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Without looking it up in *Footprints of Assurance*, can you identify the name of the insurance company that issued the above fire mark? I bet some of you said the Home Insurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. Bulau did also; it's his #283. Not being able to verify the dates of 1857 – 1883 gave me reason to question Bulau's information. There are simply too many books and references available for the company not to be found.

It wasn't until I found a reference to the company in the "Annual Report of the Secretary of State, To the Governor of the State of Ohio for the Year 1861" that I knew my hunch was right. Page 9 had the following entry,

"Home Insurance Company of Cincinnati. Decree of Court changing name to "The Franklin Insurance company of Cincinnati." Filed July 9, 1861."

While there was a Home Insurance Company of Cincinnati whose dates were 1857 - 1861, did this company issue the mark?

Look at the mark closely. Notice that the city, "Cincinnati," is above the company's name, "Home." Every other mark has the city under the company's name. Check it out! Was the city on top to differentiate the Home of Cincinnati from the other companies named Home, especially the Home of New York? Not likely, when I discovered the following.

There was an insurance company named the Cincinnati Home Insurance Company. The next page contains a copy of their ad in the 1865 Williams' Cincinnati Directory.

Cincinnati Home Insurance Co.

INSURES ON THE MUTUAL AND STOCK PLAN.

CAPITAL STOCK, - - \$150,000.

MUTUAL CAPITAL, - - 60,000.

Office No. 4 Public Landing.

O. P. GRAY, President.

W. C. MORGAN, Vice President.

W. W. IRISH, Secretary.

The Cincinnati Home's certificate of association was filed September 20, 1864 and the last reference is from the 1868 Williams' Cincinnati Directory that lists "Arch. Mirrieless, Assignee" of the company.

Based on the above, Bulau's mark #283 should correctly be attributed to the:

Cincinnati Home Insurance Company
Cincinnati, Ohio, 1864 - 1868.

Bob Shea

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## IN MEMORIUM

**I**t is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Dave Wings on July, 14, 2010. A long time insurance man, Dave was also a supporter of the Louisville Fire & Rescue Department. With his love of history Dave was on the Executive Committee of the Louisville Fire History and Learning Center Museum, which we visited on the 2007 Louisville Convention, and was a long time member of the FMCA and also a past director. Known as the "Master of the Mint Julep," Dave made sure the 2007 Conventioneers left with a taste of his favorite bourbon.

We offer our condolences to his wife, Mary, and family. A donation in Dave's memory was sent to the Filson Historical Society.

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THIS AND THAT

Just a reminder to keep the dates of October 21 – 24, 2010 open for the FMCA Convention at the Radisson Airport Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. Gabe advises that the Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 1:00pm.

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Twenty New York State fire insurance companies failed as a result of the 1871 Chicago Fire.

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Bill Evenden has suggested that the membership to read Alvin Bulau's notes on the marks of the Dutch East Indies in Footprints of Assurance, page 231. It's a fascinating story on the good and not so good uses of fire marks. It's an example of the charm of collecting fire marks.

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CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO.

Office No. 7 East Front Street,

CINCINNATI.

E. Hinman, Sec'y.

D. C. Wallace, Pres.

This Company will make insurance on every description of property, subject to loss or damage by fire; and on the cargoes of steamboats, or vessels navigating rivers, lakes or oceans, on as reasonable terms as any other office. The stock is owned by the Cincinnati Firemen, and ten per cent. on the dividends is appropriated to form a benevolent fund for the relief of disabled firemen.

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Page four is a copy of the Centennial Menu served at the dining room of the Home Insurance Company, New York City, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Home in 1953.

How about a piece of fresh lemon pie with coconut whipped cream and a cup of coffee for 11¢?

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1853



1953

# Centennial Menu

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1953



Cranberry Juice 5c

Grapefruit Juice 5c

Tomato Juice 5c

Fresh Shrimp Cocktail 25c

Cream of Fresh Mushroom Soup 10c



## ENTREE

Broiled Half Spring Chicken, Giblet Gravy 40c

Spiced Crabapple

Whipped or Candied Sweet Potato

Buttered Green Beans



Mixed Salted Nuts

Bread or Blueberry Coffee Cake and Butter

## SANDWICHES

|                                    | <i>Wrapped</i> | <i>Made-to-Order</i> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Cream Cheese on Boston Brown Bread | 10c            | 15c                  |
| Sliced Turkey                      | 25c            | 30c                  |
| Swiss Cheese & Boiled Ham          | 20c            | 26c                  |
| Boiled Ham                         | 12c            | 17c                  |

## LUNCHEON SALAD PLATES

Diced Turkey Salad with Spiced Peach 40c

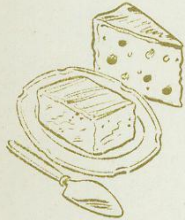
Salad Bowl of Mixed Fruits with Marmalade Whipped Cream 30c

## SMALL SALADS

Head Lettuce with Fruit and Nut Cream Dressing 12c

Chilled Assorted Relishes 8c

## DESSERTS



Anniversary Cake Square 8c

Fresh Lemon Pie with Coconut Whipped Cream 12c

Fresh Apple Pie 8c

with Whipped Cream 12c

Half Grapefruit 8c

Almond Macaroons 4c

Black Bing Cherries 8c

Pineapple Slice 6c Ice Cream 5c

Fresh Orange, Grapefruit and Strawberry Cup 10c Fresh Strawberry Sauce for Ice Cream 3c



## ASSORTED CHEESES

Liederkrantz 15c Camembert 8c Swiss Gruyere 8c Cream Cheese 8c Roquefort 8c

## BEVERAGES

Coffee 4c Tea 4c Milk 5c Chocolate Milk 5c Buttermilk 5c