

A collection of seven black and white line drawings of various animals and plants, arranged in a circular pattern. The drawings include a bird in flight (top left), a cloud (top center), a tree (top right), a butterfly (center), a dog (bottom left), a person (bottom center), and a cat (bottom right). The background is a light gray with a repeating pattern of small, dark, wavy shapes.



Preface and Acknowledgments

In this publication we document the signature pieces that crafters of wooden (mostly) jigsaw puzzles have used since about 1907. By focusing on the signature pieces, we add another dimension to the history of these puzzles and their makers.

Readers can use this publication to identify puzzles that have lost their original packaging. New crafters can study the signature pieces that are already in use, then devise their own unique ones.

Joe began this project in 2018 with a handout showing twenty signature pieces. The two of us have continued to collect ones from other companies since then. This edition shows more than 275 signature pieces.

We are very grateful to the puzzlers who have supplied images. Terra Rodgers maintains an online list of current crafters with notes on their signature pieces. Many current crafters have generously sent pictures of their signature pieces. Indeed, Shay Carmichael sent ones for more than a dozen Elms crafters! We have also used photos from the Internet (notably puzzleparley.org, Flickr albums, thejigasaurus.com, and some puzzle company web pages) for some images. The others come from documentation of our own collections. Kim Thanh contributed drawings and logistical support. Laurie Hiscock at Bates College shepherded this project through the printing process in 2024. The Strong National Museum of Play and the Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists (BCD) both have graciously agreed to host this edition on their websites.

In anticipation of future editions, we would appreciate all additions and corrections. Please send them by email to both of us. Thank you.

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What is a Signature Piece?

A traditional signature piece is a specially shaped piece, designed by the crafter, and cut into every puzzle they make. It might be signed and dated on the back. Well known examples include the Par seahorse, the Stave clown, and the Liberty eagle.

But it is not quite that simple....

Evolution and change. A given puzzle maker's signature piece is not always the same, especially if they cut it freehand. Even if the crafter uses a template, the finished pieces can vary, with some even being the mirror image of the original outline.

Over the years a signature piece can evolve, perhaps becoming more stylized or elaborate.

Or it can change completely. For example, Par started with a swastika, a traditional symbol of good luck in many cultures. But when the Nazis came to power in 1933, Par switched to a seahorse.

Overall, the piece you see in a given puzzle may differ somewhat from the outline you see in this booklet.

Frequency. Some crafters use signature pieces in some of their puzzles, but not in others. Thus, the absence of a figure piece does not rule out any of the puzzle makers listed in this booklet. Factors such as small size or a push-fit cutting style or simply the whim of the crafter may prevent including them.

Similarity. Even with a known signature piece it can be hard to identify the crafter. There are at least five different crafters who chose to use the letter K as a signature piece, because their names start with that letter.

Signature vs. figure piece. It can be hard to tell if a figure piece is really a signature piece. Many Pastime puzzles include letter shaped pieces such as E, H, K, and P that were included on templates that the Parker Brothers supplied to their crafters. But there is no evidence that they have any significance or refer to individual employees.

Furthermore, letters, monograms or words in a puzzle often refer to the name of the recipient rather than the name of the crafter.

And in many cases we've seen only one example of a person's work. If a figure piece is related to their name, we assume it is a signature piece - but that's an assumption, not a proven fact.

Recognizable figure pieces but no signature piece. Some makers such as Parker Brothers, J. K. Straus, and Tuck designed many dozens of distinct figure pieces that reappear in puzzle after puzzle. But none serves as a signature piece. Examples of these "whimsies" appear in sets after the individual signature pieces.

Using This Publication

To identify the maker of a puzzle that has no label, look at the figure pieces. Begin by comparing them to the sets of figure pieces on pages 15 to 22. Remember that some companies used very similar figure pieces.

If there are distinctive figure pieces, check out the individual signature pieces on pages 3-14. Keep in mind the nuances of signature pieces that are described in the above section. The list starting on page 23 provides basic details about each puzzle maker.

Remember that we have not listed many fine crafters who use figure pieces, but do not use a signature piece or an easily recognizable and distinct set of figures.

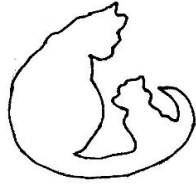
Newly added images have numbers in the 200s and appear in logical order on the image pages.

If you discover a new signature piece, please let the authors know. Our contact information is on page 1.

A. Signature Pieces - Living Things



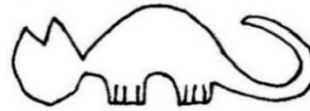
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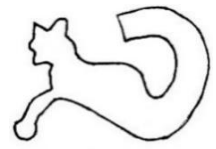
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cat & kitten



A2. Amely
cat



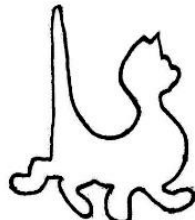
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A4. Lemieux
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A5. Towne
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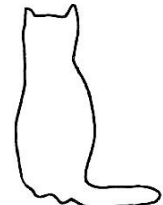
A6. Ayer
cat



A7. Kissinger
bobcat



A202. Chase
cat



A203. Black Cat
Puzzles. cat



A204. Shestakova
cat



A8. Trutter
cat



A20. Wenzel
cat & dog



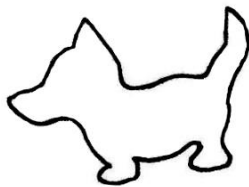
A205. Stubbs
dog



A206. Holmes
dog



A9. Brennan
dog



A10. Seymour
chihuahua "Gizmo"



A11. P. Elliott
golden retriever



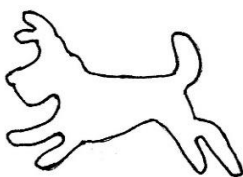
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Portuguese water dog



A13. Diller
poodle



A14. Rockland
dog



A15. Fretts
dog "Pal"



A16. Puzzle Makers
dog

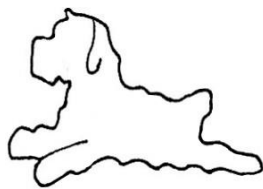


A17. Krynicky
dog



A18. Von Hasseln #2
dog w/ piece

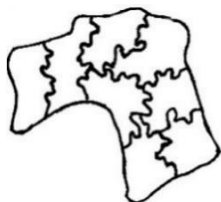
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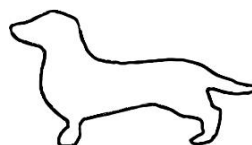
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golden doodle



A21. Foley 1
terrier



A22. Foley 2
terrier head



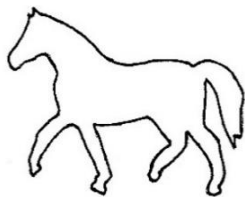
A227. Wyatt
dachshund



A23. Allenson
rearing horse



A24. Smith
horse & rider



A25. Platais
horse



A26. R. Ballhagen
Missouri mule



A27. Husselman
carousel horse



A28. Frazier
Pegasus



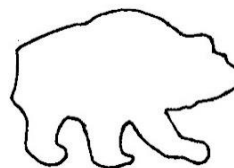
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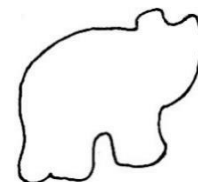
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unicorn



A31. Carmichael
squirrel



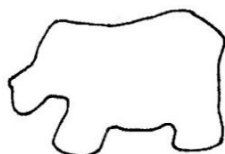
A32. Morin
black bear



A33. Colby
polar bear cub



A34. McDowell
standing bear



A35. Cub Creek
bear cub



A207. Margolin
moose head



A36. Leland
moose



A37. Braithwaite
monkey



A38. Hollister
bison



A208. G. Finney
hedgehog



A39. Davis
porcupine



A40. Rinka
armadillo



A41. Campbell Co.
camel

A. Signature Pieces - Living Things (cont.)



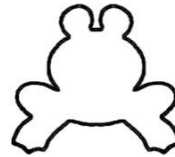
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snakes



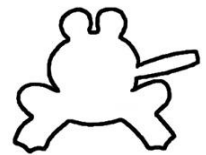
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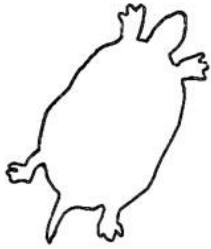
A44. Desfosses
snail



A45. Walzer
frog



A209. Walzer
frog w/ cigar



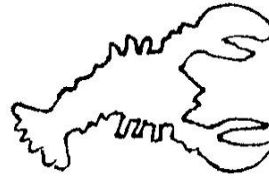
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turtle



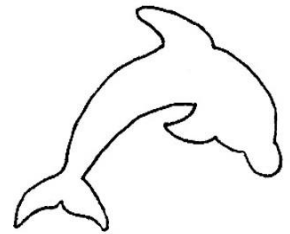
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turtle



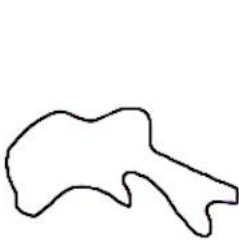
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turtle



A48. Dabrowski
lobster



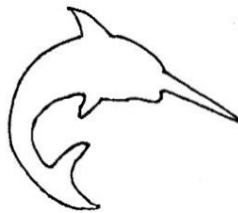
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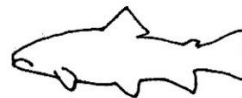
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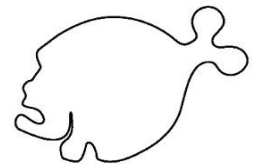
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Pisces - 2 fish



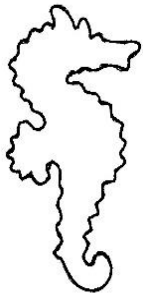
A57. Malley
swordfish



A58. Norris
trout



A212. Nigrelli
flounder



A51. Par (all)
seahorse



A52. Par: Ware
& Henriques
seahorse #2



A53. Par: Ware
& Henriques
seahorse #3



A54. Par: Ware
& Henriques
seahorse #4



A55. Par: Madden
seahorse on label



A56. Scherer
seahorse



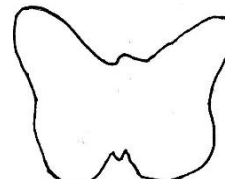
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octopus



A214. Whittemore
caterpillar



A215. Horwath
butterfly

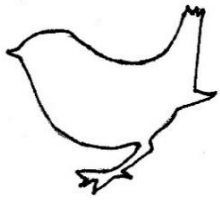


A59. Flye & Whit-
combe. butterfly

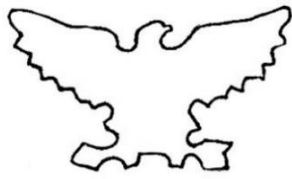


A60. C. Martin
purple martin

A. Signature Pieces - Living Things (cont.)



A61. Morris
wren



A62. Liberty
eagle



A63. Majors
eagle



A64. Von Hasseln #1
bird in bird bath



A65. J. Green
bird on piece



A66. Rouillard
hummingbird



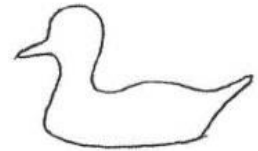
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hen



A68. Deighton
rooster



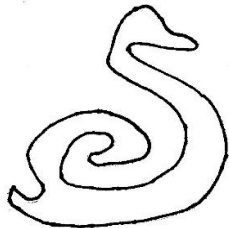
A69. Kimberly
goose



A70. D. Elliott
duck



A71. Abrams
duck



A72. Carmichael
swan



A73. Swan Jig-Saw
Puzzle. swan 1



A74. Swan Jig-Saw
Puzzle. swan 2



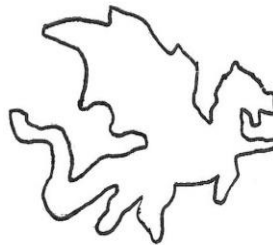
A75. Godfrey
sea gull



A76. B. Finney
pelican



A77. Cooper
phoenix



A78. Ferguson
dragon



A79. Sweeney
dragon



A80. Wyvern
dragon



A216. Unidragon
dragon w/ piece



A217. Isaacs
Hedorah



A81. Gehman
walking man



A82. Sincher
hobo

A. Signature Pieces - Living Things (cont.)



A83. Rollet
butler



A84. Curtis
woodsman



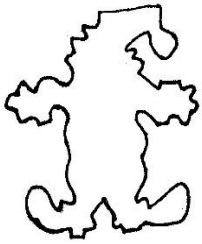
A85. Isaacs
exerciser



A86. Modesett
fisherman



A87. Jones
falling woman



A88. Stave
clown



A89. Farnham
stylized runner



A90. Reynolds
woman w/ basket



A91. Beffa-Negrini
fool



A92. Cappitella
boy



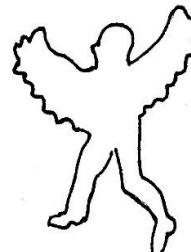
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boy 2



A93. Beach
witch (on label)



A94. Beach
witch (in puzzle)



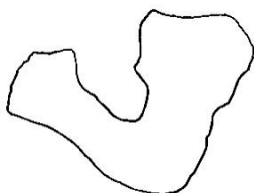
A95. Robison
Daedalus



A96. Lemieux
angel



A97. Nervous System
brainiac



A228. Armstrong
(in MN) arm



A98. Armstrong
(in MA) arm



A99. Seyfarth
tulip



A100. Guay
rose



A219. Guay
rose in hearts



A220. Guay
rose in maple leaf



A221. Guay
rose in rabbit



A222. Guay
rose in teapot

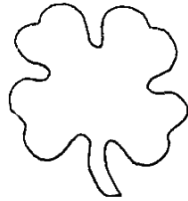


A101. Shebell
iris

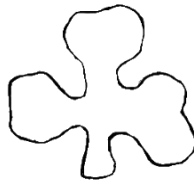
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A103. Donnelly shamrock



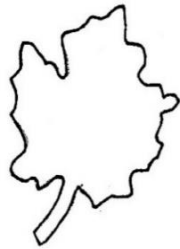
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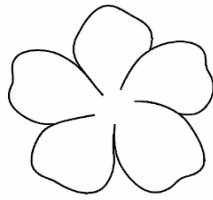
A224. Everdale-Hawks clover



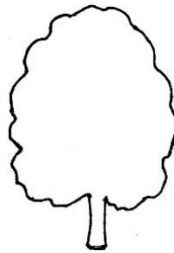
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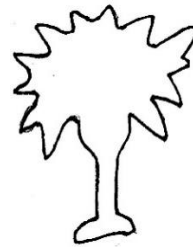
A105. Smyth maple leaf



A225. Mufson peach blossom



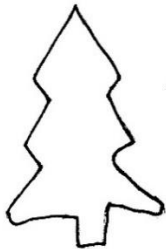
A106. Bekkering tree



A107. Diehl palmetto



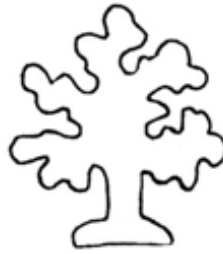
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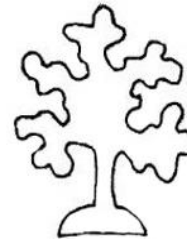
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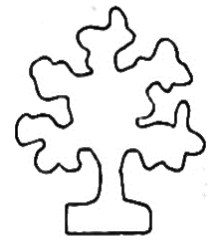
A110. Stuart pre-1990 elm tree



A111. Stuart 1990s large elm tree



A112. Stuart; then Waterford ca 2000-23 elm tree

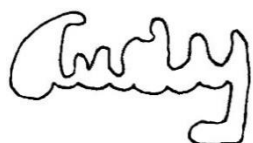


A113. Elms 2024+ elm tree

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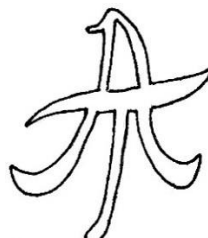
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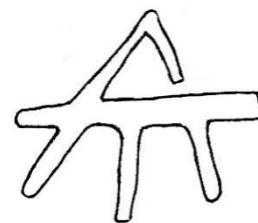
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B3. A. Stiles



B4. Toizer (label)



B5. Toizer (puzzle)



B6. A. Williams



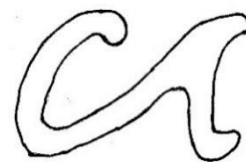
B7. Pomeroy



B8. Brewer Brothers
(2 separate letters)



B9. Beacon Lending
Library



B10. C. Armstrong



B11. C J S



B12. Cott



B13. Vandersloot
(2 separate letters)



B14. Daniels



B15. Dinneen



B201. Spehar



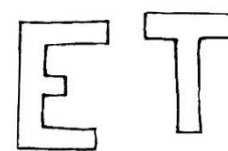
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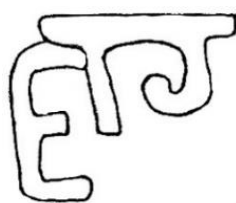
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B18. Keiler
(2 separate letters)



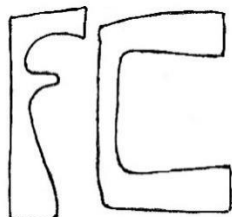
B19. Tewksbury
(2 separate letters)



B20. Walters



B21. Fiss



B22. Full 'O' Cheer
(2 separate letters)



B23. Nutter
(2 separate letters)



B24. Greeley
in 1980s

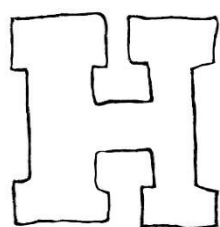
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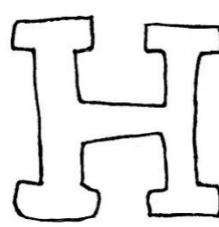
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1990 & later



B26. G-V Novelty Co.
(2 separate letters)



B27. Hanchette



B28. Hodges



B29. Hixon



B30. Hughes



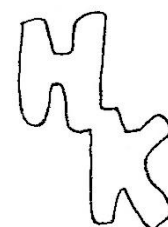
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(4 separate letters)



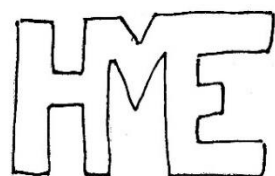
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B33. Cole



B34. Kolb



B35. Eagleson



B36. Ideal Puzzle



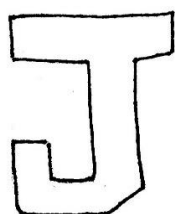
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B38. Boone



B39. Jenks



B40. Kesner



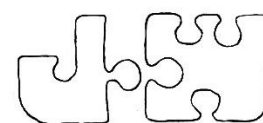
B41. Hyde



B42. Sheahan



B43. Jigger Joe



B202. JigsawWow



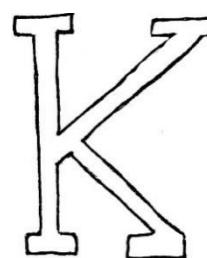
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B45. Olney
(2 separate letters)



B46. JT

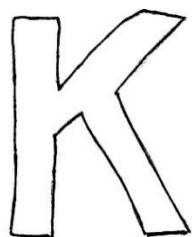


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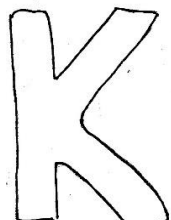


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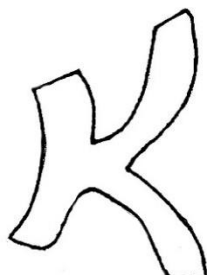
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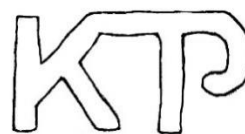
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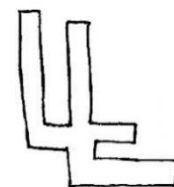
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early years



B51. Kirk
later years



B52. Kamman
& Laughman



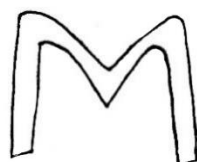
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B54. Willard
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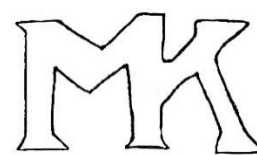
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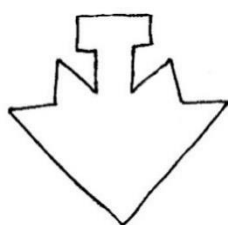
B56. Tryawhile
Puzzle Co.



B57. M and S Studios
(3 separate characters)



B58. King & Co.



B59. Marceau
(stylized MTM)



B203. McDowell
early



B204. McDowell
later



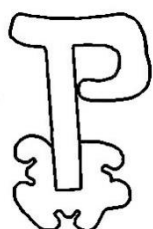
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B205. Buchanan



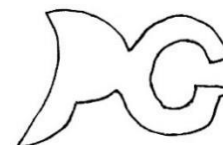
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Novelty Shop



B206. Cappitella



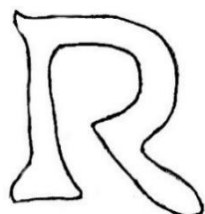
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B63. Gee



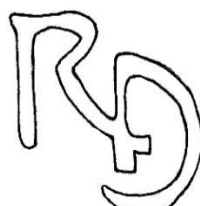
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B65. Riley



B66. Richardson



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B69. Spencer

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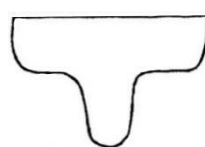
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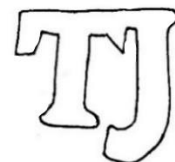
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(3 separate letters)



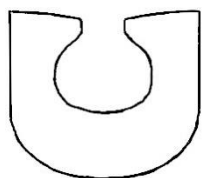
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B72. Turner



B73. Walters



B208. Astfalck



B74. Webster



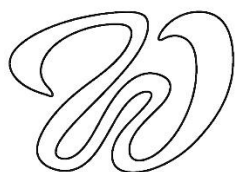
B75. Locke



B76. Refalvey



B77. Helmore & Tassell
(3 separate letters, some-
times with a fourth "H")



B209. J. Campbell



B78. Gleason



B79. Waite



B80. Randall



B210. Isaacs

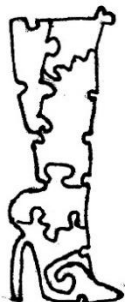


B88. Beach
(3 separate letters)



B211. Wizard

C. Signature Pieces - Objects and Symbols

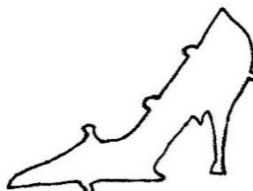


C1. Perry

Stephen K. Perry's shoes were all different; here are 3 examples.



C2. Perry



C3. Perry



C4. C. Anderson
sweater



C5. N. Ballhagen
sunbonnet



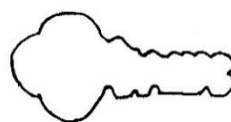
C6. Rogers
umbrella



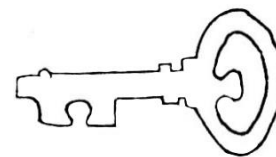
C7. Stafford
two horseshoes



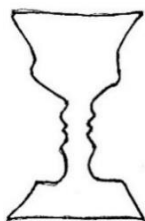
C8. Puzzle House
house



C9. Vollstedt
key



C10. Bermudez
key



C11. D. Anderson
kissing cup



C12. Johnson
chess knight



C13. Morganelli
post horn, muted



C14. Dabczynski
cello



C15. Hawthorne Club
1930s telephone



C16. Nagle
long puzzle piece



C17. Lesniewski
cigar and smoke



C18. Barrera
paint brush



C19. Bura
saw



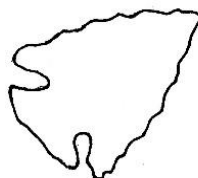
C201. Frelinghuysen
axe



C20. Frelinghuysen
axe in block



C202. Stocken
wheelbarrow



C21. Ross
arrowhead



C22. Bridge
hammer

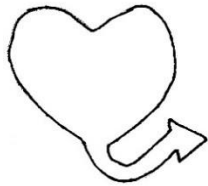


C23. Garner
heart

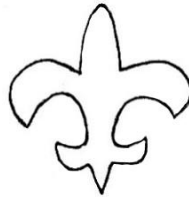
C. Signature Pieces - Objects and Symbols (cont.)



C203. Hart
heart



C24. Lucretia's Pieces
heart



C25. Lewis
fleur-de-lis



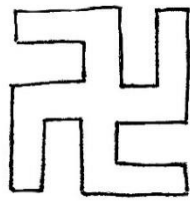
C204. Bennett
1st Sgt insignia



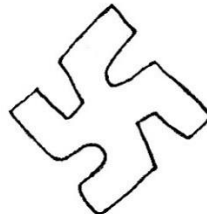
C205. Victory
"V" sign



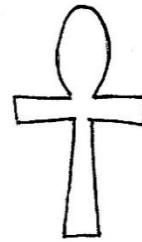
C26. Schreiner
Shriners symbol



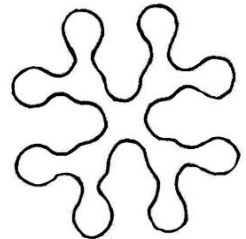
C27. Par (until 1933)
swastika



C28. Noyes
swastika



C29. Mankin
ankh



C30. Stokes
abstract



C206. Twitchell
squiggle



C31. Dana
stylized π



C32. Tuttle
question mark



C207. Lemieux
question mark/cat



C33. Mills
Martha's Vineyard

Figure Pieces - Set PB

Some companies had no signature pieces. But their figure pieces are very recognizable.

Parker Brothers made wood puzzles for adults, mostly Pastimes, 1908 to 1958.

The first Pastimes were push-fit with no figure pieces. But by 1911, all Pastimes included figure pieces.

Frank Ordway, a Parker Brothers executive, patented the idea of using figure pieces in 1917.

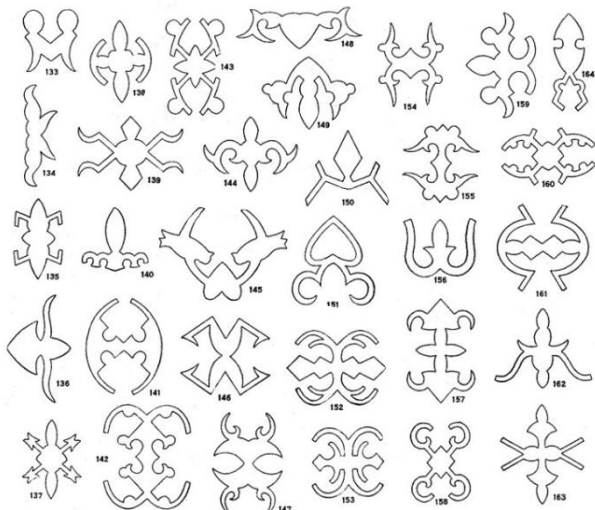
Starting ca 1924 Pastimes usually had 12 figure pieces per 100 pieces, i.e., 60 in a 500-piece puzzle.

Many other companies copied some Pastime figure pieces. They also appear in other Parker brands:

Climax, Golden Eagle, Imperial, Paramount, and the Picture Puzzle Mart in New York City.

In 1932 Parker obtained copyrights on the 382 figure pieces they were using at the time. They were a mix of recognizable shapes and abstract symmetric designs. New employees and the less artistic ones used these templates, supplied to them by the company. Parker also encouraged its more artistic crafters to create their own designs.

Below are 3 pages from the 1932 copyright filing.



The patterns at top left are some of the simple shapes, used since 1911.

The more complex designs at top right are typically found in puzzles made between 1932 and 1958.

The patterns at bottom left are a few of the many "fancy" abstract designs.

Parker called these "snowflakes" because they were made like paper holiday decorations: Fold a paper square in half once or twice, then cut. The unfolded paper becomes a design with one-way or two-way symmetry.

Figure Pieces - Sets PBG and PBV

Some companies had no signature pieces. But their figure pieces are very recognizable.

Eva Audet Gagnon. Pastime crafter #12 at Parker Brothers, 1927-1937

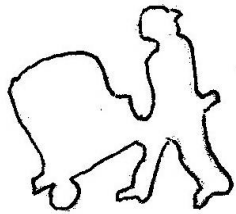
Eva Gagnon used her figure pieces to tell stories. PBG1 represents Eva looking over the puzzle.

PBG6 is based on a sign outside a store that sold silk fabrics in Salem, MA.

PBG7 shows an incident when a mouse ran through the puzzle workshop. The forelady was so scared that she jumped right on top of her desk.



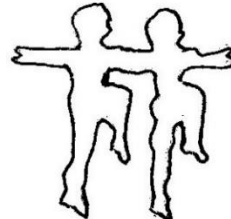
PBG1. Eva's
profile



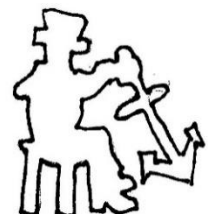
PBG2. man with
wheelbarrow



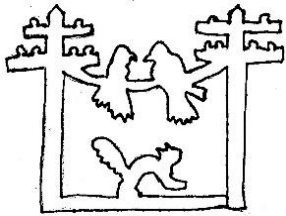
PBG3. angel



PBG4. dancers



PBG5. sailor



PBG6. Salem, MA
store sign



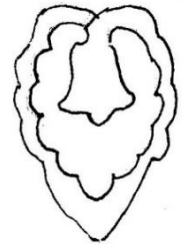
PBG7. mouse attack
in workshop



PBG8. Easter
bunny



PBG9. Mickey &
Minnie Mouse



PBG10. bell in
a heart

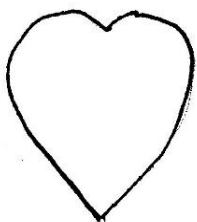
The Parker Brothers series of Saint Valentine Pastime Puzzles

Parker made relatively few of the Saint Valentine Pastimes, probably circa 1915 - 1925.

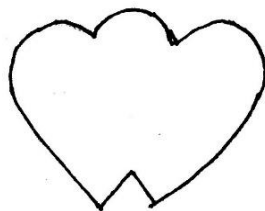
The figure pieces consisted entirely of hearts and arrows.

There was also a series of postcard sized puzzles cut in the same style, but no label on the 6" x 4" box.

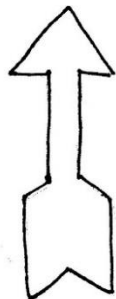
They often had a Raphael Tuck postcard pasted on the lid, with a puzzle cut from a different Tuck postcard inside. Probably made by Parker Brothers, possibly by Tuck.



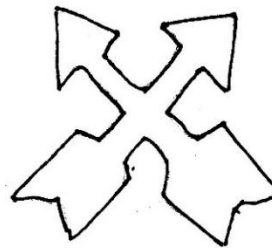
PBV1. heart



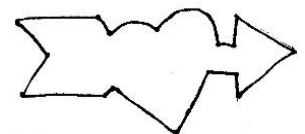
PBV2. double
heart



PBV3. arrow



PBV4. double
arrow



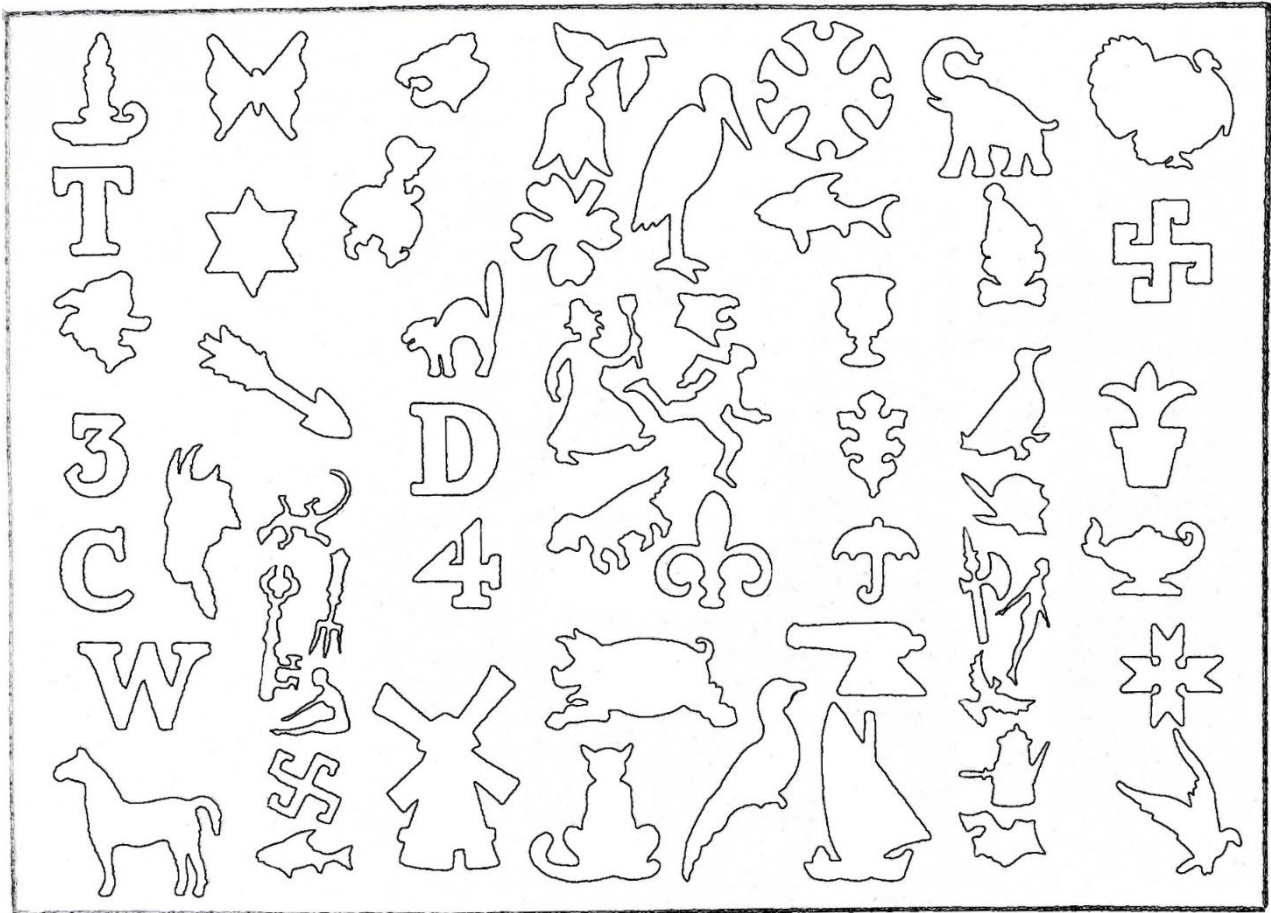
PBV5. heart
& arrow

Figure Pieces - Set W

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The "Webster School" puzzle crafters.

Towner K. Webster Jr. (1881-1961) likely had the most influence on 1930s puzzle makers, compared to any other individuals. He authored two articles on making puzzles in the Sept-Oct 1932 and Jan-Feb 1933 issues of *Popular Home Craft* magazine. In 1933 Mack Publications compiled these with advertising and other tips in a 32-page booklet, *Jigsaw Puzzles — And How to Make 'Em*.



These patterns for figure pieces appeared in both the magazines and in the booklet. Webster got them from Maurice Hobbs, a good friend and an artist who was known for his etchings of New Orleans scenes.

Many small scale crafters used these figure pieces, sometimes along with their own designs. A few include: the Andover Novelty Shop (Andover, MA); Florence A. Barbour (Portland & Augusta, ME); Bonnie Brook Studio (Flanders, NJ); S.W. Cushman (Decatur, MI); Lloyd Clift (Miloy Puzzles in Philadelphia, PA); Glendon Dill (Phillips, ME); Ernest Dower (Newbury, MA); Alden Fretts (Pittsfield & Springfield, MA); Rose Gleason (Auburn, NY); G.T. Heddaeus (Pittsburgh, PA); Bertil Hillner (Hancock, NH); Jim Hutchinson (New Haven, CT); Jumble Jig Puzzles (Minneapolis, MN); S.R. Kimberly (Altadena, CA); Laconia Crafters (Laconia, NH); George Leis (Montclair & Newark, NJ); Rollo Purrington (Florence, MA); L.P. Randolph (Ashaway, RI); Earl Soderquist (Waukegan, IL); George Spatcher (Attleborough, MA); and Clifton S. Thurlow (Buckfield, ME).

Figure pieces - Sets S and JB

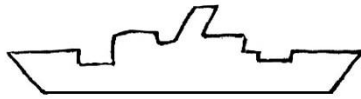
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Joseph K. Straus, Brooklyn, NY, made wood puzzles from the 1930s to 1974.

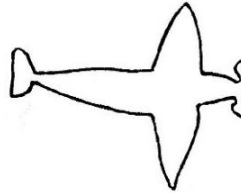
Most Straus puzzles for adults were grid-cut with no figure pieces, but a few Straus brands included them. The 1930s Key Character Picture Puzzles had quite elaborate ones (S1 - S4). The Special Cut and Regal brands of the post-WWII years had simple narrow ones that fit easily along grid lines (S5 - S11).



S1. prancing horse



S2. war ship



S3. airplane



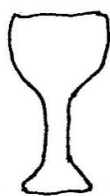
S4. dove



S5. dagger



S6.
bottle



S7. wine
glass



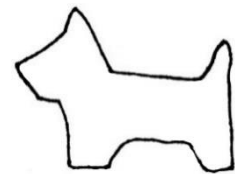
S8.
candle



S9. mitten



S10. pennant



S11. scottie dog

James T. Browning made wood puzzles in New Jersey, 1930s to 1970s

He used the same figure pieces in all 3 of his brands: U-Nit, Leisur Hour, and Museum of Fine Arts Boston. He bought Parker's stock of prints in 1958 along with their figure piece templates. His abstract symmetric figure pieces are virtually impossible to distinguish from the Parker Brothers "snowflakes." Browning did little or no color line cutting because he cut his puzzles in stacks, with 3 different images. Another clue is that his U-Nit and Museum of Fine Arts Boston puzzles had a dark Spanish cedar veneer on the backs.



JB1. rooster



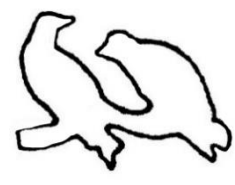
JB2. deer



JB3. moon



JB4. baby buggy



JB5. love birds



JB6. tulip



JB7. flower



JB8. pot bellied stove



JB9. butler



JB10. leaf

Figure Pieces - Sets TBM and U

Some manufacturers used no signature pieces. But their figure pieces are very recognizable.

Traydac, L. Bamberger & Co., and Macy's Jig Saw Puzzles

One company, whose name is unknown, made the Traydac, L. Bamberger Co., and Macy's brand puzzles.

Baker & Taylor, a New York City book distributor, marketed the Traydac Jig Saw Puzzles. The R.H.

Macy company of New York had their own label on the long narrow wooden boxes with sliding lids, as did the L. Bamberger Company of New York. Many figure pieces resemble Pastime ones. But

unlike Parker Brothers, this manufacturer usually included fewer than 12 figure pieces per 100.



TBM1. number 1



TBM2. rabbit



TBM3. fancy "M"



TBM4. fox



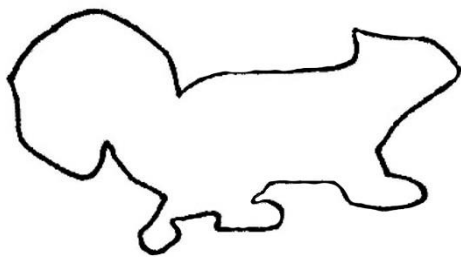
TBM5. running girl

Boston Area Maker for the Unicorn Bookshop and Others

This crafter, whose name is unknown, is recognizable for **very large** figure pieces. They have turned

up in puzzles sold and rented by the Unicorn Book Shop in West Roxbury, MA. The Parkway Jigsaw

Puzzle Library and Boyd's Lending Library (locations unknown) also carried puzzles by this crafter.



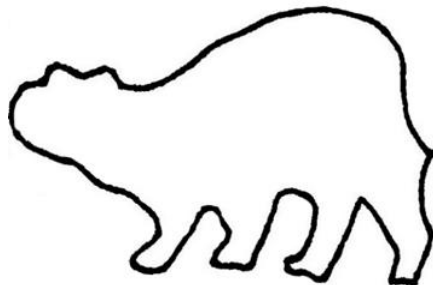
U1. squirrel



U2. kewpie



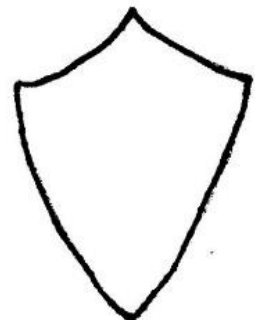
U3. running kewpie



U4. polar bear



U5. spaniel



U6. shield

Figure Pieces - Sets MB and R

Some companies had no signature pieces. But their figure pieces are very recognizable.

Milton Bradley's Premier Jig Saw Puzzles, 1930s

Milton Bradley made both wood and cardboard puzzles for children, starting in the 1860s.

They made wood puzzle for adults in the puzzle crazes of 1907-1910 and the early 1930s.

But only their Premier brand puzzles of the early 1930s included figure pieces.



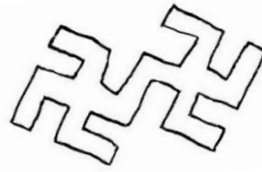
MB1. witch



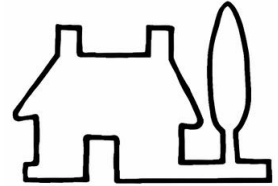
MB2. Ben
Franklin



MB3. animal



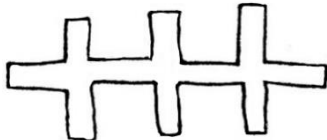
MB4. double
swastikas



MB5. house & tree



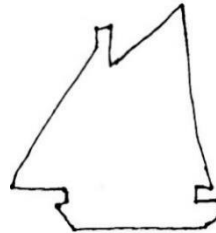
MB6. house



MB7. fence



MB8. flag

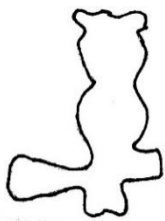


MB9. sailboat



MB10. pistol

Henry A. Ryther's Patchwork Picture Puzzles, 1930s



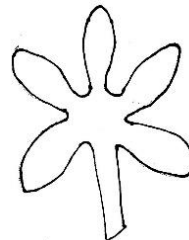
R1. owl



R2. dog



R3. number 5



R4. leaf



R5. shoe



R6. duck



R7. running dog



R8. weasel

Figure pieces - Sets T and V

Some companies had no signature pieces. But their figure pieces are very recognizable.

Raphael Tuck & Sons' Zag-Zaw Picture Puzzles

Tuck often cut puzzles into small rectangular sections with wavy edges, each with a central figure piece



T1. leg



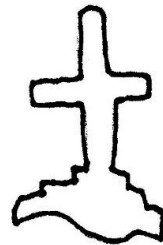
T2. mouse



T3. gateway



T4. cap



T5. cross



T6. fork



T7. pear



T8. backwards
"R"



T9. keyhole



T10. pump



T11. sauce pan

G. J. Hayter's Victory "Artistic" and "Super-Cut" Wood Jig-Saw Puzzles and J.W. Spear's "Gold Box Plywood Jigsaw Puzzles

Gerald J. Hayter began making Victory puzzles in the late 1910s. The firm continued until 1970 when it was acquired by J.W. Spear, a large game manufacturer. Spear retained the Victory brand name for puzzles and continued to manufacture them in Bournemouth, England factory with the same staff until 1988.

After that Waddington made a few Victory brand laser cut puzzles in 1989.

Most of the Victory puzzles used an interlocking grid-cut. By the 1950s Hayter employees were cutting them in stacks of four resulting in a loose fit. Under Spear they cut even more puzzles in each stack.

Many figure pieces were narrow, so they could fit easily in the grid cutting style.



V1. person



V2. teddy bear



V3. begging dog



V4. cedar tree



V5. bush



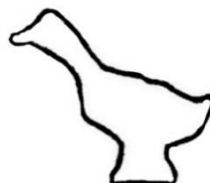
V6. perched bird



V6. key



V7. shoe



V8. goose



V9. bird in flight

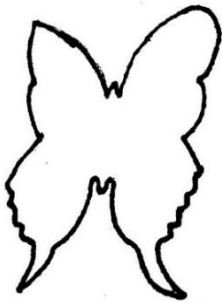
Figure pieces - Sets G and L

Some companies had no signature pieces. But their figure pieces are very recognizable.

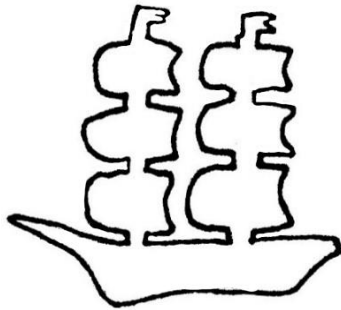
Jerry Guiles' Glendex "Shape-Cut" Puzzles

Jerry Guiles and his sons, Tim and Blake, made Glendex puzzles to sell in his Glencraft Shop.

Most were strip-cut. Jerry was the only one who made the more expensive "Shape-Cut" puzzles, usually as custom orders. He used a felt tip pen to sign and date each Shape-Cut on the back.



G1. butterfly



G2. clipper ship



G3. moose



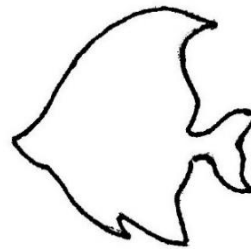
G4. kangaroo



G5. mouse under toadstool



G6. eagle



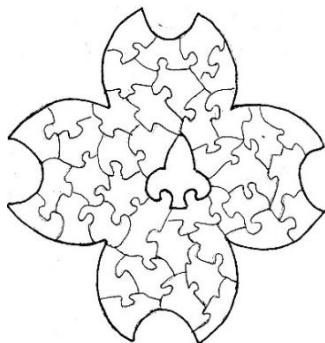
G7. angelfish



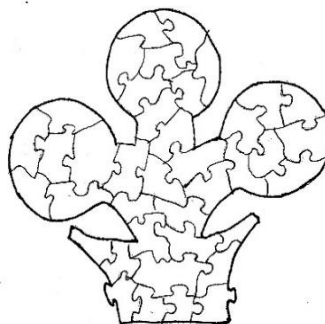
G8. rooster

Lasco Picture Puzzles, 1930s

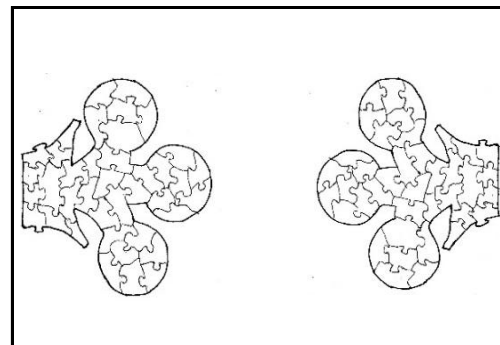
Many Lasco puzzles had huge, rather abstract, multi-piece figures, often 2 placed on each side of the image.



L1. example with 4-way symmetry



L2. example with 2-way symmetry



L3. typical positioning of the large multi-piece figures in one puzzle

Puzzle Makers with Signature Pieces

This section lists the names of puzzle makers along with their brand names, location, approximate years of puzzle cutting, and the number and page for each relevant image.

“Hobbyist” refers to non-commercial crafters. This designation says nothing about the puzzle quality. It simply means that the individual cut puzzles for family and friends, not for sale or rental. Most were highly skilled and did beautiful work. They could easily have sold their puzzles, had they wished to.

We also honor the tradition of sharing in the jigsaw puzzle community by noting (where known) who taught whom. Most, however, learned from magazines or books. That has changed in recent years. The Puzzle Parley and Puzzle Jam meetings have taught more than one hundred individuals in hands-on workshops and in discussion groups for sharing techniques.

Abrams, Jeff. *Just Ducky*. Russell's Point, OH. 2000s. See A71 on p. 6.

Allenson, Gail. *Elms Puzzles*. Maine. 2000s. Gail's puzzles included her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A23 on p. 4.

Alpert, Lilian. Armonk, NY. 1990s. Her cat is usually on the bottom edge. See A3 on p. 3.

Amely, Janell. *3 Cat Max*. Warner Robins, GA. ca 2019-present. See A2 on p. 3.

Anderson, Chris. *Elms Puzzles and Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 2008-present. Chris's puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elm tree. See C4 on p. 13.

Anderson, Dottie. *Kissing Cup Puzzles*. Osage Beach, MO. 1990s-2008. See C11 on p. 13.

Andover Novelty Shop. *Nu-Friend Jig Saw Puzzle*. Andover, MA. 1930s. See B61 on p. 11.

Andy's Jig-Saw-Puzzle. 1930s. See B2 on p. 9.

Armstrong, Conrad. *Armstrong Puzzles*. Boston, MA. ca 1990-present. See A98 on p. 7, also B10 on p. 9.

Armstrong, Robert A. *Armstrong Puzzles*. Worcester, MA. ca 1990-present. See A98 on p. 7.

Armstrong, Robert W. *Ship Shop Puzzles*. Rochester, MN. 1930s. See A228 on p. 7.

Astfalck, Craig & Amelda. *Puzzly*. Pirbright, England. 2022-present. See B208 on p. 12.

Austin, James M. *Florida Puzzleman*. Oneida, NY & Orlando, FL. 1940s, 1980s-1990s. Hobbyist. See B37 on p. 10.

Ayer, Jim. *J.C. Ayer Puzzles*. Salem & Marblehead, MA. 1986-2018. See A6 on p. 3.

Ballhagen, Nancy. *Calico; Granny Nanny; and Sunbonnet Puzzles*. Lebanon, MO. 1990s-2010. See C5 on p. 13.

Ballhagen, Richard. Lebanon, MO. 1990s-2000s. See A26 on p. 4.

Bamberger & Co. Jig Saw Puzzles. Newark, NJ. 1930s. See Set TBM on p. 19.

Barrera, Raul & Maria Jose. *Senor B Puzzles Workshop*. Pioz, Spain. 2015-present. See C18 on p. 13.

Beach, Wilfred W. *Witching Puzzle Makers*. Chicago, IL. 1930s. See A93 & A94 on p. 7 and B81 on p. 12.

Beacon Lending Library. New Britain, CT. 1930s. Milton Bradley supplied many of their puzzles. See B9 on p. 9.

Beffa-Negrini, Dave. *Fool's Gold Custom Wooden Jigsaw Puzzles*. Walpole, NH. 1997-present. See A91 on p. 7.

Bekkering, Geert & Betsy. *S-Mark*. Enschede, Netherlands. 1980s-present. Mostly a hobbyist. See A106 on p. 8.

Bennett, Dale. Bullard, TX. 2015-present. See C204 on p. 14.

Bermudez, Robert & Rebecca. *Hidden Piece Puzzles*. Gilbert, AZ. 2020s. See C10 on p. 13.

Black Cat Puzzles. Springfield, MA. Circa 1910. See A203 on p. 3.

Boone, Jill. San Jose, CA & Seattle, WA. 1990s-present. See B38 on p. 10.

Bourke, F.A.: see Tim & Norma Rollett

Boyd's Lending Library. 1930s. See Set U on p. 19.

Bradley, Milton. *Premier Jig Saw Puzzles*. Springfield, MA. 1930s. See Set MB on p. 20; also pp. 23-24 in *Jigsaw Puzzles, An Illustrated History and Price Guide*.

Braithwaite, Lara. *Bella Puzzles*. Edmunds, OR. ca 2000-present. See A37 on p. 4.

Brennan, Terri. La Crosse, WI. 2023-present. See A9 on p. 3.

Brewer, Edward & William. *Brewer Brothers*. Cortland, NY. 1930s. See B8 on p. 9; also p. 79

- in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Bridge, Chas. *Puzzled by Chas*. Sequim, WA. 2020s. See C22 on p. 13.
- Browning, James T. and James Lloyd Browning. *U-Nit Puzzles; Leisur Hour Puzzles; Boston Museum of Fine Arts*. Newark, East Orange, West Caldwell, & Forked River, NJ. 1930s-1970s. The puzzles that James Browning sold through Boston's Museum of Fine Arts do not carry his name or his brand names, but the figure pieces are recognizable. For many years he sold his U-Nit puzzles through F.A.O. Schwarz and other outlets in New York City. His son Jay L. Browning cut puzzles too, during his high school and college years. See Set JB on p. 18; also pp. 12-16 in the Summer 2017 issue of the *AGPI Quarterly*.
- Buchanan, Glenna. Troy, OH. *Novelcraft*. 1930s. See B205 on p. 11.
- Bura, Peter. *Puzzle Art*. Westlake, OH. 2000s. See C19 on p. 13.
- Butters, Harold. Belmont, MA. ca 1950. See B32 on p. 10.
- C J S. 1930s. See B11 on p. 9.
- Campbell, Jeff. Phoenix, AZ. *Whimsy Wood Puzzles*. 2019-2024. See B209 on p. 12.
- Campbell Company. *Camel Picture Puzzles*. Chattanooga, TN. 1930s. See A41 on p. 4.
- Cappitella, Mark. *MGC Puzzles; Acorn Creek Pinnacle Puzzles*. Deerfield & Elmer, NJ; East Haddam & Newtown, CT. 1996-present. also did some cutting for Elms Puzzles when he was first starting out. See A92 & A218 on p. 7, and B206 on p. 11.
- Carmichael, Shay. *Shay's Puzzle Workshop; Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co*. Whitewood, SD. 2014-present. Shay learned puzzle cutting at the 2014 Puzzle Parley workshop. Her Elms puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. Shay was a co-owner of Elms 2023-2025. See A31 on p. 4 (Elms) and A72 on p. 6 (Shay's Puzzle Workshop).
- Chase, Julie. *Elms Puzzles*. 2025-present. Julie's puzzles included her own cat signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A202 on p. 3.
- Cleveland, Charlotte. *Lucretia's Pieces*. Woodstock, VT. 1980s. Charlotte learned puzzle cutting when she worked for Stave Puzzles, and later started her own business. See C24 on p. 14.
- Colby, Jody Hollister. *Polar Cub Puzzle*. Buffalo, NY. 1970s. Hobbyist. Jody learned puzzle cutting from her father, Evan Hollister. See A33 on p. 4.
- Cole, Helen. Cleveland Heights, OH. 1950s-1990s. See B33 on p. 10.
- Cooper, Dave. *Feenix Puzzles; Firebird Jigsaw Puzzles*. Herne Bay, England. ca 1990-2019. See A77 on p. 6.
- Cota, Geoff. Bethel, VT. *Fathom Puzzles*. 2021-present. Geoff learned puzzle making while he was a designer at Stave. See A213 on p. 5.
- Cott, J. Francis. Scio, NY. 1930s. See B12 on p. 9.
- Cub Creek Puzzles*. Evergreen, CO. 2000s. See A35 on p. 4.
- Curtis, Graham. *Glenwood Puzzles*. Kilbourne, IL. 1990s-present. See A84 on p. 7.
- Dabczynski, Debby. *Elms Puzzles*. Harrison, Maine. 2002-2018. Deb's puzzles included her own cello signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See C14 on p. 13.
- Dabrowski, Richard. Kennebunkport, ME. 1990s. Dick also cut some puzzles for Elms. See A48 on p. 5.
- Dana, Deb. *Pixels Puzzles*. Dayton & Bellbrook, OH. 2006-present. See C31 on p. 14.
- Daniels, R.A. 1930s. See B14 on p. 9.
- DaVICI: see Shestakova
- Davis, Ron. *Quill Pig Puzzles*. Dallas, GA. 2018-present. Ron Davis learned puzzle cutting from Graham Curtis, his father-in-law. See A39 on p. 4.
- Deighton, Lillian. *Cock o' the Walk Creations*. Hollywood & Pasadena, CA. ca 1950. See A68 on p. 6.
- Dennis, Ruth. Shaker Heights, OH. 1950s. See B67 on p. 11.
- Desfosses, Genest. *Le Colimaçon*. Crest, France. 2015-present. See A44 on p. 5.
- Diehl, Dan. *Palmetto Puzzles*. Charleston, SC. 2000s-present. See A107 on p. 8.
- Diller, Joanne. *Elms Puzzles*. Maine. ca 2000. Joanne's puzzles included her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A13 on p. 3.
- Dinneen, Alice K. Lowell, MA. 1930s. See B15 on p. 9.
- Donaldson Company, L.S. *The L.S.D. Jig-Saw Puzzles*. Minneapolis, MN. 1930s. Donaldson's was a Minneapolis department store; it likely subcontracted the manufacturing of their puzzles to a local company. See B55 on p. 11.

- Donnelly, Peggy. *Shamrock Puzzles*. Oak Ridge, TN & Fountain Hills, AZ. ca 2000. See A103 on p. 8.
- Dugdale, Tracey. *Lucretia's Pieces*. Windsor, VT. 1989-present. Tracey learned puzzle cutting from Charlotte Cleveland and bought the Lucretia's Pieces business. She also cut some puzzles for Elms circa 2000. See C24 on p. 14.
- Dyrholm, Peter. *Misfits Creation Wood*. Warrenton, VA. 2020s. See A43 on p. 5.
- Eagleson, Harriet Taylor. Watertown & Arlington, MA. ca 1915-1930. See B35 on p. 10.
- Elliott, Dave. *Peace of the Puzzle*. Gallatin Gateway, MT. ca 1990-present. Dave learned puzzle cutting from his mother, Pagey Elliott. Mostly a hobbyist. See A70 on p. 6.
- Elliott, Rachel (Pagey). *Pagemark Jigsaw Puzzle; River Road Farm Jigsaw Puzzle*. Carlisle, MA. 1988-2009. See A11 on p. 3
- Elms Puzzles*. Towson, MD & Harrison, ME & Whitewood, SD. 1987-2018 and 2023-present. Betsy Stuart founded Elms in 1987. Her husband Fred continued the business after her death in 2007. He sold the company in 2018 to Spencer & Lizzy Bean who operated it as the Waterford Puzzle Company until 2023. Then Shay Carmichael and Chris Danner bought the company, went back to the original name, and began painting the back of the signature tree piece gold. Chris became the sole owner in 2025. See A110-A113 on p. 8.
- Evans, Dave. Weymouth, England. *Jigsaw Shop*. 1970s-2021. Dave began cutting puzzles as a young man at G.J. Hayter in Bournemouth. See A211 on p. 5.
- Everdale-Hawks, Desmond. Bournemouth, England. 1930s-ca 1970. See A224 on p. 8.
- Falls Puzzles: see Mary Belle (Jimmy) and John Paul Jones.
- Farnham, Andrea. *Thingamajigsaw Puzzles*. Lebanon, NH. 1988-2018. Andrea started her puzzle crafting and designing career at Stave Puzzles and set up her own business in 2003. The running man's name is Thingamabob. See A89 on p. 7.
- Fashionette Studio. see Refalvy.
- Ferguson, Shawn. *Ferguson Puzzle Co*. Youngstown, NY. 2014-present. See A78 on p. 6.
- Finney, Blair. *Pelican Puzzles*. Berkeley, CA. 2000s. See A76 on p. 6.
- Finney, Gray. *Prickly Puzzles*. Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, UK. 2025-present. See A208 on p. 4.
- Fiss, George W. and George W. Fiss Jr. Philadelphia, PA. 1910s. Hobbyists. See B21 on p. 9.
- Flye, Evelyn C. & Pauline F. Whitcombe. *Butterfly Puzzles*. Needham, MA. 1930s. See A59 on p. 5.
- Foley, Helen (Tip). *Tip Foley Picture Puzzles*. Marblehead & East Orleans, MA. 1960s-1980s. See A21 & A22 on p. 4.
- Frazier, Elizabeth & Frank. *Pegasus Picture Puzzles*. Jenkintown, PA. 1930s. Frank also put his Pegasus signature piece in the *Grandpop Picture Puzzles* he made in 1975-77 when he was living in Cooperstown, NY. See A28 on p. 4 and B16 on p. 9.
- Frelinghuysen, Fred. *Foothills Puzzle*. Tucson, AZ. 2002-present. Hobbyist. See C20 & C201 on p. 13.
- Fretts, Alden L. *Yankee Cut-Ups*. Pittsfield & West Springfield, MA. 1930s. See A15 on p. 3, also p. 77 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Full o' Cheer Picture Puzzles*. Boston, MA. 1930s. See B22 on p. 9.
- Gagnon, Eva Audet. Parker Brothers' *Pastime Picture Puzzles*. Salem, MA. 1927-1937. Eva, number 12, cut many of the special order Pastimes, including ones for the Picture Puzzle Mart, and designed hundreds of her own figure pieces. See Set PBG on p. 16; also pp. 23-36 in *Cutting A Fine Figure, The Art of the Jigsaw Puzzle*.
- Gallagher, Arthur. *Par Company Ltd*. New York & N. Massapequa, NY. ca 1939-ca 1981. Art started at Par doing deliveries, then learned to cut puzzles. He inherited the business in 1974 after John Henriques had died and Frank Ware had retired. See A51-A54 on p. 5; also Chapter 6 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Garner, Rob. *Amber Puzzles*. Honiton, Devon, UK. 2000-2015. See B64 on p. 11 and C23 on p. 13.
- Gee, Colin & Pauline. *Gee Graphite; PG Wooden Jigsaws*. Mirfield & Dewsbury, W. Yorkshire, England. 2000s. See B63 on p. 11.
- Gehman, Bruce. *Gehman Puzzle Works*. San Jose, CA & Redmond, WA. 1998-present. Hobbyist. See A81 on p. 6.
- Gleason, Rose. *The Workshop*. Auburn, NY. 1930s. See B78 on p. 12.

- Godfrey, Bob. *Sea Wings Jig Saw Puzzles*. Thompson, CT & Fortunes Rocks, ME. 1980s-2000s. See A75 on p. 6.
- Greeley, Deborah. *Debcut Wooden Jigsaw Puzzle*. Concord, MA. 1980s-1998. Hobbyist. See B24 & B25 on pp. 9-10.
- Green, Jenell. *Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 2020-present. Jenell's puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A65 on p. 6.
- Green, Marni. *Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 2022-present. Marnie's puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A1 on p. 3.
- Guay, Rose. *Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 1991-2022. Rose' puzzles included her own signature piece, a single rose or a rose embedded in another image, plus the Elms tree. See A100 & A219-A222 on p. 7.
- Guiles, Jeremy S. *Glendex Shape-Cut Jigsaw Puzzle*. North Windham, ME & Sarasota, FL. 1970s-1990s. See Set G on p. 22; also pp.10-12 in the Fall 2022 issue of the *AGPI Quarterly*.
- G-V Novelty Co. Grand Rapids, MI. 1930s. See B26 on p. 10.
- Hanchett, Richard. *Tantalizing Teasers*. Springfield, MA. 1930s. Richard learned to cut puzzles while working at Milton Bradley for a short time; then he set up his own business. See B27 on p. 10.
- Hart, Leo. Rochester, NY. 1940s. Diecut cardboard puzzles with figure pieces. See C203 on p.14.
- Hawthorne Club, *Western Electric*. Cicero, IL. 1930s. See C15 on p. 13.
- Hayter, G. J. *Victory Artistic Wood Jig-Saw Puzzle; Victory Super-Cut Wood Jig-Saw Puzzle*. Bournemouth, England. 1930s-1960s. See Set V on p. 21; also pp. 28-29 and 40-41 in *Jigsaw Puzzles, An Illustrated History and Price Guide*.
- Helmores, Helen & Vera Tassell. *The Maids of Kent Craft Shop*. Canterbury, Kent, England. 1930s. See B77 on p. 12.
- Henriques, John N.: see Ware
- Hixon, Florence Littlefield. Depue, IL. ca 1930s-1950s. Her "H" signature piece is usually on the border of the puzzle. See B29 on p. 10.
- Hodges, William. Lexington, MA. ca 1965-1978. See B28 on p. 10.
- Hollis, Jay. *Bogarts Puzzles*. Wayland, MA & Wells, ME. 1999-present. Jay learned puzzle cutting from Pagey Elliott. See A12 on p. 3.
- Hollister, Evan. *Bison Puzzles*. Kenmore, NY. 1930s-1970s. See A38 on p. 4.
- Holmes, Olivia. Wayland, MA & Temple NH. Circa 2000-2022. See A206 on p. 3.
- Horwath, Liza. *Monarca Puzzles*. Honey Brook, PA. 2022-present. See A215 on p. 5.
- Hughes, Helen. *Hughes Jig-Saw Puzzle*. Amarillo, TX. 1930s. See B30 on p. 10.
- Husselman, Jean. *Jean's Puzzles*. Bethlehem, PA. ca 2000. See A27 on p. 4.
- Hyde, R. C. *Jaswig Jigsaw Picture Puzzle*. Binghamton, NY. 1930s. See B41 on p. 10.
- Ideal Puzzle Libraries*. Elmira, NY. 1930s. See B36 on p. 10.
- Isaacs, Myron Seth. *Weesap*. Albany & Richmond, CA. ca 2000-present. See A217 on p. 6, A85 on p. 7, and B210 on p. 12.
- J T. United Kingdom. ca 1980s. See B46 on p. 10.
- Jenks, Robert. *RJ Puzzles*. Chocowinity, NC. 2000s. Bob learned puzzle cutting from his father Henry A. Jenks. See B39 on p. 10.
- Jigger Joe. *Perfect Plywood Jigsaw Puzzle*. Hackensack, NJ. 1930s. See B43 on p. 10.
- JigsawWow*. Jupiter, FL. Circa 2000. Owned by Joseph Semling and Amir Ravanbakhsh. See B202 on p. 10.
- Johnson, Derek. *Classic Knight; CK*. Colorado Springs, CO. 2000s. See C12 on p. 13.
- Jones, Mary Belle (Jimmy) & John Paul. *Falls Puzzle*. Chagrin Falls & Cleveland Heights, OH. 1930s-1940s. See A87 on p. 7, also p. 80-81 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Kamman, Richard & M.C. (Bob) Laughman. *Kamman Puzzles*. Minneapolis, MN. 1930s. See B52 on p. 11.
- Keiler, Edmund H. Providence, RI. 1930s. See B18 on p. 9.
- Kelly, Rachael J. Rugby, England. 2023-present. Hobbyist. See A201 on p. 3.
- Kennedy, D.S. *Perplexity Puzzles for Grown-Ups and Children*. 1930s. See B47 on p. 10.
- Kesner, Jennifer M. *Jen's Jigs*. Rowley, MA. 2000s. See B40 on p. 10.
- Keyes Puzzles, The*. 1930s. See B48 on p. 10.
- Kienholz, Aleen. *Turtle Tracks*. Gallatin Gateway, MT. 2000s. See A47 on p. 5.
- Kilbourne Jig Saw Puzzle*. Trenton, NJ. 1930s. See B49 on p. 11.
- Kimberly, S.R. *Flying Goose Jig-Saw-Puzzles*. Altadena, CA. 1930s. See A69 on p. 6.
- King & Co. *Superior Puzzles*. Minneapolis, MN. 1930s. See B58 on p. 11.

- Kirk, Captain G.C. Ely Kirk. *At Random*. Arlington, VA. 1970s-1990s. See B50 & B51 on p. 11; also pp. 6-7 in the Spring 2026 issue of the *AGPI Quarterly*.
- Kissinger, Robert. *Bobcat Puzzles*. Friendship, NY. 2000s. See A7 on p. 3.
- Kite, Connie. *Parkite Puzzles*. Burlington, VT. 1990s. See A49 on p. 5.
- Kolb, Harry. Austin, TX. 1980s. Hobbyist. See B34 on p. 10.
- Krynicky, Paul. *Puzzled*. Finksburg, MD. 1990s. See A17 on p. 3.
- Lasco Picture Puzzles*. Pennsylvania or Maryland. 1930s. See Set L on p. 22.
- Leland, Jamie. *Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 2021-2023. Jamie's puzzles included her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A36 on p. 4.
- Lemieux, Elaine. *Elms Puzzles; Enigma Enterprises..* Sweden, Maine & Conway, NH. Ca 1995-present. Elaine's puzzles for Elms included her own signature piece, plus the Elm tree. See A4 on p. 3 and C207 on p. 14 (Enigma), and A96 on p. 7 (Elms).
- Lesniewski, Matt. *Smok'n Puzzles*. Amsterdam, NY. ca 2000. See C17 on p. 13.
- Lewis, Rosemary Hoyt. *Hoyt Puzzles*. Laurel Hollow & Greenlawn, NY. 2010s. See C25 on p. 14
- Liberty Puzzles*. Boulder, CO. 1995-present. Owners are Chris Wirth & Jeff Eldredge. Liberty used, with permission, some Falls Puzzles figure pieces in its early years, but designed its own eagle signature piece. Later figure pieces by designer Lynon Aksamit are entirely in Liberty's own style. See A62 on p. 6.
- Locke, Virginia & George. *VG Interlocke Jigsaw Puzzles*. Coronado, CA. 1950s-1960s. They learned puzzle cutting from Virginia's father, Warren Lamson. See B75 on p. 12.
- Logeland, Doug & Mary. *Rainy Lake Puzzles*. Minneapolis, MN. 1990s. See B68 on p. 11.
- Lord, William Swift & Katharine. *Double L Puzzles*. Evanston, IL. 1930s-1960. See B53 on p. 11; also pp. 6-9 of the Summer 2020 issue of the *AGPI Quarterly*.
- Lucretia's Pieces: founded by Charlotte Cleveland; owned by Tracey Dugdale since 1989. See C24 on p. 14.
- M and S Studios*. Menomonie, WI. 1930s. See B57 on p. 11.
- Macy's Jig Saw Puzzles*. New York, NY. 1930s. See Set TBM on p. 19.
- Madden, John & Justin. *Par Puzzles*. Wantagh & Coram, NY. 1974-present. Arthur Gallagher hired John and taught him how to cut puzzles. When Gallagher retired, John took over the business and changed the name from Par Company Ltd. to Par Puzzles. Justin joined his father at Par in the 2010s. See A51 and A55 on p. 5.
- Maids of Kent: see Helmore & Tassell.
- Majors, Mark. *M-Squared Puzzles*. Sharpsburg, GA. 2020s. See A63 on p. 6.
- Malley, Ted. Scituate, MA. 2000s-2015. See A57 on p. 5.
- Mankin, Lynn. *Ankh Puzzles*. Newark, DE. ca 2000. See C29 on p. 14.
- Marceau, Marit. *Puzzle Park*. Minneapolis, MN. 1990s. See B59 on p. 11.
- Margolin, Karen. *Puzzled Moose*. Boston, MA. 2023-present. See A207 on p. 4.
- Martin, Clint. *Purple Martin Puzzles*. Schwenksville, PA. 2000s. See A60 on p. 5.
- Martin, Henry A. Jr. *The Dentcan Puzzles*. Fairport, NY. 1930s. Hobbyist. See B31 on p. 10; also p. 82 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- McDowell, Mary. *Nonie Made Me; Elms Puzzles*. Plano, TX. 2020s. Mary's Elms puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A34 on p. 4, also B203, B204 on p. 11.
- McGough, Kristin. *Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 2009-present. Kristin's puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A50 on p. 5.
- McKay, Austin. *Maple Leaf Puzzle*. 1930s. See A104 on p. 8.
- Mills, Helen G. *Wood Jigsaw*. West Tisbury, MA. 1973-1992. Helen pasted her signature piece on the lid of each puzzle box. See C33 on p. 14.
- Milton Bradley: see Bradley.
- Modesett, Michael Y. *J-J's Hand Crafted Puzzles*. Westville, IN. 2000s. See A86 on p. 7.
- Moore, Ron. *Turtle Teasers*. Dallas, TX. 2004-2024. See A46 on p. 5.
- Morganelli, Philip. *Turning Taxis Plywood Puzzles*. Placerville, CA. 2020s. See C13 on p. 13.
- Morin, Michael T. *Black Bear Puzzles*. Aylmer, PQ, Canada. 2000s. See A32 on p. 4.
- Morris, Karen. *Aunt Ren's Puzzles*. Casselberry, FL. 2007-present. See A61 on p. 6.
- Mufson, Beth. Easton, MD. *Peach Blossom Puzzles*. 2020-present. See A225 on p. 8.

- Nagle, J. Albert. Lititz, PA. 1930s-1980s. See C16 on p. 13.
- Nervous System*. Somerville, MA & Palenville, NY. 2011-present. Owned by Jesse Louis-Rosenberg & Jessica Rosenkrantz. See A97 on p. 7.
- Nigrelli, Cameron. *Salt Pond Puzzles*. 2023-present. See A212 on p. 5.
- Norris, David. *The Puzzlesmith*. Rexburg, ID. 1990s. See A58 on p. 5.
- Noyes, Helen Haskell. *Swastika Puzzle*. New York, NY. 1930s. See C28 on p. 14.
- Nutter, Frank. *Nutter's Puzzle*. Portland, ME. 1930s. See B23 on p. 9.
- Olney, Lee. *The Jigleo Puzzle*. Bath, ME & Pinehurst, NC. ca 1910. See B45 on p. 10.
- Par: founded in 1931 by Frank Ware & John Henriques as Par Company Ltd. Their employee Arthur Gallagher inherited the company in 1974. His employee John Madden took over the business around 1981 and renamed it Par Puzzles. His son Justin Madden joined him around 2010. All three incarnations of Par have used the seahorse signature piece. See A51-A55 on p. 5, B62 on p. 11, C27 on p. 14; also Chapter 6 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Parker Brothers. *Pastime Picture Puzzle*; *Climax Picture Puzzle*; *Golden Eagle Jigsaw Puzzle*; *Imperial Jig Saw Puzzle*; *Paramount Jig Saw Puzzle*; *Picture Puzzle Mart*; and *St. Valentine Pastime Puzzle*. Salem, MA. 1908-1958. See Sets PB, PBG, and PBV on pp. 15-16; also pp. 23-36 in *Cutting A Fine Figure, The Art of the Jigsaw Puzzle*.
- Parkway Jigsaw Puzzle Library*. 1930s. See Set U on p. 19.
- Pearson, Thomas J. & Irving C. Howes & James Allen. *Pine Tree Jigsaw Puzzle*. Lawrence, MA. 1930s. They usually painted the pine tree piece black. See A108 on p. 8.
- Perry, Stephen K. Cleveland, OH. 1965-1983. Hobbyist. See C1-C3 on p. 13; also pp. 8-11 in the Winter 2021 issue of the *AGPI Quarterly*.
- Pine Tree Novelty Co*. Chicago, IL. 1930s. See A109 on p. 8.
- Platais, Elizabeth Elliott. *Riverside Puzzles*. Carlisle, MA. ca 1990-present. Hobbyist. Liz learned puzzle cutting from her mother, Pagey Elliott. See A25 on p. 4.
- Pomeroy, Byron A. *Cozy Corner Jig Saw Puzzles*. Muncie, IN. 1930s. See B7 on p. 9.
- Puzzle House Jigsaws*. Olean, NY. 1930s. See C8 on p. 13.
- Puzzle Makers, The. *Pike's Peak Picture Puzzle*. Colorado Springs, CO. 1930s. See A16 on p. 3, also pp. 79-80 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*. Owner was Bernard J. Roemer.
- Randall, William. 1930s. See B80 on p. 12.
- Refalvy, Victor. *Fashionette Studio, The VR Jig Saw Puzzles*. Caldwell, NJ. 1930s. See B76 on p. 12.
- Reynolds, Joanne. *Elms Puzzles*. Maine. ca 2000. Joanne's puzzles included her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A90 on p. 7.
- Richardson, Lynford M.B. Cranford, RI. 1930s. See B66 on p. 11.
- Riley, Perry & Lorraine. *Topsy-Turvey Jig-Saw Puzzles*. Carthage, MO. 1930s. See B65 on p. 11; also pp. 78-79 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Rinka, Jon. *Aardvark Puzzles*. Oconomowoc, WI. 1980s. See A40 on p. 4.
- Robbins, Penni. *Elms Puzzles*. Maine. ca 1996. Penni's puzzles included her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A29 on p. 4.
- Robison, Leon. *Daedalus Puzzles*. St. Louis, MO. ca 1990. Hobbyist. See A95 on p. 7.
- Robson, Arthur. *Red Hen Jig-Saw Puzzle*. Scottsville, NY. 1930s. He usually painted the back of the hen signature piece red. See A67 on p. 6.
- Rockland Puzzle*. Short Beach, CT. 1930s. See A14 on p. 3.
- Roemer, Bernard J.: see Puzzle Makers
- Rogers, Diana. *Platinum Puzzles*. Canaan, NH. 1997-present. Dee began cutting puzzles in 1997 as a Stave Puzzles employee. She opened her own business in 2006. See C6 on p. 13.
- Rollet, Tim & Norma. *F.A. Bourke*. Middlebury, VT. 1990s. Rick Bourke owned the company. See A83 on p. 7.
- Ross, Charles. *Spiritwood Puzzles*. Arthur, ND. 1990s. See C21 on p. 13.
- Rouillard, Isabelle. *Puzzlapy; Elms Puzzles*. San Pablo, CA & France. 2020s. Her Elms puzzles include her own hummingbird signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A66 on p. 6.
- Ryther, Henry A. *Patchwork Picture Puzzle; Little Pal Patchwork Picture Puzzle*. Millers Falls, MA. 1930s. See Set R on p. 20.
- S H K*. 1930s. See B71 on p. 12.
- Scherer, Eleanor. *Scherer Cut*. Branford, CT. 1980s. Hobbyist. Eleanor learned puzzle cutting from her father, Valdemar T. Hammer. See A56 on p. 5 and B17 on p. 9.

- Schreiner, Clarence L. *The De Luxe Jig Saw Puzzle*. Pasadena, CA. 1940s. See C26 on p. 14.
- Scott, Amy Finley. New York, NY. 1990s-present. See B1 on p. 9.
- Seyfarth, Marge. *Seyfarth Artcraft*. Lake Elsinore, CA. 1980s-1990s. Mostly a hobbyist. See A99 on p. 7.
- Seymour, Joe. *Dep Qua Puzzles*. Santa Rosa, CA. 1990s-present. Hobbyist. His signature piece represents "Gizmo," Joe's teacup chihuahua. See A10 on p. 3.
- Shamrock Puzzle*. Circa 1930s. See A223 on p. 8.
- Sheahan, Juliette Poli. *Jewel Puzzle Co.* New Haven, NY. 1930s. See B42 on p. 10.
- Shebell, Melinda. *Jardin Puzzles*. Stowe, MA. 1999-present. The double iris signifies that Melinda did the artwork plus the cutting. See A101 and A102 on pp. 7, 8.
- Shestakova, Julia. *DaVICI*. Omsk & Sochi, Russia. 2016-present. See A204 on p. 3.
- Sincher, Sid. *Puzzle Monk*. Wisconsin Dells, WI. 2010s. See A82 on p. 6.
- Smith, Elizabeth. *Put Me Together Puzzles*. Springfield, MO. 1990s. Hobbyist. See A24 on p. 4.
- Smyth, Mary Lee. *Smyth Puzzles*. Norwich, VT & Kingston, Ontario. 1980-present. Mary Lee learned to cut puzzles when she worked at Stave Puzzles from 1980-1985. See A105 on p. 8.
- Spear, J.W. *Victory Gold Box Plywood Jig-Saw Puzzle*. Bournemouth, England. 1970-1988.. See Set V on p. 21; also pp. 28-29 and 40-41 in *Jigsaw Puzzles, An Illustrated History and Price Guide*.
- Spehar, Courtney. *Eklektik Pieces*. Denver, CO. 2023-present. See B201 on p. 9.
- Spencer, Richard. Winchester, MA. ca 1975-2015. Hobbyist. See B69 on p. 11.
- Stafford, Cindy. *Elms Puzzles*. Maine. 2000s. Cindy's puzzles included her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See C7 on p. 13.
- Stave Puzzles*. Norwich, VT. 1974-present. Founded by Steve Richardson and Dave Tibbetts. Dave left after one year. Steve retired in the late 2010s. The current owners are Paula Tardie and Jennifer Lennox. Many employees have cut puzzles for Stave over the years. Several have gone on to found their own companies. See A88 on p. 7, also Chapter 6 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Stiles, Al. Middlebury, VT. 1980s. Hobbyist. Al learned puzzle cutting from Anne Williams. See B3 on p. 9.
- Stiles, Barbara. Middlebury, VT. 1980s. Hobbyist. Barbara learned puzzle cutting from Anne Williams. See B70 on p. 12.
- Stocken, Simon. *Puzzleplex*. Doncaster, Yorkshire, UK. 1980s-present. See A42 on p. 5 and C202 on p.13. Note that other Stocken family puzzle crafters used the wheelbarrow design as a whimsy, but not as a signature piece.
- Stokes, John. *Custom Puzzlecraft*. San Diego, CA. 1999-2016. See C30 on p. 14.
- Straus, Joseph K. *A Special Cut; Key Characters Picture Puzzle; Regal Interlocking Wood Jigsaw Puzzle*. Brooklyn, NY. 1930s-1970s. See Set S on p. 18; also pp. 42-43 in *Jigsaw Puzzles, An Illustrated History and Price Guide*.
- Stuart, Betsy & Fred. *Elms Puzzles*. Towson, MD & Harrison, ME. 1987-2018. Betsy learned puzzle cutting from her uncle Tuck. She used the multi-piece tree as her signature piece for the first few years but switched to the stylized one-piece tree in 1990. After Betsy's death in 2007, Fred continued the company until his retirement in 2018. See A110-A112 on p. 8.
- Stubbs, Jan. *Dogspell*. Leeds, England. 2025-present. Hobbyist. See A205 on p. 3.
- Swan Jig-Saw Puzzle, The*. Great Britain. 1930s. See A73 and A74 on p. 6.
- Sweeney, Mary Ellen. Hull, MA. ca 2000. Hobbyist. See A79 on p. 6.
- Tewksbury, Ellen. Newton, MA. ca 1910. Hobbyist. See B19 on p. 9.
- Toizer, Al. Philadelphia, PA. ca 1980. See B4 & B5 on p. 9.
- Towne, Carroll A. *Cut by Cat*. Auburndale, MA. 1930s. See A5 on p. 3.
- Traydac Jig Saw Puzzles*. New York, NY. 1930s. See Set TBM on p. 19.
- Trutter, L. Philip. Springfield, IL. 1973-1990s. Hobbyist. Phil's wife Kitty was the inspiration for his signature piece. See A8 on p. 3.
- Tryawhile Puzzle Co.* 1930s. See B56 on p. 11.
- Tuck, Raphael & Sons. *Zag-Zaw Picture Puzzle*. London, England. 1908-1940. See Set T on p. 21; also pp. 43-44 in *Jigsaw Puzzles, An Illustrated History and Price Guide*.
- Turner, John S. R. *A Fine Art Print*. Warner, NH. 1990s. John's signature piece is often upside down in the middle of the bottom border. He learned puzzle cutting from his father, John L. Turner. See B72 on p. 12.
- Tuttle, Elihu. *Puzzling Puzzles*. Providence, RI. 1930s. See C32 on p. 14.

- Twitchell, Roger. *Twitchell Puzzles*. York, PA. 1960s-2010s. See C206 on p. 14.
- Unicorn Book Shop. West Roxbury, MA. 1930s. See *Set U* on p. 19.
- Unidragon. Samara, Russian Federation. 2020-present. Owned by Artem Ruzhenikov and by Wood and Laser Technologies (WALT). See A216 on p. 6.
- Urcun, M. *URCJ*. Vanves, France. ca 1980. See A30 on p. 4.
- Vandersloot, Carl. *Vandee Jig Saw Puzzle*. Williamsport, PA. 1930s. See B13 on p. 9.
- Victory: see G.J. Hayter; also J.W. Spear.
- Victory Wooden Puzzles, Ltd. Wimborne, Dorset, UK. 2022-present. Owned by Andrew & Aidan Knowles, James & Toby Martin. See C205 on p. 14.
- Vollstedt, Karen. *Keystone Puzzles*. Brownsville, PA. 2000s-present. See C9 on p. 13.
- Von Hasseln, Lisa. *Elms Puzzles; Waterford Puzzle Co.* Maine. 1995-present. Lisa's puzzles include her own signature piece, plus the Elms tree. See A18 on p. 3, A19 on p. 4, and A64 on p. 6.
- Waite, C.H. *Quality Jig Saw Puzzle*. Lynnfield, MA. 1930s. See B79 on p. 12.
- Walters, Terry. *Grandpa TJ Wood Jigsaw Puzzle*. Cary, NC & Oakham, England. 2011-2020. In later years Terry added an E to his signature piece, in memory of his wife Eileen. See B20 on p. 9 & B73 on p. 12.
- Walzer, Bob. *Five Frogs Woodworking*. Greenacres, WA. 1998-present. See A45 & A209 on p. 5. He uses the smoking frog when cutting puzzles from cigar box tops.
- Ware, Frank & John Henriques. *Par Company Ltd.* New York, NY. 1931-1974. Ware and Henriques were the original "Par guys." They often did whimsical variations on their seahorse signature piece. See A51-A54 on p. 5, B62 on p. 11, C27 on p. 14; also Chapter 6 in *The Jigsaw Puzzle, Piecing Together A History*.
- Waterford Puzzle Co. Bridgton, ME & Whitewood, SD. 2018-2023. Spencer & Lizzie Bean purchased Elms Puzzles in 2018 and renamed it Waterford Puzzle Company. They subsequently sold it in 2023 to Shay Carmichael and Chris Danner, who went back to the original Elms name after about six months. See A112 on p. 8.
- Webster, Towner K. Jr. New Trier, IL. 1930s. Towner K. Webster Jr.'s articles on making jigsaw puzzles appeared in *Popular Home Craft* magazine in 1932-33 and in a 32-page booklet *Jig Saw Puzzles and How to Make 'Em*. Inspired by his writings, hundreds of crafters took up puzzle making in the 1930s. See B74 on p. 12.
- Webster, Towner K. III. New Trier, IL & Cincinnati, OH. 1930s-1991. See B74 on p. 12.
- Webster School. 1930s and 1940s. See Set W on p. 17; also pp. 352-353 in the April 1992 issue of *Game Times*.
- Weld, Sara L. Wakefield, MA. Circa 1930s. See B207 on p. 12.
- Wellman, John K. Auburn, ME. 1930s. See B44 on p. 10.
- Wenzel, Ralph. *Cat-n-Dog Puzzles*. Westminster, CA & League City, TX. 1990s. See A20 on p. 3.
- Whittemore, Rachael. *Quiet Life Puzzles; Elms Puzzles*. West Windsor, VT. 2017-present. Her Elms puzzles included her own caterpillar signature piece, plus the Elms tree. She learned how to cut while working at Stave Puzzles. See A214 on p. 5.
- Willard, Leon M. Keene, NH. 1930s. Hobbyist. See B54 on p. 11.
- Williams, Anne D. Philadelphia, PA & Lewiston, ME. 1977-2021. Mostly a hobbyist. Anne learned how to cut jigsaw puzzles from instructions sent to her by Jody Hollister Colby. See B6 on p. 9.
- Williams, Colin. Barrington, NH. 2024-present. See A210 on p. 5.
- Winn, Michael. *Saratoga Puzzles*. Saratoga Springs, NY. 2000s. See B60 on p. 11.
- Wizard Picture Puzzle Co. Minneapolis, MN. Circa 1909. See B211 on p. 12.
- Wyatt, Lindsay. *Lindsay's Hand-Cut Puzzles*. Winterport, ME. 2025-present. See A227 on p. 4.
- Wyvern Picture Puzzle. Chicago, IL. 1930s. See A80 on p. 6.
- Zag-Zaw Picture Puzzle: see Tuck.