

Pacific Match Factory Parlor Matches

Morris Pasternak, CAN: Saw this box in historic Old Town San Diego. It was in a display case in the tobacco shop (Racine & Laramie). The salesperson indicated that the shop was originally opened by two men from Quebec who decided to leave Canada after Confederation (1867) and moved to California.

Ed. I don't know if these have anything to do with any of the three successive Pacific Match Companies, since they were all centered in Washington, not San Francisco.

PACIFIC MATCH CO. (c. 1886-1896) Founded by Nelson Whitaker; purchased and closed by Diamond Match Co. in 1896. It was the first match company in Tacoma. Production center: Tacoma, WA

PACIFIC MATCH CO. (1911-?) Only reference I've found for this one is a 1911 Tacoma Daily Tribune article referring to the company being about to open. Production center: Tacoma, WA



PACIFIC MATCH CO. (1924-1964)

Founded by O.V. Snyder and associates who had relocated to Tacoma from Wheeling, WV, where he had apparently worked in the match industry previously; no relationship to previous company. The high cost of labor and materials forced the closure of the company in 1964. Production center: Tacoma, WA

Trademarks: Sunset (box, c. 1920s), De-Lite (?), Fire Chief (?), Dependable (box, ?), Lite King Safety (box, ?), Tacoma (?), Red Head (?), Strike-Out (wooden match), Junior (?), Ideal (?), Favorite (?)