly fire-proof as possible under the nature of things. On this floor are stored the heavy chemicals, etc.

The office is on the second floor (the basement considered as the first) and is large, well ventilated and perfectly lighted. Just behind it are the patents and proprietaries, stored in endless variety. One-half of this floor is devoted to the Order Department.

On the upper floors are the Paint, Glass, Sundries Departments, etc., and here is fitted up what a local (Ft. Worth) paper declares is "the handsomest sample room and Sundries Department in the State of Texas."

The warehouse is divided by an alley from the main building, and through the alley the company have laid a railroad track, which brings all of their goods right to their doors and also vastly facilitates shipping. We copy from the *Texas Commercial Review* the following additional information:

"This firm claims to carry the largest stock of goods in their line in this State, and we have never heard it contradicted. Their trade extends to nearly every nook and corner of Texas, and the greater portion of Oklahoma and the Indian Territories, and a portion of New Mexico. The druggists in the territories named certainly need not seek foreign markets to obtain supplies when they have such facilities as are offered by Messrs. H. W. Williams & Co. right at home, especially as they inform us that they sell 95 per cent of their goods at St. Louis or New Orleans prices."

The company consists of Dr. H. W. Williams, Sr., General Manager; Charles S. Williams, Manager Sundries Department; H. W. Williams, Jr., Auditor; R. N. McKnight, Buying and Sales; B. H. Lawrence, Cashier and Assistant Credit; H. W. Lowe, Foreman of Orders. The laboratory is under the management of J. P. Ward, Ph. G., with four assistants. Besides these there are some 25 to 30 clerks, accountants, etc., making a total force of thirty-seven persons. The New York office is in charge of A. Stubb, No. 88 John St.

1919

			Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	15
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>21</sup> Image source: *The Southern Pharmaceutical Journal*, Volume 8, Number 9, May, 1916, page 1,079.

<sup>22</sup> Source: *The Era Druggists' Directory of the United States*, D. O. Haynes and Company, 1916, page 271.

## J. Moore Company

The J. Moore Company, located at 415 Broadway Street in Albany, New York, was established around 1918. They were described in online New York directories as “manufacturing chemists.”

Chester J. Moore was the president and treasurer. He died on July 24, 1935, at the age of 60. It is currently unknown if his business continued on after his passing, but most likely it did not. All indications are that this was a very small company. As a result, the canceled stamps shown below should be considered to be **much** more uncommon than those from other, larger narcotic manufacturers. Unfortunately, there is otherwise no further information that is available about this company or their products.

Imagine being the president of a company and having to sign each and every narcotic stamp on the products that you sold!

### Type 1: Handstamped Company Name



### Type 2: Manuscript Company Name



## J. W. & B. (John Wyeth and Brother)

John and Frank Wyeth opened a drugstore with a small research laboratory on Walnut Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1860. John Wyeth is shown to the right.<sup>23</sup>

In 1862 they began to manufacture large quantities of common medicines, and by 1864 they were supplying medicines and beef extract to the Union army during the Civil War.<sup>24</sup>

In 1931 the company was sold to American Home Products. The company was renamed to Wyeth in 2002. Through a series of innovative products, mergers with other companies, and supplying vast amounts of wartime drugs during World Wars I and II, they are today a 22 billion dollar a year pharmaceutical corporation.

Some of their better-known products include Advil; Chapstick; Preparation H; and Robitussin.



John Wyeth (1834–1907), the founder and president in 1900 of John Wyeth and Brother pharmaceuticals (1860). (Courtesy of Donald Tobias of Wyeth-Pfizer.)



A Wyeth product that contained opium.

<b>SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.</b> 27 Minna Street		<b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b> 174 W Lake Street
<b>PORTLAND, ORE.</b> 65 First Street		<b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b> 524 Bienville Street
<b>DENVER, COL.</b> 1401-1403 Arapahoe Street		<b>CINCINNATI, O.</b> 117 East Court Street
<b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b> 609 Washington Street		<b>BOSTON, MASS.</b> 67-73 Sudbury Street
<b>ST. PAUL, MINN.</b> 209 E. Fourth Street		<b>NEW YORK CITY</b> 12 to 16 East 22d Street
<b>PLACE WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE TRADE "WYETH" STANDARD PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS, AND INSURE COMPLETE SHIPMENTS. CURRENT PRICE-LIST MAILED ON REQUEST. FOR TERMS</b>		
<b>AND SPECIAL DISCOUNTS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
<b>JOHN WYETH &amp; BROTHER, PHILADELPHIA</b> <small>INCORPORATED</small>		

An early advertisement, which listed all of their current distributing depots.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Image source: *Discoveries in Pharmacological Sciences*, Popat N. Patil, World Scientific Publishing Company Limited, 2012, page 660.

<sup>24</sup> Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wyeth>.

<sup>25</sup> Source: *The Pharmaceutical Era*, Volume 52, Number 7, July, 1919, page 192.

**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Printed “J. W. & B.”**



**N1.02**



**N1.03**



**N1.08**



**N1.50**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	75
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	45
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	45
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed “J. W. & B.” (Provisional)**



**N(J)1.01<sup>26</sup>**



**N(J)1.02**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N(J)1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “J. W. & B. / Narcotic” overprint	*	7,500
<b>N(J)1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “J. W. & B. / Narcotic” overprint	*	10,000

Stamps printed by offset. The overprint was applied by letterpress. The overprint is 14.5 mm. wide. Alfano **PC-2**, Scott **RJA27 and RJA27A.**

Please see this company’s entry in the Genuine Printed Types: Serif Font section for a census of these stamps.

<sup>26</sup> Image source: [www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/Greatest\\_Revenues\\_IV.aspx?id=378](http://www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/Greatest_Revenues_IV.aspx?id=378).

**Type 3: Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Cancel**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	Perf. 11 10
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 4: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed Cancel with “Canceled”**



**N2.01**



**N2.02**



**N2.08**

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	Perf. 11 5
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.



Some printed “J. W. & Bro.” cancels on some proprietary stamps.

**Type 5: Handstamped Cancel**



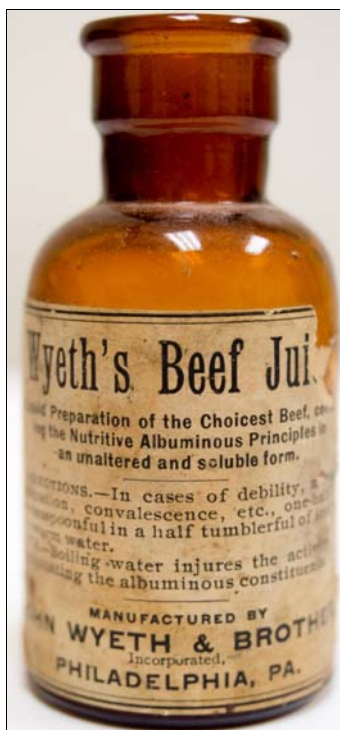
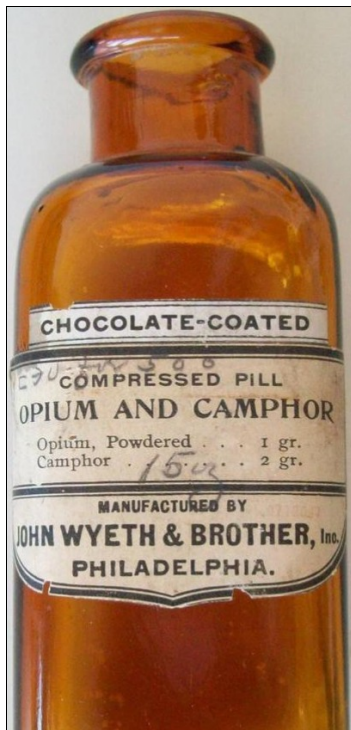
**Type 6: Printed Cancel with "Canceled"**



*This cancel is also known inverted:*



*For later cancels, see the entry for Wyeth Laboratories Incorporated.*



## Knoll Pharmaceutical Company

The Knoll Pharmaceutical Company (later known as Knoll Pharmaceuticals) was located in Orange, New Jersey. It was founded by Albert and Hans Knoll in Germany in 1886. It became part of Abbott Laboratories in June, 2002.<sup>27</sup>

The company produced Dilaudid, Sibutramine, Propafenone, Isophan, Ancrod (Viprinex), and various other products with equally unpronounceable names.



**a pair of gynecologic patients:**

Patients portrayed by professional models.

**both are free of pain—but only one is on**


**DILAUDID.**  
(Dihydromorphone HCl)

**swift, sure analgesia normally unmarred by nausea and vomiting**

DILAUDID provides unexcelled analgesia before and after gynecologic, obstetric and surgical procedures. Its high therapeutic ratio is commonly reflected by lack of nausea and vomiting — and marked freedom from dizziness, somnolence, anorexia and constipation.

● **by mouth** ● **by needle** ● **by rectum**  
2 mg., 3 mg., and 4 mg.

May be habit forming—usual precautions should be observed as with other opiate analgesics.

 **KNOLL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY • ORANGE, NEW JERSEY**

## Type 1: Handstamped Cancel



## Type 2: Printed Cancel



<sup>27</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knoll\\_Pharmaceuticals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knoll_Pharmaceuticals).



## Luyties Pharmacal Company

Herman Luyties, M. D. opened a small homeopathic practice in downtown St. Louis, Missouri in the 1840s. As his business grew, he officially opened a small pharmacy in 1853. He was the first local resource that was west of the Mississippi River.<sup>28</sup>

This business held registration number 1,834. It is currently unclear how manufacturing homeopathic medicines could be associated with also manufacturing products that contained narcotics.

According to one source, the business folded in 1961:<sup>29</sup>

### Recent filings for LUYTIES PHARMACAL COMPANY

17 Oct 1961	DISSOLUTION FOR FAILURE TO PAY TAX(ES)
17 Oct 1961	WITH/TERM/DISSOLVE
19 Jun 1882	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
19 Jun 1882	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
19 Jun 1882	CREATION FILING

Source Missouri Secretary of State, <https://bsd.sos.mo.gov/search>, 14 Nov 2021



<sup>28</sup> Source: <https://healthygoods.com/brands/luyties-tissue-salt>.

<sup>29</sup> Source: [https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\\_mo/00001967](https://opencorporates.com/companies/us_mo/00001967).



**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Initials and Year Inside of a Box**



N2.01



N2.04

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 3: Handstamped Initials and Date, with “M. & Co. Inc.”**



**Type 4: Handstamped Initials and Date, with “NO. M. & Co., Inc.”**





**Type 5: Handstamped Name and Date, with “Merck & Co., Inc.”**



**Type 6: Printed Name and Date, with “Merck & Co., Inc.”**



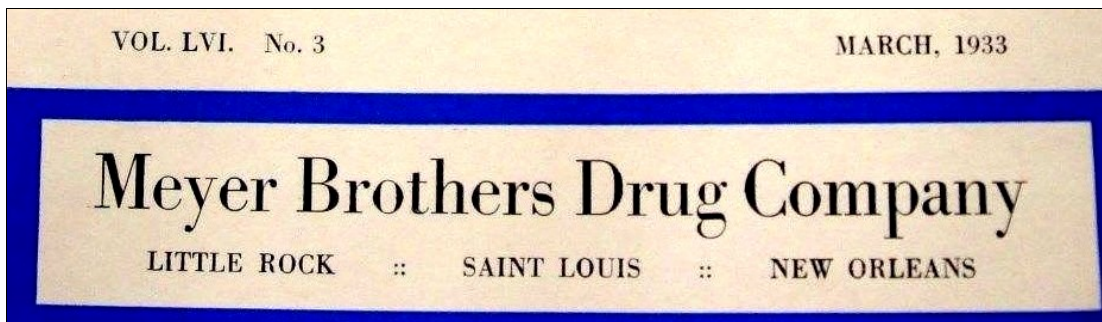
**M. B. D. Co. (Meyer Brothers Drug Company)**

This firm was founded by Christian F. G. Meyer at Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1852. A branch store was opened in St. Louis, Missouri in 1865. The entire firm then relocated to St. Louis, following the success of the branch store.

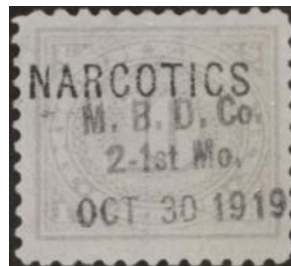
In the early part of the twentieth century, Meyer Brothers was the largest wholesale distributor of drugs and pharmaceutical products in the country. They were also a major exporter of these commodities to other countries in the Western Hemisphere.

They used registration number 2 in their St. Louis facility. The firm also had offices in Little Rock, Arkansas, and New Orleans, Louisiana, around 1933 (see below).

The firm was bought out by Fox Meyer Health Corporation in July, 1981.<sup>30</sup>



**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotics” and Handstamped Name, District Number, Registration Number (2), and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<p>1919</p> <p><b>N1.01</b></p> <p><b>N1.02</b></p> <p><b>N1.03</b></p> <p><b>N1.04</b></p> <p><b>N1.05</b></p> <p><b>N1.08</b></p> <p><b>N1.10</b></p> <p><b>N1.25</b></p> <p><b>N1.40</b></p> <p><b>N1.50</b></p> <p><b>N1.80</b></p>	<p>1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint</p> <p>Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott <b>RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.</b></p>	<p>Perf. 11</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* 30</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p> <p>* —</p>
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<sup>30</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meyer\\_Brothers\\_Drug\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meyer_Brothers_Drug_Company).

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name, District Number, Registration Number (2), and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919			Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 3: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

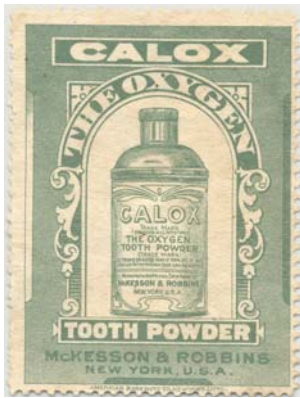
1919			Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 4: Handstamped Name, District Number, Registration Number (2), and Date**



## McK. & R., Inc. (McKesson and Robbins, Incorporated)



McKesson and Robbins, Incorporated was begun by Charles M. Olcott in 1828. In 1833, John McKesson became his partner and the business was known as Olcott, McKesson and Company. Daniel Robbins became a partner after Mr. Olcott passed away in 1853, and it was renamed to McKesson and Robbins. Today the company is simply McKesson Corporation. In 2016, their revenue was roughly \$190 billion.<sup>31</sup>

The McKesson Company was initially located at 91 Fulton Street in New York, New York. They were incorporated on August 4, 1928. When John McKesson died in 1893, his heirs left the company in order to form the New York Quinine and Chemical Works.

The company held the registration numbers 213; 1,052; and 7,069 (second district).



McKesson operated the Mosswood Wine Company from 1978 until 1987. Shown below are the companies owned by McKesson and Robbins, circa 1930.<sup>32</sup>

**McKesson & Robbins, Inc., Products are Distributed throughout the Entire Civilized World by Their Own Houses. They are Sold by Druggists Everywhere.**

**A LIST OF McKESSON COMPANIES**

<b>ALABAMA:</b> McKesson-Bedsole-Colvin, Inc., Mobile McKesson-Doster-Northington, Inc., Birmingham	<b>McKesson-Groover-Stewart Drug Company, Orlando</b>
<b>ARIZONA:</b> McKesson-Western Wholesale Drug Company, Ltd., Phoenix	<b>GEORGIA:</b> McKesson-Murray Drug Company, Augusta McKesson-Riley Drug Company, Macon
<b>ARKANSAS:</b> McKesson-Lincoln Company, Little Rock	<b>HAWAII:</b> McKesson-Langley-Michaels Company, Ltd., Honolulu
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b> McKesson-Kirk-Geary Company, Ltd., Sacramento McKesson-Langley-Michaels Company, Ltd., San Francisco McKesson-Langley-Michaels Company, Ltd., Oakland McKesson-Langley-Michaels Company, Ltd., Fresno McKesson-Western Wholesale Drug Company, Ltd., Los Angeles McKesson-Western Wholesale Drug Company, Ltd., San Diego	<b>ILLINOIS:</b> McKesson-Churchill Drug Company, Peoria McKesson-Fuller-Morrisson Company, Chicago McKesson-Hartz Drug Company, Rock Island McKesson-Schuh Drug Company, Cairo
<b>COLORADO:</b> McKesson-Colorado Wholesale Drug Company, Denver	<b>IOWA:</b> McKesson-Churchill Drug Company, Burlington McKesson-Churchill Drug Company, Cedar Rapids McKesson, More & Porterfield, Inc., Sioux City
<b>CONNECTICUT:</b> McKesson-Whittlesey Company, New Haven McKesson & Robbins, Incorporated, Bridgeport	<b>KANSAS:</b> The McKesson-Potts Drug Company, Wichita
<b>FLORIDA:</b> McKesson-Groover-Stewart Drug Company, Jacksonville McKesson-Groover-Stewart Drug Company, Tampa McKesson-Groover-Stewart Drug Company, Miami	<b>KENTUCKY:</b> McKesson-Peter-Neat-Richardson Company, Louisville
	<b>LOUISIANA:</b> McKesson-Parker-Blake Corporation, New Orleans
	<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b> McKesson-Eastern Drug Company, Boston McKesson-Springfield Drug Company, Springfield

**A LIST OF McKESSON COMPANIES : CONTINUED**

<b>MICHIGAN:</b> McKesson-Furrard-Williams Company, Detroit	<b>OREGON:</b> McKesson-Pacific Drug Company, Portland
<b>MINNESOTA:</b> McKesson-Minneapolis Drug Company, Minneapolis McKesson-St. Paul Drug Company, St. Paul	<b>RHODE ISLAND:</b> McKesson-Providence Drug Co., Inc., Providence
<b>MISSISSIPPI:</b> McKesson-Van Vleet-Ellis Corporation, Jackson	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA:</b> McKesson-Murray Drug Company, Columbia
<b>MISSOURI:</b> McKesson-Faxon Drug Company, Kansas City McKesson-Merrell Drug Company, St. Louis	<b>TENNESSEE:</b> McKesson-Duff Drug Company, Chattanooga McKesson-Berry-Martin Company, Nashville McKesson-Van Vleet-Ellis Corporation, Memphis
<b>MONTANA:</b> McKesson-Midwest Drug Company, Billings	<b>TEXAS:</b> McKesson-Crowdus Drug Company, Dallas McKesson, Kelly & Pollard Company, El Paso McKesson-Southern Drug Company, Houston
<b>NEBRASKA:</b> McKesson-Churchill Drug Company, Omaha	<b>UTAH:</b> McKesson-Ogden Wholesale Drug Company, Ogden
<b>NEW JERSEY:</b> McKesson-Roeber-Kuebler Company, Newark	<b>VIRGINIA:</b> McKesson-Roanoke Drug Corporation, Roanoke
<b>NEW YORK:</b> McKesson-Gibson-Snow Company, Inc., Albany McKesson-Buffalo Drug Co., Inc., Buffalo McKesson-Brooklyn Drug Co., Inc., Brooklyn McKesson-Littell Drug Co., Inc., New York City McKesson-Bronx Drug Co., Inc., Bronx, New York City McKesson-Eisen Drug Co., Inc., Yonkers McKesson-Rochester Drug Co., Inc., Rochester McKesson-Syracuse Drug Co., Inc., Syracuse	<b>WASHINGTON:</b> McKesson-Spokane Drug Company, Spokane McKesson-Stewart-Holmes Drug Company, Seattle
<b>OHIO:</b> McKesson-Hall-Van Gorder Company, Akron McKesson-Hall-Van Gorder Company, Cleveland The McKesson-Voegler Drug Company, Cincinnati	<b>WEST VIRGINIA:</b> McKesson-Huntington Drug Company, Huntington
	<b>CANADA:</b> McKesson & Robbins, Limited—Montreal
	<b>NORWAY:</b> Isdahl & Co. A/S., Bergen

<sup>31</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McKesson\\_Corporation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McKesson_Corporation).

<sup>32</sup> Source: *McKesson's First Aid in Emergencies, What to Do Till the Doctor Comes*, 1931, pages 94 and 95.

**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Manuscript Name and Date**



**N1.02**



**N1.05**



**N1.10**



**N1.50**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	20
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
 Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Printed Name and Date**



**N1.05**



**N1.10**



**N1.25**



**N1.50**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	45
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	20
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	30
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	20 <sup>33</sup>
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
 Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

<sup>33</sup> The fifty cent value is known with dates of: May, '19; June 5, '19; and June 23, '19.



**Type 3: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Printed Name, District, Registration Number (7,069), and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>				Perf. 11
<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	30	
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
 Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 4: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name in a Horizontal Oval**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>				Perf. 11
<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	35	
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
 Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 5: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name in Two Horizontal Ovals**



Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

1919  
N2.100

\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
Engraved. Alfano PE-9, Scott RJA41.

Perf. 11  
\* 50

**Type 6: Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Name and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919  
N2.01  
N2.02  
N2.03  
N2.04  
N2.05  
N2.08  
N2.10  
N2.25

1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint

Perf. 11  
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Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.



Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

1919  
N2.100

\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
Engraved. Alfano PE-9, Scott RJA41.

Perf. 11  
\* 45



**N2.100**



**N2.100**

1919

Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.100</b>	\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint, and with a purple cancel reading up (7069)	* 50
<b>N2.100</b>	\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint, and with a black cancel reading down (1052)	* 100

Engraved. Scott **RJA41**.

**Type 10: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed Date and Registration Number Only (213)**



**N2.02**



**N2.04**



**N2.10**



**N2.25**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 25
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 35
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 35
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 75

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40**.

**Type 11: Printed Date and Registration Number Only (213) on Proprietary Stamps (Provisional)**



**NP3.01**



**NP3.02**



**NP3.03**



**NP3.04**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>NP3.01</b>	1¢ Dark blue on watermarked white, with a black printed cancellation as shown on Scott <b>RB65</b>	* 1,500
<b>NP3.02</b>	2¢ Dark blue on watermarked white, with a black printed cancellation as shown on Scott <b>RB66</b>	* 1,500
<b>NP3.03</b>	3¢ Dark blue on watermarked white, with a black printed cancellation as shown on Scott <b>RB67</b>	* 1,500
<b>NP3.04</b>	4¢ Dark blue on watermarked white, with a black printed cancellation as shown on Scott <b>RB68</b>	* 1,500

Stamps printed by offset. Not listed in Scott.

The four stamps shown above are replicated from the “Proprietary Stamps Overprinted Types” chapter.

**Type 12: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Date, Initials, and Registration Number (213) Inside of a Box**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 50

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 13: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Date and Registration Number Only (1,052)**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

- N2.01 1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.02 2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.03 3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.04 4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.05 5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.08 8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.10 10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.25 25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint

Perf. 11

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Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 14: Handstamped Date and Registration Number Only (1,052)**



**Type 15: Manuscript Cancel and Handstamped Date**



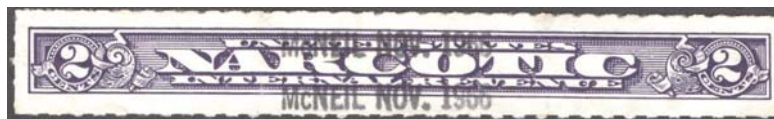
## McNeil (McNeil Laboratories, Incorporated)

Robert McNeil paid \$167 for a drugstore complete with fixtures, inventory, and a soda fountain on March 16, 1879. The location was 2900 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



McNeil Laboratories was created in 1933 when Robert Lincoln McNeil, one of Robert's sons, became a part of the company. Their most popular product was Tylenol.<sup>34</sup>

Today, as McNeil Consumer Healthcare, they manufacture Motrin, Imodium, Listerine, Visine, Benadryl, Splenda, and many other products. Their parent company is Johnson & Johnson. Their website is [www.jnj.com](http://www.jnj.com).



<sup>34</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McNeil\\_Consumer\\_Healthcare](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McNeil_Consumer_Healthcare).

## M. C. W. (Mallinckrodt Chemical Works)

Emil Mallinckrodt started his pharmaceutical business in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1840. By 1880 they were the leading supplier of chemicals for the emerging photography industry.

The company incorporated in 1882 as Mallinckrodt Chemical Works. In 1884 they opened their first office in New York City. They also had facilities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Montreal, Quebec.

They began to manufacture morphine and codeine in 1898. They produced all of the uranium oxide that was used in the Manhattan Project in 1942.<sup>35</sup> The company had registration number 1,933.

Their website is [www.mallinckrodt.com](http://www.mallinckrodt.com).



### Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotics” and Handstamped Registration Number (1,933) and Date Inside of Boxes



**N1.04**



**N1.05**



**N1.08**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

<sup>35</sup> Source: [www.mallinckrodt.com/about/history](http://www.mallinckrodt.com/about/history).

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Initials, Registration Number (1,933), and Date Inside of Boxes**



**N2.01**



**N2.10**

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	35
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Image is from the Internet. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 3: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped “M. C. W.” Inside of a Circle**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Image is from the Internet. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**



**Type 4: Handstamped "M. C. W." Inside of a Circle**



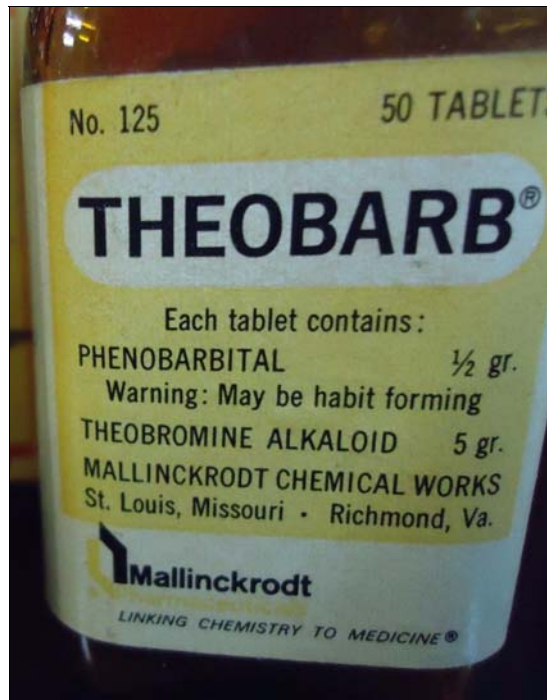
**Type 5: Handstamped "M. C. W." Straight**



**Type 6: Handstamped Stylized Name, Registration Number (1,933), and Date**



**Type 7: Handstamped Registration Number (1,933) and Date**



**N. B. D. (N. B. Danforth)**



Nathan B. Danforth's Rexall retail drugstore and wholesale drug business was located at Market and Second Streets in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Danforth died on January 21, 1925, but the business continued as N. B. Danforth, Incorporated. Thomas Donaldson became the president. The below article appeared in 1880.<sup>36</sup>

**N. B. DANFORTH.—Druggist, No. 128 Market Street.**

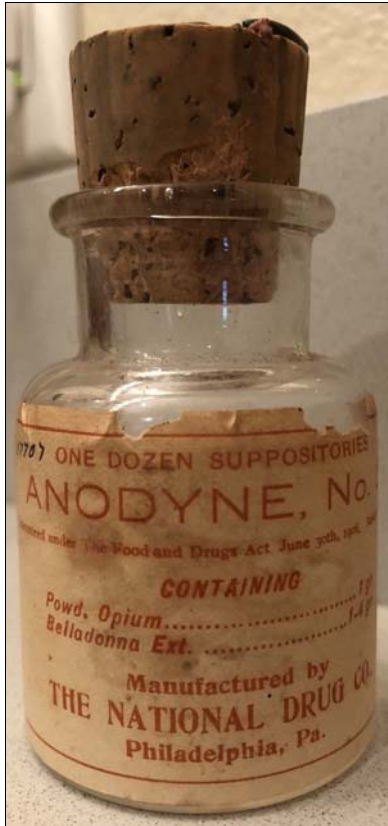
One of the popular Druggists of the city is Mr. N. B. Danforth, the successor of Edward McInall. The business was originally established in 1842, and ranks as among the oldest in Wilmington. A stock of \$15,000 is displayed of pure drugs and medicines, with the usual accompaniment of an assortment of Toilet articles and fancy goods. A specialty being made of Trusses.

N. B. Danforth is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, and an accurate and careful dispenser, and enjoying to a high degree, the confidence of the profession, has a large Prescription business.



<sup>36</sup> Source: *Industries of Delaware, Historical and Descriptive Review, Cities, Towns and Business Interests*, Richard Edwards, 1880, page 95.  
Narcotic Tax Stamps Update Kit #2

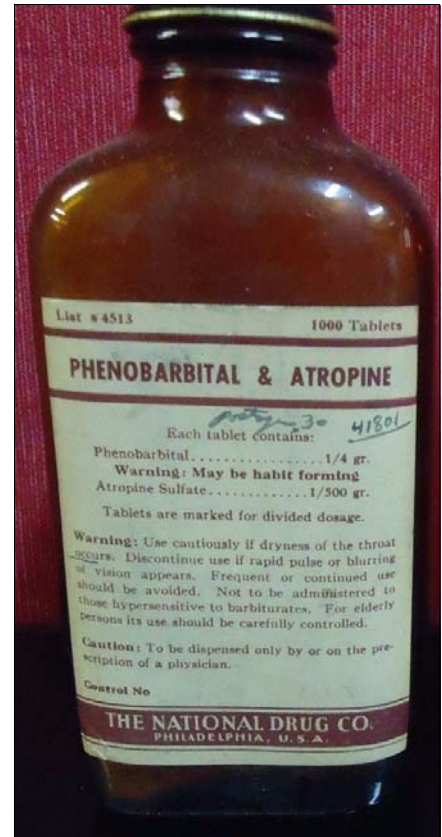
**N. D. Co. (National Drug Company)**



The National Drug Company was located at 4679 to 4685 Stenton Avenue, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The company was later a division of Richardson - Merrell, Incorporated.

The below partial list of their specialties comes from a 1911 invoice.<sup>37</sup>



**N2.01**



**N2.02**



**N2.10**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	10
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	10
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	10
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>37</sup> Source: <http://nyheritage.nynl.org/digital/collection/mbl/id/231>.



Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

1919  
N2.100

\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
Engraved. Alfano PE-9, Scott RJA41.

Perf. 11  
\* 75

**Type 5: Printed Date and Registration Number Only (7,049)**



**Type 6: Handstamped Name (“N. Y. Q.”), Date, and Registration Number (10,622)**



**Type 7: Roller Cancel With Company Name**



Invoice Book 7 page 406 New York 10/4 1893  
Messrs J. G. Hamamaker Mfg Co Orangeburg, S.C.

Bought of **NEW YORK QUININE & CHEMICAL WORKS** Limited.  
Office 114 William Street.

TERMS NET CASH. CABLE ADDRESS "QUINCHEM" P.O. BOX 2120.

*We cannot insure the safe delivery of goods. After obtaining a receipt for same as "shipped in good order" we are not responsible for any damage or loss that may occur in transportation.*

*All claims must be made within five days after receipt of goods. Should you have occasion to refer to this invoice, please mention book and page as given above.*

306  
100. gr Sulphur Linn... 27 27 - ✓  
J. G. Hamamaker

## Nysco Laboratories, Inc.

Nysco Laboratories was located at 34-24 Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City, New York.

They made Alba-Natal, Cellulet, Humi-Temp, Isosed, Mebroin, Phoam, Prednal, Pyriladex, Quinispán, and other products. These products were all “time disintegration capsules” or tablets. They called this process “Nyscap timed-release medication.”<sup>38</sup>

The firm was bought by Revlon in the mid-1960s. Shown below is a portion of one of Nysco’s patents.<sup>39</sup>

# United States Patent Office

2,878,160  
Patented Mar. 17, 1959

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2,878,160

### TABLET MOLDING PROCESS

Max Smedresman, Long Island City, N. Y., assignor to  
Nysco Laboratories, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y., a  
corporation of New York

No Drawing. Application December 30, 1955  
Serial No. 556,416

4 Claims. (Cl. 167—82)

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be employed with materials sensitive to heat and wetting.

5 Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved inexpensive and versatile tablet producing process characterized by its low labor, material and equipment requirements and the use of standard apparatus. Following the general method contemplated by the present invention, a pharmaceutical pill, tablet or the like, is produced by admixing a physiologically active ingredient in a finely divided state with a molten, preferably water soluble binder, solidifying the resultant mixture, comminuting the solidified mixture into granules and forming said granules into tablets.

### Type 1: Printed Cancel



### Type 2: Handstamped Cancel, with “Nysco Laboratories, Inc.”



### Type 3: Handstamped Cancel, with “Nysco Labs, Inc.”



<sup>38</sup> Source: [www.library.hbs.edu/hc/lehman/company.html?company=revlon\\_inc](http://www.library.hbs.edu/hc/lehman/company.html?company=revlon_inc).

<sup>39</sup> Source: [www.google.com/patents/US2878160](http://www.google.com/patents/US2878160).



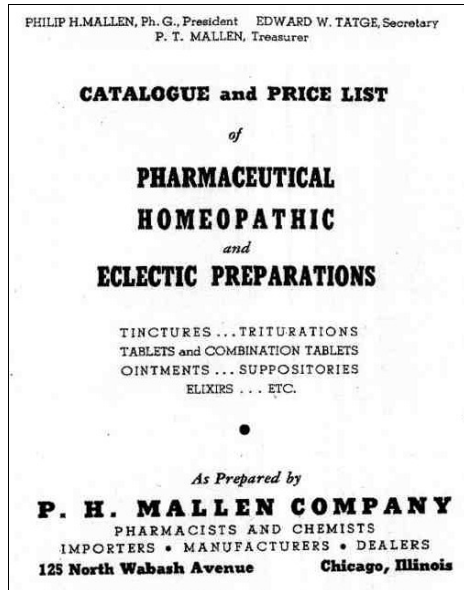




**Type 4: Printed Initials, Date, and Registration Number (149,834) in Red**

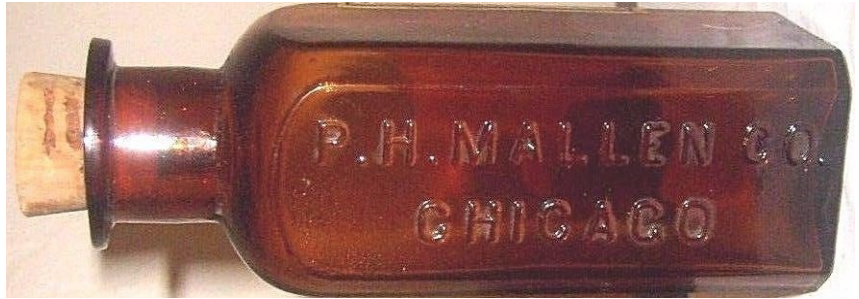


## P. H. M. Co. (P. H. Mallen Company)



Philip Henry Mallen organized his company on April 1, 1894.<sup>40</sup> The cover to one of their catalogs is shown to the left.<sup>41</sup>

The P. H. Mallen Company was located at 20 East Randolph Street in Chicago, Illinois in 1916. Their business was manufacturing, wholesaling, and selling at retail various homeopathic<sup>42</sup> medicines. They also dealt in physicians' supplies and surgical instruments.



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

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| <b>N2.01</b> | 1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  |
| <b>N2.02</b> | 2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  |
| <b>N2.03</b> | 3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  |
| <b>N2.04</b> | 4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  |
| <b>N2.05</b> | 5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  |
| <b>N2.08</b> | 8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  |
| <b>N2.10</b> | 10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint |
| <b>N2.25</b> | 25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint |

Perf. 11

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Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>40</sup> Source: <https://ehive.com/collections/4339/objects/204693/no-7-homeopathic-combination-tablets>.

<sup>41</sup> Image source: [http://antiquecannabisbook.com/chap04/Illinois/IL\\_Med\\_M.htm](http://antiquecannabisbook.com/chap04/Illinois/IL_Med_M.htm).

<sup>42</sup> Source: [www.webmd.com/balance/tc/homeopathy-topic-overview](http://www.webmd.com/balance/tc/homeopathy-topic-overview): "Homeopathy, or homeopathic medicine, is a medical philosophy and practice based on the idea that the body has the ability to heal itself."

**Type 2: Handstamped “P – W – R – Co.” and Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Date (Provisional)**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

**N(P)1.01**

1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Not currently listed in Scott.

Perf. 11  
\* 10,000

Please see this company’s entry in the Genuine Printed Types: Serif Font section for a census of these stamps.

**Type 3: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Handstamped “P – W – R – Co.” and Date**



**N1.01**



**N1.05**



**N1.10**



**N1.50**

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

**N1.01**  
**N1.02**  
**N1.03**  
**N1.04**  
**N1.05**  
**N1.08**  
**N1.10**  
**N1.25**  
**N1.40**  
**N1.50**  
**N1.80**

1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint

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Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**



1919  
N2.100

\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a violet "Narcotic" overprint  
Engraved. Alfano PE-9, Scott RJA41.

Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

Perf. 11  
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**Type 4: Handstamped "Narcotic" and Manuscript Name or Registration Number and Date**



N1.50



N1.50

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

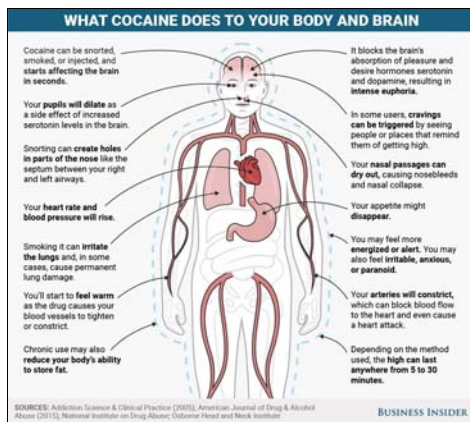
1919  
N1.01  
N1.02  
N1.03  
N1.04  
N1.05  
N1.08  
N1.10  
N1.25  
N1.40  
N1.50  
N1.80

1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint

Perf. 11

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Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
Scott RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.



**Type 8: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Initials and Manuscript Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	Perf. 11 15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 9: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped In A 18 mm. Wide Font Initials and Date**



**N2.01**



**N2.05**

1919

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	Perf. 11 15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 10: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped In A 19.5 mm. Wide Font Initials and Date**



**N2.01**



**N2.25**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**



Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

1919

Perf. 11

<b>N2.100</b>	\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	35
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Engraved. Alfano **PE-9**, Scott **RJA41.**



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**Type 11: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped In A 25 mm. Wide Font Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>			Perf. 11
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 12: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name Inside of a Circle**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>			Perf. 11
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

These stamps were probably used in Powers – Weightman – Rosengarten’s St. Louis, Missouri facility. See the **Type 6** stamps.

**Type 13: Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Initials and Date**



**N2.05**



**N2.10**

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

- N2.01** 1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.02** 2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.03** 3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.04** 4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.05** 5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.08** 8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.10** 10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.25** 25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint

Perf. 11

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Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**



Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

1919

- N2.100** \$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint  
Engraved. Alfano **PE-9**, Scott **RJA41.**

Perf. 11

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**Type 14: Manuscript Initials and Date**



**Type 15: Handstamped Name Fully Spelled Out**





## S & D (Sharp and Dohme)

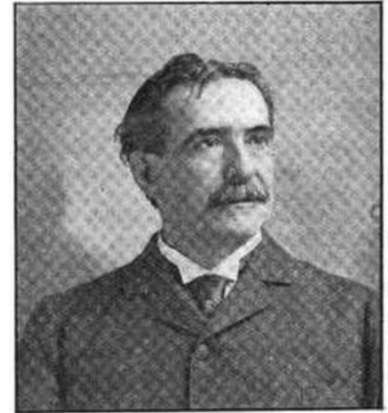


A. P. SHARP.

Alpheus Phineas Sharp and Charles E. Dohme founded their company in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1860. Their photographs are shown at either side.<sup>43</sup>

The company merged with the H. K. Mulford Company in 1929, and then with Merck and Company in May, 1953.<sup>44</sup> They were then the largest U. S. drug manufacturer.

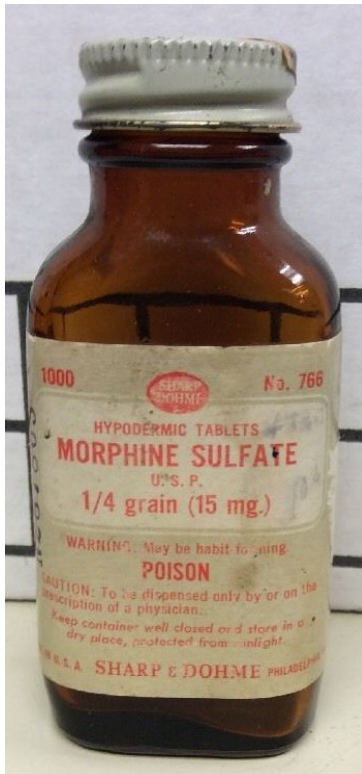
They were known as simply Merck in the United States and Canada, and as Merck Sharp and Dohme elsewhere.<sup>45</sup>



CHARLES E. DOHME.

This company had registration number 589. They had facilities in Baltimore, Maryland; New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; New Orleans, Louisiana; Atlanta, Georgia; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kansas City, Missouri; San Francisco, California; Seattle, Washington; and Boston, Massachusetts.


Shown below is an early billhead for some heroin from the company, and an empty bottle of morphine sulfate.



O.R. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg'd No. *8618*

Sold by \_\_\_\_\_ *New York, Feb. 11 1891*

Terms: \_\_\_\_\_ *Dr. J. S. Wannamaker, Imp. Co. Orangetburg, S.C.*



LABORATORIES, BALTIMORE, MD.

CHICAGO HOUSE, 221 RANDOLPH STREET.

INCORPORATED 1892

GENERAL OFFICES } NEW YORK, 41 JOHN ST.

**BOUGHT OF SHARP & DOHME ESTABLISHED 1860**

**CHEMISTS**

SPECIALTIES:

- SOLUBLE-RELATIN COATED AND SUGAR COATED PILLS AND GRANULES.
- SOLUBLE HYPODERMIC TABLETS.
- GRANULAR EFFERVESCENT SALTS.
- MEDICINAL FLUIDS, SOLUTIONS AND POWDERED EXTRACTS.
- MEDICINAL ELIXIRS, SYRUPS, WINES.
- COMPRESSED TABLETS AND LOZENGES, ETC., ETC.

Shipped per *Mail* Bill. Box. Package.

<i>1/500</i>	<i>J. J. Heroin 1/2</i>	<i>1 25</i>
<i>1/500</i>	<i>" " " 1/24</i>	<i>75</i>
		<i>2 00</i>
	<i>Less 1/3</i>	<i>66 134</i>
		<i>Pay 10</i>
		<i>1 44</i>

<sup>43</sup> Images source: *American Druggist and Pharmaceutical Record*, Volume 54, June 14, 1909, page 352.

<sup>44</sup> Source: [www.herbmuseum.ca/content/sharp-dohme](http://www.herbmuseum.ca/content/sharp-dohme).

<sup>45</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merck\\_%26\\_Co](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merck_%26_Co).

**Type 1: Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Initials**



**N2.01**



**N2.02**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Typewritten Initials and Handstamped Date**



**N2.01**



**N2.08**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	35
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 3: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name and Date**



**N2.01**



**N2.02**



**N2.10**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 4: Printed “Narcotic” and Stencil Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 5: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Registration Number (589) and Date Only**



N2.02



N2.04

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 6a: Printed Initials, Registration Number (589), and Date in Black**



**Type 6b: Printed Initials, Registration Number (589), and Date in Red**



**Type 7: Handstamped Initials and Date in Various Colors**

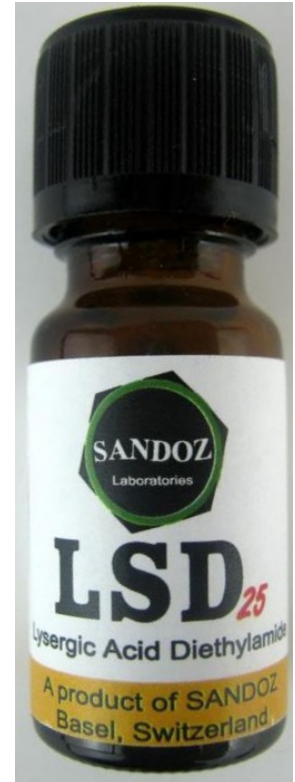


## Sandoz Inc. (Sandoz Pharmaceuticals)

Sandoz Pharmaceuticals was formed in 1886 by Alfred Kern and Edouard Sandoz. They were headquartered in Basel, Switzerland. They produced the sugar substitute Saccharin in 1899.

The psychedelic effects of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) were discovered at the Sandoz laboratories in 1943 by Arthur Stoll and Albert Hofmann. The firm marketed the substance under the name Delysid, from 1947 through the mid-1960s.

The company opened a manufacturing facility at 59 State Route 10 in East Hanover, New Jersey around 1964.



### Type 1: Handstamped Cancel and Date



### Type 2: Printed Cancel and Date



## Sandoz – Wander, Inc.

Sandoz Pharmaceuticals (see above) merged with Wander AG<sup>46</sup> in 1967. This firm in turn merged with Ciba-Geigy in 1996 to form Novartis.<sup>47</sup>

The cancel shown below was thus in use for only four years, from 1967 to 1971.



<sup>46</sup> AG = Aktiengesellschaft (Incorporated).

<sup>47</sup> Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novartis>.



**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>				Perf. 11
<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	40	
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name**



**N2.01**



**N2.05**

<i>1919</i>				Perf. 11
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15	
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25	
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—	

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 3: Handstamped Name and Date**



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## S. Co. (Solomons Company) (Provisional)



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

**N(S)1.01**

1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a light blue “(date) / S. Co. / Narcotic” overprint

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were handstamped. Not currently listed in Scott.

Perf. 11

\* 10,000

Please see this company’s entry in the Genuine Handstamped Types: Sans Serif Font section for a census of these stamps.

Attempting to determine the name of a manufacturer based solely on the initials of “S. Co.” seems, at first, to be almost impossible.

Fortunately though, Google came to the rescue. They digitized a book called *The Era Druggists’ Directory of the United States*, which was published by D. O. Haynes and Company in 1916. Part three of this book is a section called “The Manufacturers and Other Firms in the United States That Supply the Drug Trade.” This is a thorough listing of every manufacturer of drugs, arranged alphabetically by state and then by city, and finally by company name.

If we assume that there was in fact no “&” or “and” between the actual “S-something” and “Company” name (which is why it is not a part of the cancel), and that there were no other names that were a part of the company name as well, then there are just a few possibilities. These were determined by going through every entry in all 75 pages of the book, one by one.

Sagine Company, 261 High Street, Columbus, Ohio.  
Manufacturers of Proprietary Medicines.

Salinos Company, 424 West Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
Salinos cathartic.

Sapristo Company, 251 South Fourth Street, Bullitt Building, Philadelphia.  
Manufacturing Chemists.

Shor Company, 440 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.  
Import Chemists.

Sirolin Company, 228 West Broadway, New York, New York.  
Manufacturers of Proprietary Medicines.

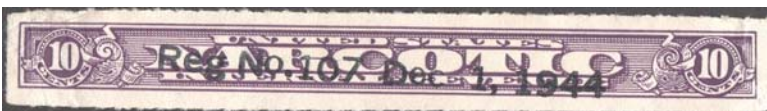
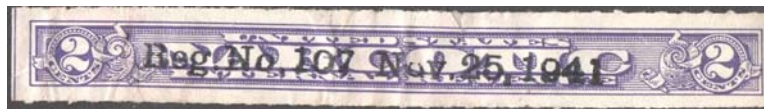
The Spinol Company, 22 North Centre Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.  
Manufacturers of a Whooping Cough Remedy (“Spinol”).

These companies were all eventually eliminated as possibilities, as there is no current record of them ever having made a product that contained a narcotic. There was just one last possibility that was found.

**Type 4: Handstamped Date and Registration Number (107)**

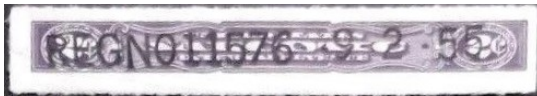


*The one and two cent denominations are also known with a smaller size cancelation, as shown at the right, above.*





**Type 5: Handstamped Date and Registration Number (11,576)**



*The two cent denomination is also known with a smaller size cancelation, as shown at the right, above.*



7,531



N2.01



N2.04

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	15
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.



9,535



10,002



10,798



16,296



H046081 etc.



The third opinion of the attorney-general interpreting the Boylan law, holds that the physician need not write out a prescription when he administers or dispenses the drugs in question but when dispensing them, and therefore acting in the capacity of a druggist, he must make out a certificate or write the label according to the law's provisions so that they contain his name and address, the date of sale, and the name of the person to whom such sale is made, although he need not issue a certificate or write a label for the drugs when administering them himself. This latest opinion was rendered in response to a request made by the board of pharmacy at the behest of numerous physicians, who occasionally dispense the narcotics in question from their offices to their own patients and who administer hypodermic injections of morphine and codine.

Further protests against some of the most troublesome and some of the still ambiguous provisions of the Boylan law are now being made to state authorities by members of the American Medico Pharmaceutical League in Brooklyn. Among other complaints against this law, the members of this league, most of whom are physicians, set forth their objections to the seemingly unnecessary requirements imposed upon physicians in its provisions compelling them to state their names, in full, including their Christian or given names, on all their prescriptions. Many of these physicians have been accustomed for many years to employ only the initials of their first names and they now maintain that they have no intention of changing their practice in this respect, despite a recent ruling of the New York State Department of Health that they give at least their first name in full. These physicians maintain that they have sound legal and judicial information that no physician should be convicted for failure to employ only the initials of his given names, if he desires to do so. A few pharmacist members of this league also object to the Boylan law's requirements for stating the name and quantity of the drug dispensed upon the accompanying certificate or label on its container. To date, no attention has been paid by the department of health to any of these complaints and requests for more lenient interpretations and amendments, but it is considered probable that some effort will be made at the next session of the state legislature to amend the law along these and other lines.



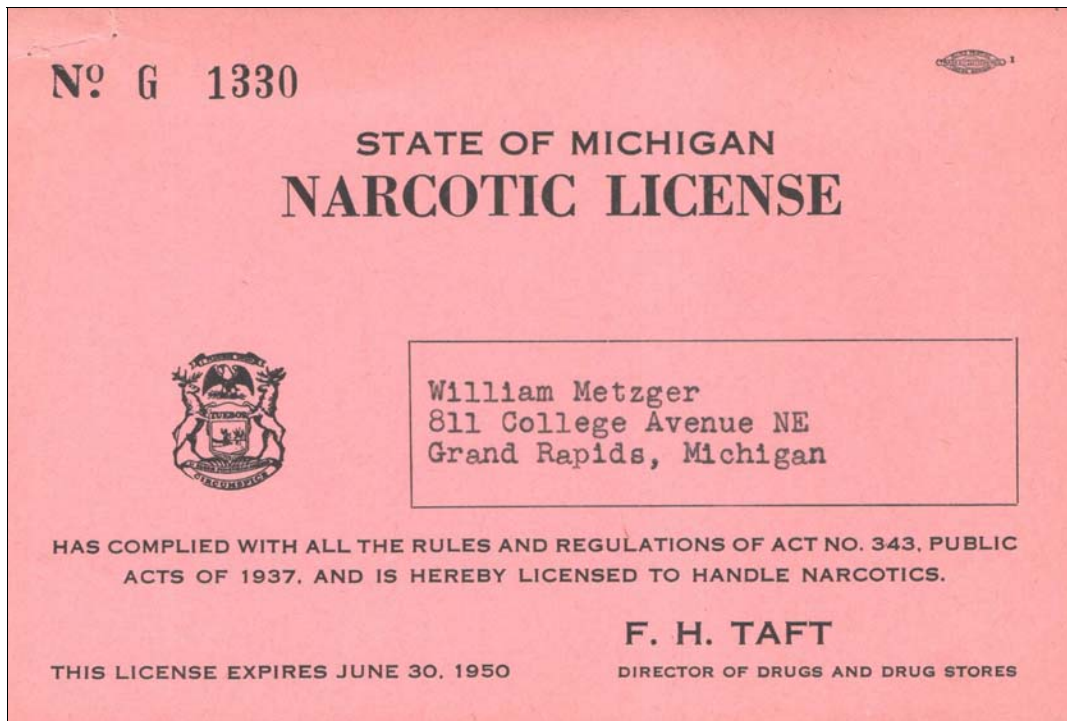
A field of poppy plants.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> Source: <http://bahaiteachings.org/opium-this-most-powerful-of-plagues>.

# Narcotic Licenses

## Michigan



193? – 197?

Overall design size is 152 X 101 mm.

Imperf.

<b>NLM1.44</b>	Nv, Black on blue card with a typewritten black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1944	—	25
<b>NLM1.45</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a handstamped serif black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1945	—	25
<b>NLM1.46</b>	Nv, Blue on off-white card with a handstamped serif black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1946	—	25
<b>NLM1.47</b>	Nv, Black on ? card with a serif black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1947	—	—
<b>NLM1.48</b>	Nv, Black on ? card with a serif black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1948	—	—
<b>NLM1.49</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1949	—	25
<b>NLM1.50</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "F. H. Taft," and dated 1950	—	25
<b>NLM1.51</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "C. K. Grettenberger," and dated 1951	—	—
<b>NLM1.52</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "C. K. Grettenberger," and dated 1952	—	—
<b>NLM1.53</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "C. K. Grettenberger," and dated 1953	—	—
<b>NLM1.54</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "C. K. Grettenberger," and dated 1954	—	—
<b>NLM1.55</b>	Nv, Black on flesh card with a serif black serial number, and with "C. K. Grettenberger," and dated 1955	—	25

The serial numbers are sometimes preceded by black capital serif letters.

Some states required that those that handled narcotics obtain and display a narcotic license at their place of business.