

I got the CWS brown chip in a trade in 1998. I picked up a blue one in 2003. Never gave them much thought. I picked up a dupe at the Arizona Charlie's show from a junk box.

After The big success in researching the FEB chips from Akron, Ohio featured in "Illegal Of The Day Ohio 4" posted on 2/8/11, I thought it was time to take a look at the CWS chips. Unfortunately not all chips are created equal when it comes to researching. <g>

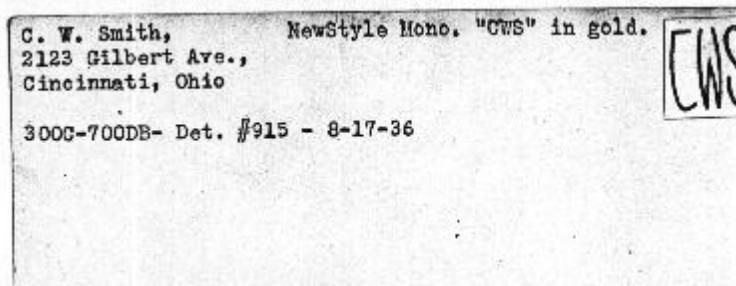
One part of the problem is the buyer's common name, CW Smith.

Enough of that:

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### CWS

The chip delivery address was a residential complex called "The Beverly" and Clarence W. Smith resided in flat #10 in 1936 when the chips were ordered. He's not living at that address in subsequent years. His occupation was listed as salesman.

Smith is a hard name to research. There were 16 Clarence Smith's in Cincinnati in 1936. In the early 40's there was a Clarence W. Smith who described himself as a salesman living in Cincinnati and working in Latonia, KY (not sure if same Clarence W.) Wish I had more, but that's all I've come up with.

My note: I grew up on Taylor Mill road that runs out of Ritte's Corner in Latonia but 1936 is a little early, even for me. <g>

Looks like it stays in the "Home Chip" file <g>.