

# A SANDY McTIRE CONUNDRUM

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This project started with the idea that we might be able to determine the relative scarcity of Sandy McTire coupons. The intent was to estimate the hi and lo serial numbers for each Robb type from the coupon population. All I was going to do was subtract the lo from the hi and arrive at an approximate population. Well, it didn't work. I am not smart enough to see any relationships. It may well be the entire sample should be looked at. I expect it would not work either.

While there will be no results from this study I would like to speculate on what I see and ask for any constructive comments. The serial number and back designs are not consistent. Using MP1-B-5 as an example, one could guess that 5A1 is from 000001 to 183000 and 5A3 is from 375000 to 999999. However it looks like 5A2 is distributed within this group and likely 5AA as well. Who can tell? The same problem exists for MP-1 B-10.

If we ignore Don's classification of the imprint including the paper watermark we might conclude for MP1 B-5A that there are 183000 coupons with a black back and 817000 with a green back. When the "A" series was used the "D" series started.

The 10¢ went from B to E and the 20¢ from C to F. It is here that the system completely breaks down and the prefixes were used for almost any denomination.

If you ever worked in a commercial printing shop you know they are always out of the right kind of paper, or run short. I think in this series, which did not represent much of value compared to the gas bar and store coupons, the print shop loaded into the printer any paper they had on hand. This included the paper the company used to print their cheques. The watermarked bond paper was probably used for correspondence and used here as well. My thesis is that within a series you are likely to find any kind of paper. The prefixes that are out of type may well be due to a failure to reset the numbering unit when a new denomination was put into the printer.

The following table of hi/lo values are courtesy of Don Robb, Mike Hollingshead, Ross Irwin, Gary Doran, Roger Fox, Tim Henderson, Don Brown, Dick Dunn, Don Bradt, K. Parn, Bob Porter, Jim Hamilton and Jerome Fourre.

CATALOG	BACK	PRINT	LOW	HIGH	CATALOG	BACK	PRINT	LOW	HIGH
<b>MP1B - "Do you know"</b>					<b>MP2 C-IOI</b>				
MP1 B-5A1	DYK	C	A015409	A182880	MP2 C-20F	WPH	C	I047013	I170484
MP1 B-5A2	DYK	C	A162824	A413794	MP2 C-20J	WPH	C	F081409	F982498
MP1 B-5A3	DYK	SS	A384901	A963466	MP2 C-30B	WPH	C	J003438	J338536
MP1 B-5AA	DYK	SS	AA429055	AA445678	MP2 C-40D1	WPH	C	B012789	B597538
MP1 B-5C	DYK	SS	C699426	C702461	MP2 C-40D2	WPH	C	D012683	D187627
MP1 B-5D	DYK	SS	D008708	D374166				D054498	D184256
MP1 B-IOA	DYK	SS	A942132	?	<b>MP3B - "Free membership"</b>				
MP1 B-IOB1	DYK	C	B015693	B046702	MP3 B-IOI1	MP/F	SS	I198203	I286601
MP1 B-IOB2	DYK	C	B053004	B868123	MP3 B-IOI2	MP/F	C	I198213	I433129
MP1 B-IOB3	DYK	SS	B224090	B908029	MP3 B-20F	MP/F	SS	F340145	F519220
MP1 B-IOB4	DYK	SS	B145731	B369938	MP3 B-30B1	MP/F	SS	B168622	B633031
MP1 B-IOE	DYK	SS	E016189	E511621	MP3 B-30B2	MP/F	SS	B254099	B524367
MP1 B-IOW	DYK	SS	W512595	W530696	MP3 B-40D1	MP/F	SS	D252256	D396652
MP1 B-20C1	DYK	SS	C148050	C999552	MP3 B-40D2	MP/F	C	D319283	D560861
MP1 B-20C2	DYK	C	C041274	C105176	MP3 B-40I	MP/F	C	I826662	I842208
MP1 B-20C3	DYK	C	C065576	C129051					
MP1 B-20F	DYK	SS	F001807	F549439	<b>GB1B - "Free membership"</b>				
<b>MP1C - "Do you know"</b>					GB1 B-IOD	CTC/F	LS	D748979	D939230
MP1 C-5D	DYK	SS	D222429	D439858	GB1 B-IOI1	CTC/F	LS	I412628	I955570
MP1 C-IOE	DYK	SS	E485809	E629715	GB1 B-IOI2	CTC/F	C	I421499	I879385
MP1 C-20F	DYK	SS	F045647	F798492	GB1 B-20F	CTC/F	LS	F548815	F681179
<b>MP2B - "We pay half"</b>					GB1 B-30B	CTC/F	C	B657291	B999655
MP2 B-5D	WPH	C	D720510	?	GB1 B-30D	CTC/F	LS	D573093	D620948
MP2 B-IOB	WPH	SS	B095720	B113419	GB1 B-30E1	CTC/F	LS	E129243	E551538
MP2 B-IOI	WPH	SS	I068427	I086038	GB1 B-30E2	CTC/F	C	E000510	E522955
MP2 B-20J	WPH	C	J238225	?	GB1 B-40D	CTC/F	LS	D091394	D939304
MP2 B-30B	WPH	SS	B199429	?	<b>PS1B - "Free membership"</b>				
MP2 B-30D	WPH	SS	D204672	D215333	PS1 B-5C	PS/F	H	C002747	C105020
MP2 B-30I	WPH	SS	I227047	I241518	PS1 B-5D	PS/F	H	D683037	D759686
MP2 B-40D	WPH	SS	D129888	D399541	PS1 B-5F	PS/F	H	F849117	F993020
<b>MP2C - "We pay half"</b>					PS1 B-IOI	PS/F	H	I965951	I992273
MP2 C-5D	WPH	C	D442257	D829597	PS1 B-IOZ	PS/F	H	Z003543	Z818131
MP2 C-5F	WPH	C	F833071	F837214	PS1 B-20B1	PS/F	LS	B675112	B882235
MP2 C-5W	WPH	C	W644397	W674037	PS1 B-20B2	PS/F	H	B891170	B983682
MP2 C-IOCI	WPH	C	C06352	C37037	PS1 B-20F	PS/F	LS	F653633	F773874
MP2 C-IOC2	WPH	C	C028589	C041794	PS1 B-20Y	PS/F	H	Y015131	Y083194
MP2 C-IOD	WPH	C	D047177	D062314	PS1 B-30D	PS/F	H	D642538	D702131
MP2 C-IOE	WPH	C	E650400	E961558	PS1 B-30H	PS/F	H	H030724	H827099
MP2 C-IOH	WPH	C	H001420	H037336	PS1 B-30Z	PS/F	H	Z207110	Z207110
					PS1 B-40D	PS/F	H	D056299	D702654